## MAZDA STARTS PRODUCTION OF ALL NEW MAZDA CX-5

HIROSHIMA, Japan—Mazda Motor Corporation started production of the all-new Mazda CX-5 crossover SUV yesterday at Ujina Plant No. 2 near the company's global headquarters in Hiroshima. The model will go on sale in Japan in February before being rolled out to global markets.

The original CX-5, which began production in November 2011, introduced a new generation of models featuring the full range of SKYACTIV Technology1 and KODO—Soul of Motion design. Cumulative production reached 1 million units in April 2015, making it the second-fastest Mazda to reach the million-unit milestone after the Mazda3 (known as Axela in Japan). Total production reached approximately 1.57 million units at the end of October this year.2 With global sales increasing every year since launch, the CX-5 has grown into a core model that accounts for about a quarter of Mazda's annual sales volume.

The slogan for development of the all-new CX-5 was "an SUV all customers will enjoy," and Mazda aimed for a new dimension of driving pleasure that can be shared by everyone on board – not just the driver.

Mazda will continue its efforts to enrich people's lives through a variety of touchpoints, including high-quality vehicle production, and become a brand with which customers feel a strong emotional connection.

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- 1 SKYACTIV is an umbrella term for Mazda's next-generation technologies, including gasoline and diesel engines, transmissions, body and chassis, developed to provide both driving pleasure and outstanding environmental and safety performance, based on the company's Sustainable Zoom-Zoom long-term vision for technology development.
- 2 Based on company records.

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