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## **USS to Help Revive JAA Kyushu**

USS Co., Ltd. today announced plans to assist in the revival of JAA Kyushu, which is currently undergoing civil rehabilitation proceedings.

## 1. Background

Fierce competition in Japan's used-car distribution market recently has prompted far-reaching realignment with the potential to redraw the profile of the entire industry.

JAA Kyushu, the subject of civil rehabilitation proceedings, asked USS to assist with its rehabilitation. USS is now examining ways of providing support, having conducted a comprehensive review of JAA Kyushu's operations, its relationship to USS' businesses and the company's turnaround plan.

## 2. USS' Assistance to JAA Kyushu

For the time being, JAA Kyushu will manage its used-car auction business under the sponsorship of USS.

Details of assistance will be determined in the course of further discussions between the two companies and will be disclosed promptly when finalized.

- 3. Profile of JAA Kyushu
- (1) Name: JAA Kyushu
- (2) President: Tsuchiyoshi Yamada
- (3) Address: 139-1, Tsukushino-shi nisioda, Fukuoka, Japan
- (4) Business activities: Used-car auctions
- (5) No. of vehicles submitted to auction: 47,010 (2001)

(6) No. of members: 1,844 companies