Human rights management

Basic policy
The Mitsubishi Electric Group established Policies on Respect for Human Rights in September 2017 and declared its commitment to ensure human rights responses that match international norms. In particular, we are striving to implement measures to prevent and mitigate adverse impacts on human rights. To do so, we are conducting due diligence on human rights in conformance with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, and creating a corrective mechanism in the event it comes to light that a company’s action or involvement has inflicted an adverse impact on human rights.

Specific initiatives
In fiscal 2019, the Mitsubishi Electric Group will launch human rights due diligence initiatives by identifying and evaluating impacts on human rights (a human rights impact assessment) at all company sites. We will also explore ways to improve the mechanism for receiving grievances from those who have suffered a human rights violation and provide an avenue for relief (a grievance handling mechanism). At the same time, all suppliers along our supply chain will be requested to strengthen their human rights responses as part of their initiatives to promote CSR procurement.

In fiscal 2020 and beyond, we will promote these initiatives further, and plan to create a system that also includes the supply chain in preventing and mitigating adverse impacts on human rights. The program will include follow-up evaluations of the initiatives for human rights responses.

Workforce Diversity

Basic policy
Within today’s rapidly changing workforce environment, providing a workplace where employees can work to their full potential regardless of gender or age is essential to business development. Furthermore, it has become more vital than ever before to employ an even greater diversity of people, given the increasingly aging and diminishing population in Japan. Based on this awareness, Mitsubishi Electric promotes employee diversity through the following measures.

Women’s Participation
To formulate and implement original measures that would help female employees and employees with children form a career while also enriching their personal lives, Mitsubishi Electric established the CP-Plan* Promotion Center within its Corporate Human Resources Division in April 2006, with a mandate to promote recruitment, training, assignment, and institutional initiatives from a diversified perspective.

*Career management & Personal life well-balanced Plan

Creating a Working Environment where Work-Life Balance Can Be Achieved by Everyone through a “Reform of Working Styles”
Since fiscal 2017, Mitsubishi Electric promotes a “reform of working styles” as a management policy, and strives to create a working environment where work-life balance can be achieved by everyone by “creating a corporate culture that places even greater emphasis on achievements and efficiency” and “reforming employees’ attitudes toward work.”

Each department, organization and office implements specific measures that promote the reform of working styles based on the following four perspectives.
– Improvement of productivity by streamlining operations
– Further pursuit of achievements and efficiency
– Work-life fulfillment
– Promotion of communication in the workplace

We provided information and promoted employee awareness was promoted through posters, in-house newsletters, the internal website and other such tools, and implemented an education campaign to raise awareness of work-style reform for employees in managerial positions. In February 2017, the “President’s Forum on Work-Style Reforms” was launched, in which the president of Mitsubishi Electric makes a round of all offices to personally explain the objectives and importance of the initiative to all employees.

In addition to this Group-wide initiative, each office also implements activities that suit their specific situations.

Trend in the number of female employees (main career track)
Supply Chain Management

Basic policy
The Mitsubishi Electric Group ensures fair and impartial selection and evaluation of business partners in Japan and overseas by providing an explanation of the Group’s Purchasing Policy and CSR Procurement Policy, and requesting business partners’ understanding of these policies. By ensuring proper evaluation of suppliers based on selection and evaluation criteria established by the Group, risks are also mitigated along the supply chain.

The Group’s criteria for evaluating business partners include not only quality, cost, delivery schedules and services, but also initiatives in response to environmental regulations and CSR initiatives. As a basic policy, the Group preferentially procures materials from suppliers who rank high in a comprehensive evaluation.

Framework for Promotion of Supply Chain Management
The Mitsubishi Electric Group launched the W21II (Worldwide Strategic Integration for Global Markets in the 21st Century Advance to the Next Stage) activity in April 2017, and is promoting optimal procurement activities suited to each region through the Materials Planning Office. The Materials Planning Office was established in collaboration among regional corporate offices in China, Asia, Europe and Americas to implement purchasing strategies through conferences of procurement officers and other such meetings. Accompanying this initiative, the supply chain has also expanded to various countries where the Group operates, so initiatives are also pursued to mitigate any perceived risks regarding a range of issues related to labor laws and regulations, and to environmental problems.

Quality Management

Basic policy
The Mitsubishi Electric Group is committed to improving its technologies and services by applying creativity to all aspects of its business, to thereby enhance the quality of life in our society, as stated in our corporate mission. This commitment inherits the principles outlined in the Keys to Management (in Japanese, Keiei no Yotei) with regard to “our contribution to social prosperity,” “quality improvement,” and “customer satisfaction,” and forms the basic spirit of our relationship with society and our customers.

To give concrete shape to this basic spirit, the Seven Guiding Principles define our actions in response to society and customers. It teaches us to establish relationships based on trust, provide the best products and services with unsurpassed quality, and respond to customer expectations through technology by promoting research and development and pioneering new markets.

Under these principles, we constantly strive to increase customer satisfaction and contribute to social prosperity in all aspects of our business, from the production of high-quality, easy-to-use products to our after-purchase support and response to major issues.

Management system
Based on the Four Basic Quality Assurance Principles, we have established a system for quality assurance and improvement activities throughout the entire Group, including the appointment of a quality assurance promotion manager in all business group headquarters. We have also formulated quality assurance guidelines to ensure compliance with quality assurance legislation and standards and further develop quality improvement activities. At the level of management, we also regularly report on the status of quality at meetings of executive officers.

Worldwide manufacturing bases take responsibility for the quality assurance of each product and are implementing concrete improvement initiatives in relation to quality assurance measures (quality management) for processes at each stage, from market surveys regarding Mitsubishi Electric products, through product planning, development and design, manufacturing, transportation, storage, installation, maintenance and servicing, and education, to the disposal of the product.

In addition, in operating our Quality Management System (QMS), we regularly check our PDCA cycle with reference to ISO and other international certification standards, seeking to realize ever higher quality by process improvement.

Promotion of Quality Assurance and Improvement Activities
Philanthropic Activities

Philosophy and Policies
The Mitsubishi Electric Group shares a common Philosophy and Policies based on its Corporate Mission and Seven Guiding Principles, and carries out a variety of activities accordingly.

Philosophy
As a corporate citizen committed to meeting societal needs and expectations, the Mitsubishi Electric Group will make full use of the resources it has at hand to contribute to creating an affluent society in partnership with its employees.

Policies
• We shall carry out community-based activities in response to societal needs in the fields of social welfare and global environmental conservation.
• We shall contribute to developing the next generation through activities that support the promotion of science and technology, culture and arts, and sports.

Community Contributions and Human Resource Development Activities
The Mitsubishi Electric SOCIO-ROOTS Fund matching-gift program supports such beneficiaries as social welfare facilities through donations, with the Company making contributions equivalent in value to the donations of employees. The “Satoyama” Woodland Preservation Project focuses on restoring the natural environment in the vicinity of operational sites with the help of employee volunteers. The Mitsubishi Electric Science Workshop invites children to experience the fun of science with the aim of nurturing future engineers. In addition to these key activities undertaken by Mitsubishi Electric, employees at Group affiliates in Japan and overseas are strongly committed to philanthropic activities, participating in various volunteer activities and supporting local social welfare organizations and sports teams.

Foundations
The Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation and Mitsubishi Electric Thai Foundation, both founded in 1991, also carry out various activities in the spirit of the Mitsubishi Electric Group’s Philosophy and Policies. The Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation, with the cooperation of its branches in the United States, helps young people with disabilities to become employed and participate more fully in society. The Mitsubishi Electric Thai Foundation, in addition to providing scholarships to university students and supporting a school lunch program for grade school students, has been promoting employee-involved volunteer activities that support education and environmental protection.

Disclosure of Non-Financial Information
The Mitsubishi Electric Group discloses key non-financial information via the “CSR Initiatives” section of its corporate website and CSR reports. Fulfilling the Group’s accountability obligations as a corporate citizen, these communication channels provide information on various initiatives classified under environmental, social and governance categories while providing an ESG survey index that helps readers quickly confirm the status of the Group’s initiatives spanning a variety of fields.

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