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Sompo Holdings, Inc.

Free VR Disaster Drill Service for Business Partners to Launch in China

Sompo Holdings, Inc. (Headquartered in Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo; Group CEO & President: Kengo Sakurada) Group company Sompo Insurance China Co., Ltd. ("Sompo China") has allied with NK HATSUTA (SHANGHAI) INTERNATIONAL TRADING CO., LTD. (SHANGHAI HATSUTA), a Group company of major Japanese firefighting equipment company HATSUTA SEISAKUSHO CO., LTD. and will provide a virtual disaster drill service using VR* technology to its business partners, free of charge. The service will launch in April 2019 and be a first for a Chinese insurance company.

* Virtual reality (VR) is a technology created through science and engineering that creates an environment that does not actually exist, but has essentially the same functions and stimulates the senses, including the user's five senses.

1. Background

In China, manufacturing businesses are required to plan and implement safe production frameworks and disaster readiness drills based on the Law of the People's Republic of China on Work Safety, enacted in 2002. However, even after enacting this law, large-scale industrial accidents such as explosions have occurred frequently at workplaces, prompting revisions to the law in 2014 and regulations to raise supervision management responsibilities to a stricter level. The revisions enable fines or work bans to be imposed on companies that did not plan disaster drills, or failed to carry them out as planned, raising awareness among companies of the need to tackle disaster readiness drills.

Against this backdrop, Sompo China has supported many Chinese companies with disaster readiness drills since 2016. To provide even more practical support for disaster readiness drills, Sompo China is collaborating with SHANGHAI HATSUTA G, which has a rich track record in disaster readiness drills, to provide business partner companies with this VR disaster drill service, free of charge.

2. Product overview

(1) Customers

Corporate customers of Sompo China (all industries)

* Service charges will apply to companies that are not business partners

(2) Service content

The virtual firefighting drill service uses VR to recreate a hypothetical accidental fire in a factory, warehouse or skyscraper and enables a virtual reality experience for company employees to evacuate from a disaster area. This virtual reality drill enables participants to experience the tension when a fire breaks out and is designed to raise awareness of the importance of the disaster readiness drills complying with Chinese laws and regulations and first response drills when a disaster occurs.

(3) Supported languages

Japanese, Chinese, English

3. Outlook

Sompo China will continue to contribute to the security, health, and wellbeing of customers by providing products and services of the highest quality possible.

【Overview of HATSUTA】

Official name	HATSUTA SEISAKUSHO CO., LTD.
Listed stock exchange	N/A
Representative	Kazuhiro Hatsuta, President
Establishment	August 19, 1947
Head office	3-5, Shodai-Tajika, Hirakata-City, Osaka
Capital	80 million yen
HP	http://www.hatsuta.co.jp

【Overview of SHANGHAI HATSUTA】

Official name	NK HATSUTA SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL TRADING CO., LTD.
Shareholders	HATSUTA SEISAKUSHO CO., LTD.
Representative	Naoki Yoshino General Manager
Establishment	October 2003
Head office	A-1F, 8th Building, No.658, Jinzhong Road, Changning Area, Shanghai
Capital	US \$ 420,000
HP	http://www.hatsuta-shanghai.cn

【Overview of Sompo China】

Official name	Sompo Insurance China Co., Ltd.
Shareholders	Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Insurance Inc.
Establishment	May 2005
Representative	Fumihiko Utsunomiya General Manager
Head office	Dalian, Liaoning Province
Capital	600 million RMB (approximately 10.1 billion yen*)
Locations	Liaoning Province, Shanghai, Guangdong Province, Jiangsu Province, Beijing
HP	http://www.sompo-cn.com/jp/index.aspx

* Calculated based on an exchange rate of 16.99 yen per 1 RMB