



General Atomics Introduces Kantum Electronics Company, Ltd. as Japanese Distributor

San Diego, CA – May 1, 2006 – The Commercial Laser Group of General Atomics has completed an agreement with Kantum Electronics Co. Ltd of Tokyo, Japan to provide exclusive distribution of General Atomics' commercial laser products in Japan.

Kantum Electronics has been in business for over twenty years providing high-technology solutions and laser systems to the scientific and commercial/industrial customer-base within Japan. The president of Kantum Electronics, Mr. Itaru Kubo, is the second generation of Kubo's leading this company. Kantum Electronics has a large staff of trained and highly qualified sales and service personnel ready to implement laser-based solutions within many market segments.

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About General Atomics

General Atomics, founded in 1955 with corporate headquarters in San Diego, CA, specializes in diversified research, development, and manufacturing in defense, energy and other advanced technology arenas. General Atomics' Photonics and Electro-Optics Systems sector is focused on the development of advanced laser, wireless communication and sensor products.

General Atomics Commercial Laser Group has a line of diode-pumped solid-state laser systems and fiber based laser systems for commercial, scientific and government applications.