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## Business Alliance with an Australian Architecture Design Firm 'Buchan'

Nikken Sekkei Ltd (President and CEO: Tadao Kamei; "Nikken") is happy to announce that we have formed a business alliance with The Buchan Group (Aust) Pty Ltd (CEO: David Martin; "Buchan"), a leading architectural design practice in Australia, on 17th September. Nikken has also invested in Buchan and has part of Buchan's shares on 17th September.

Buchan was established in 1890 in Australia and offers a range of services including architecture, master planning, interior design and graphic design through its headquarters in Melbourne, and its overseas offices in Shanghai and London. Buchan has proven and extensive ability in the delivery of residential, mixed use developments, hotels, casinos and retail and commercial precincts. Buchan's successful track record within retail architecture has gained international acclaim and has built its renowned reputation for market leading design and delivery of world class shopping centres.

Under the alliance with Buchan, Nikken aims to be jointly commissioned to urban mixed-use development projects with retail, hotel and residential as key elements, which will increase not only in Japan but also in developing countries of ASEAN, India, Middle East and CIS regions. By providing design services that each company excels in, we wish to contribute to adding further values to urban developments.

## **Buchan's Corporate Profile**

- Name of Company: The Buchan Group (Aust) Pty Ltd
- Location of Headquarters: Melbourne, Victoria, Commonwealth of Australia
- Services: Architecture, Master Planning, Interior Design, Graphic Design, 3D Visualization
- Number of Employees: 152
- URL: http://www.buchan.com.au/