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## Okura Hotels & Resorts and JAL Hotels to Exhibit Together at GBTA Convention 2011

August 9, 2011, Tokyo – <u>Okura Hotels & Resorts</u> and <u>JAL Hotels</u> will exhibit together at the Global Business Travel Association's (GBTA) 2011 convention for the first time. The two hotel organizations are both owned by Hotel Okura Co., Ltd., which acquired JAL Hotels Co., Ltd., operator of the Nikko Hotels International and Hotel JAL City hotel groups, in September 2010.

The GBTA Convention 2011 will be held in Denver, Colorado from August 21-24. The annual conference attracts about 6,000 business travel buyers and travel industry professionals each year.

Okura Hotels & Resorts and JAL Hotels, at booth #1632, will jointly provide information on all of their properties, which include the Okura Hotels, Okura Frontier Selection, Nikko Hotels International and Hotel JAL City brands, including hotels that will open in the near future. In 2012, Okura Hotels & Resorts will be opening The Okura Prestige Bangkok and The Okura Prestige Taipei. JAL Hotels has plans for four new Nikko Hotels International property openings between 2011 and 2013: Hotel Nikko Xiamen, Hotel Nikko Guangzhou, and Hotel Nikko Suzhou in China, as well as Hotel Nikko Saigon in Vietnam. Okura Hotels & Resorts opened Hotel Okura Macau in China in May this year. In 2010, JAL Hotels opened three hotels in China: <u>Suzhou Qingshan Hotel; Hotel Nikko Shanghai</u> and <u>Hotel Nikko Wuxi</u>.

## About Hotel Okura Co., Ltd.

Hotel Okura Co., Ltd., founded in 1958 and headquartered in Tokyo, opened its flagship hotel, Hotel Okura Tokyo, in 1962. The company has extensive business operations in the hospitality and related industries, such as asset ownership, management and technical assistance and consulting. <u>Okura Hotels & Resorts</u> has built a network of 22 hotels with a total of 7,027 guest rooms in and outside Japan. In addition to its luxury group, Okura Hotels & Resorts operates Okura Frontier Selection hotels.

In September, 2010 Hotel Okura Co., Ltd. acquired the majority of shares in JAL Hotels Co., Ltd., also an international hospitality company headquartered in Tokyo. JAL Hotels manages 54 hotels with a total of 17,008 guest rooms in two groups: <u>Nikko Hotels International</u>, an international luxury hotel group with properties on four continents, and <u>Hotel JAL City</u>, a group of mid-priced business hotels in Japan.

For more information and photos, visit <u>http://www.okura.com/press/index.html</u> and <u>http://www.jalhotels.com/mediaroom/</u>

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