

National Oxygen receives excellent supplier award in Singapore and Malaysia

National Oxygen Pte. Ltd., a subsidiary of Taiyo Nippon Sanso Corporation based in Singapore, has received an award for excellence in the supply of industrial gases in Singapore from Chartered Semiconductor Manufacturing. Meanwhile, National Oxygen's Malaysian subsidiary Nippon Oxygen Sdn. Bhd. has received a similar award from the semiconductor wafer foundry Silterra Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.

Chartered Semiconductor Manufacturing, one of the world's leading semiconductor foundry companies, makes an announcement each year of those suppliers who have made particularly important contributions to its business. National Oxygen Pte. Ltd. was first named as one of the company's excellent suppliers in 2005, when it won the No. 1 Gold Materials Supplier award for its relevant supplier category. The following year, and again in 2007, the company received the Silver Materials Supplier award. This was the first time that a gas producer had received an award for three straight years.

At a ceremony held on March 31 this year, President & CEO Chia Song Hwee of Chartered Semiconductor Manufacturing presented the award trophy to National Oxygen's President Naruhito Umatani.

In Malaysia, major semiconductor wafer foundry Silterra similarly gives excellent supplier awards each year, and this year National Oxygen's subsidiary Nippon Oxygen Sdn. Bhd. was one of the recipients. National Oxygen, via its Malaysian subsidiary, began supplying specialty gases to Silterra in 2004. It received its first excellent supplier award for its performance in fiscal 2007 (ended March 2008) in recognition of high product quality, reliability of supply, and service. National Oxygen was the only gas supplier to receive an award for the year.

At a ceremony held on April 21 this year, President & COO Chiu Tzu Yin of Silterra presented the award trophy (in the form of a commemorative shield) to President Lee Boon Kiat of Nippon Oxygen Sdn. Bhd.



President Naruhito Umatani of National Oxygen displays the trophy award presented to his company by Chartered Semiconductor Manufacturing (left to right: Mr. Gary Choo, Vice President of National Oxygen; Mr. Back In Cho, President of SODIFF; Ms. Janice Goh, Asst. Mgr. Supply Management Division of Chartered; Mr. K.K. Leow, Vice President for Customer Support Operations and Supply Management, Chartered)



President Lee Boon Kiat of Nippon Oxygen (second from right) is seen here after receiving the Excellent Supplier award from Dr. Chiu Tzu Yin, President of Silterra (at right), with Mr. Yushri Bin Zainudin, Silterra Director of Finance (at left) and Mr. Gary Choo, Vice President of National Oxygen (second from left)