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THE COPPER CLUB, INC. TO HONOR SEI'S MASAYOSHI MATSUMOTO AS "COPPER MAN OF THE YEAR" WITH PRESTIGIOUS ANKH AWARD

New York, NY (March 30, 2011) –Today, [The Copper Club, Inc.](http://www.copperclub.org) announced Japan's **Masayoshi Matsumoto**, President & CEO, Sumitomo Electric Industries LTD as the 2011 recipient of the **Ankh Award**, naming him *Copper Man of the Year* in recognition of his strong leadership at Sumitomo Electric Industries LTD and exemplary and distinguished contribution to the copper industry.

The award will be presented at The Copper Club's Annual Dinner, on June 8, 2011, at The Plaza Hotel in New York City. Attendees will include more than 400 copper industry leaders, business leaders and traders from around the world.

The Copper Club Inc., the leading organization for networking, educational grants and events for those who support the copper industry, will bring together hundreds of guests at their Annual Dinner to salute Mr. Matsumoto. The prestigious Ankh Award has been bestowed every year since 1962 to a professional who has positively impacted the copper industry. The Copper Club will also announce the 2011 recipients of their Educational Grants Program, which assists exceptional students in preparing for careers in fields related to maintenance and expansion of the copper industry. Each grant is \$10,000, and is awarded to students who demonstrate academic excellence and financial need.

The Copper Club's Chairman, Arthur Miele, said the Copper Club Board of Directors selected Masayoshi Matsumoto to receive the 2011 Ankh Award "in recognition of his exemplary and distinguished contribution to the copper industry. The Copper Club, on behalf of the global copper industry, extends its heartiest congratulations to Mr. Matsumoto."

Katsuhiko Masuda, of the Copper Club Board, said, "The Copper Club is very proud to be able to honor Mr. Matsumoto from the global copper fabricator industry community with this most prestigious award. As President & CEO of Sumitomo Electric Industries, Limited, a global organization with 330 operations in 35 countries, Mr. Matsumoto's determination not only led to increasing copper usage in automotive, electronics and electric wire and cable applications, but he is also recognized for his long-standing service to the copper industry both at home and abroad, especially through his strong support of the International Wrought Copper Council, where he is currently its vice-chairman."

In addition to this event, being held in New York City during the week of the popular Copper Club Annual Dinner, will be the spring meetings for the Copper Development Association and the International Copper Association, as well as Metal Bulletin's Global Copper Markets Forum, which will bring together senior executives from the mining, metals and financial sectors to discuss the outlook for the copper industry.

About The Copper Club

The Copper Club was formed in 1944 to convene all participants in the copper industry. It is comprised of copper producers, fabricators, refiners, dealers, traders and merchants. The Copper Club seeks to promote the interests of the copper industry. By honoring those who have forged pathways in the industry and paving new paths for students working toward careers in the industry, The Copper Club ensures the past, present and future of copper.

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