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Communicating with Society
We fulfill our social responsibility to customers by creating high-quality products, providing after-purchase support and responding appropriately to any product-related issues.

We shall select suppliers fairly, build a cooperative relationship with them by deepening mutual understanding, and work together with them to ensure product safety and improve service quality.

By promoting balanced corporate management from the three perspectives of growth, profitability and efficiency, and soundness, we shall work to build a robust management base and achieve sustainable growth as we strive to further improve performance and increase corporate value.

We shall work to realize a diverse workforce and equality of opportunity, create a fulfilling workplace, improve the workplace environment to achieve even better working conditions, and ensure occupational safety and health, and health in mind and body.

We shall undertake and promote philanthropic activities in the three key areas of local philanthropic activities, donations and overseas foundations.

As a good citizen and a good neighbor, we shall contribute to local community development through proactive participation in volunteer activities and other local events.
The spirit of contributing to society through consistent quality is ensured through our Four Basic Quality Assurance Principles.

More

Through universal design, we will manufacture easy-to-use and practical products.

More

Learning from surveys of customers who have purchased our products, we enhance customer satisfaction measures as well as after-purchase support and information services.

More

When major issues occur, we employ a system for quickly and accurately considering and deciding on steps and measures to take.

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Ensuring Consistent Quality

Quality Management Principles and System

The quality items indicated by the seven guiding principles formulated in 2001 (quality: provide the best products and services with unsurpassed quality) reflect the Four Basic Quality Assurance Principles laid down as a means of realizing the corporate motto of "Service through Quality" adopted in 1952, and have been passed down from one generation of employees to another to this very day.

Based upon these principles, we have established a system for quality assurance and improvement activities throughout the entire Group and formulated quality assurance guidelines. We comply with quality assurance legislation and standards and are working to further develop quality improvement activities.

Worldwide manufacturing bases take responsibility for the quality assurance of each product and are implementing concrete improvement measures.

Four Basic Quality Assurance Principles

1. Product quality is our top priority. It comes before price and on-time delivery.
2. Whatever the sacrifice, our commitment to quality does not waver.
3. Products must be safe to use, have a long usage life, and have consistent performance.
4. Every manager and employee involved in manufacturing a product shares equal responsibility for product quality.

Promotion of Quality Assurance and Improvement Activities
Quality Improvement Activities

The Mitsubishi Electric Group incorporates quality considerations into products from the design and development stage, promotes activities to improve quality in all processes, from design and development to manufacturing, shipping and beyond, and works to make ongoing improvements in product quality, safety and reliability.

We have also built a database for sharing quality-related information that is used by the entire company. It consists of information provided by prior employees on past problems, lessons learned, explanations, as well as examples of improvements that have been made. The system has proven effective in helping to build quality into products, implement quality improvement measures, prevent the occurrence or recurrence of problems, and train young engineers. Based on cases where there were problems, we developed an e-learning tool called “Learning from Problems” and utilize it for educational purposes.

At the manufacturing stage, we work to make quality readily apparent to help prevent problems before they occur and promptly respond to them when they do. Problems are fed back to development and design divisions, where efforts are then made to further improve quality.

Ensuring Product Safety

Based on the Corporate Statement and the Seven Guiding Principles, Mitsubishi Electric promotes initiatives to ensure product safety under the following principles:

Product Safety-Related Principles

1. We will not only comply with the laws related to product safety, but also work on offering safe and reliable products to our customers.
2. We will prevent product-related accidents by indicating cautions and warnings to help customers use our products safely.
3. We will work actively to collect information of product-related problems, disclose them appropriately to our customers, and report them quickly to the government and other bodies as required under the law.
4. If any serious accidents occur resulting from product-related problems, we will apply appropriate measures to avoid any increase in damage.
5. We will investigate the cause of product-related accidents and work to prevent any recurrence.
6. We will make continuous efforts to improve our product safety promotion system.

Particularly in regard to consumer products, Mitsubishi Electric is committed to preventing serious hazards that could result in death, injury, fire, or other damage, by subjecting all products to a quantitative risk assessment at the development stage, while also designing and developing products in consideration of their end-of-life management. At the same time, our Customer Service Center operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to assist customers and gather their views about Mitsubishi Electric products. Furthermore, we disclose accident information, including information on the status of ongoing investigations, on our official website.
In recognition of these efforts, we have been awarded the Bronze Prize in the Large Manufacturer and Importer Category of the FY2008 Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry Awards for Best Contributors to Product Safety.

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FY2008 Second Awards for Best Contributors to Product Safety, Bronze Prize

Mitsubishi Electric Corporation has recently received the Bronze Prize in the Large Manufacturer and Importer Category of the FY2008 METI* Minister Awards for Best Contributors to Product Safety, sponsored by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry.

The award program was launched by METI in FY2007 with the goal of creating a safe and secure society based on sustainable product safety. It aims to increase private companies' awareness of product safety and establish a "safe product culture" that promotes product safety in business activities and consumer lifestyles.

The Mitsubishi Electric Group's corporate mission is to "improve technologies, services and creativity, to enhance quality of life in society." To this end, our employees abide by seven guiding principles which define and govern their actions. As required by one of the principles to "provide the best products and services with unsurpassed quality," Mitsubishi Electric sets a clear policy of attaching importance to quality and places top priority on ensuring product safety (and compliance with relevant laws and regulations).

Among our initiatives for ensuring product safety, we have received the Bronze Prize in recognition of our approaches to "quantitative risk assessment at the product design stage," "design and development in consideration of end-of-life product management," and "information disclosure and customer assistance from the standpoint of consumers."

We shall take the award as encouragement for making further efforts in product safety.

* METI: Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

Reference:

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To Customers

Providing Easy-to-Use Products

Universal Design that Provides Ease of Use

Universal design is an approach that creates "common-use products" that can be used with ease by as many people as possible. We evaluate our products from universal design perspectives such as being simple and easy to understand, using easy-to-recognize displays and layouts, consideration for comfortable posture, and safety and convenience.

We have taken the initiative in incorporating universal design in products for the general public, such as our Train Vision System and elevators. We also initiated the Uni & Eco business strategy in fiscal 2005.

The need for universal design has also grown in the industrial sector, a field traditionally characterized by professional workers who handle equipment. The working environment in this field has begun to change, with an increase in the number of older workers, foreign workers, and unskilled laborers. In response to this situation, Mitsubishi Electric widely applies universal design principles to its industrial products, including factory automation (FA) equipment and electric power equipment, as well as to the installation and maintenance of such products on the shop floor.

In fiscal 2010, we introduced our initiatives related to universal design in the industrial sector at an R&D Achievements Exhibition. We also identified 12 home appliances that meet our in-house standards as "Uni & Eco" products. These include air-conditioner remote controllers with large display buttons and LCD TVs which integrate both a Blu-Ray and hard disk recorder so that TV functions and recorder functions can be operated by a single remote control.

In fiscal 2011, we will continue to make improvements and changes to create universal design products in our wide-ranging business segments.
Air Conditioner Remote Control with Large Character Display for Easy Operation and Main Unit Display for Easy Confirmation

We developed an air conditioner remote control that displays large, easy-to-read characters to allow easy operation by all users, as well as an air conditioner main unit that displays settings made using the remote control, for easy confirmation.

- **LCD Display Offers Greater Readability for Elderly Users**
  The LCD panel on the remote control switches between two display modes. Normally (simple mode), frequently viewed information such as temperature settings and humidity are displayed in large, easy-to-read characters. When the flap is opened (detailed mode), the display mode automatically changes to show detailed information for making settings.

- **Yellow On/Off Button Allows Easy Identification Even by Users with Color-Impaired Vision**

- **Remote Control Settings Are Displayed on the Air Conditioner Main Unit for Easy Confirmation**
  The operation mode indicator (LED) turns blue when cooling, orange when heating, and green when dehumidifying. The information panel in the center of the main unit displays the current operating mode.

FA Network Unit (CC-Link Unit) with Improved Character Size Display and Color Contrast, and Enhanced Functionality

Prior to the application of universal design principles, there were issues regarding character size, grouping, and contrast. After applying universal design, the following improvements were made:

1. LED indicators were grouped into those related to initial settings and those related to normal operations to clarify their priority;
2. a universal design font (font with enhanced legibility) was adopted, font size was enlarged as much as possible, and contrast with the background color was increased; and
3. labels were grouped for easier identification of corresponding screw terminals.
UD-Checker is a tool that can be used by both industrial designers and engineers to evaluate for universal design qualities. This tool shows four quantitative measures of universal design, indicating specific design aspects for development. This checker improves the efficiency of product development.

The UD-Checker is used on a wide variety of Mitsubishi Electric products from home appliances and public facilities to industrial equipment.

Making User Manuals Easy to Understand

The Mitsubishi Electric Group promotes measures to create user manuals that are easy to read and understand, enabling customers to use products safely and comfortably. As a basis for these measures, we produce a “Home Appliance User Manual Production Guidebook,” which is distributed to our Japanese domestic subsidiaries responsible for home appliances.
To Customers

Increasing Customer Satisfaction

Customer satisfaction has been a priority management principle of the Mitsubishi Electric Group since its founding in 1921. The unchanging dedication to satisfying customer needs underlies all our business activities even today.

We collect feedback from our customers through customer satisfaction surveys as appropriate to the characteristics of each business operation, and incorporate their voices into improving product development, marketing strategies, and services.

We also strive to maintain customer satisfaction by strengthening our repair/service systems, providing effective staff training, and expanding access to information via our Websites.

CS Activities in the Home Appliances Group

The Living Environment & Digital Media Equipment Group handles matters related to home appliances and carries out customer satisfaction (CS) activities. It makes sure that customers are satisfied with the Mitsubishi Electric product they purchase, and strives to increase the numbers of such satisfied customers.

The Beginning of CS Activities Related to Home Appliances

The CS Department at Mitsubishi Electric was established in July 1993. In addition to assuring product quality and optimum product usability and functionality, the department engages in CS improvement activities with strong awareness of the significance of customer satisfaction. This initiative came ten years after the concept of CS had already been systematically established in the United States, but Mitsubishi Electric quickly proceeded to create the necessary climate, systems, and tools that would enhance its products, marketing strategies, and services.

Our manufacturing works track customer satisfaction through customer questionnaires on their purchase of major products and also through employee monitor surveys. Customer satisfaction of the Mitsubishi Electric Group's sales and services is assessed through an evaluation of customer satisfaction by distributors. For example, distributors are asked to respond to CS surveys on the sales policies of manufacturers and retail companies, and on manufacturer support at electronics retail stores. The survey results are shared among the Group and reflected in marketing and development strategies.
Understanding Customer Satisfaction

A customer's selection, purchase, and use of a product involve a number of different departments, such as the development, manufacturing, sales, and service departments. Customer satisfaction cannot be achieved if a customer is discontent with any aspect of this process, or if there is any weakness in the departments concerned. Customer satisfaction is said to increase in the following order.

- **Assurance**: The customer is assured that the product is not flawed or defective
- **Contentment**: The product satisfies the customer's needs and requirements
- **Emotion**: The customer acquires a new value from the product

The ultimate form of customer satisfaction is achieved when a product exceeds customer expectations and provides an emotional benefit. The key to achieving customer satisfaction is to therefore assess and satisfy customer expectations.

On Call 24 Hours a Day, 365 Days a Year

To satisfy customer expectations, it is necessary to think of customers throughout the sales, service, development, and manufacturing stages, and to quickly detect and respond dynamically to signs of market changes. As one strategy to provide a response to customers when they require one, in October 1998, Mitsubishi Electric extended the service hours of its Customer Response Center to 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Previously the center responded to inquiries concerning product usage only during daytime hours from Monday thru Saturday except on holidays.

As the response center receives increasing numbers of inquiries every year due to more diversity in product functionality, we are constantly augmenting staff members, and are making consistent efforts to provide proper training.

- April 1999: Calls for visiting repairs are accepted 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and repair services are dispatched 365 days a year
- October 1999: Online requests for shopping advice and consultations/requests concerning products are accepted
- March 2003: Online product registration service is made available to purchasers of Mitsubishi Electric products via the company's Official Web Site

Cooperation for Further Improvement

In addition to the Customer Response Center, which operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, other sites and services also operate throughout the year. They include the Service Center, which receives repair requests; the Technical Support Call Center, which responds to technical inquiries from distributors; Mitsubishi Electric System Service, our stronghold of repair services; our production sites and manufacturing plants; and the CS Department, the department at the helm of all CS activities.

The content and results of consultations and repair requests from customers and details of technical inquiries are fed back to the manufacturing works at the end of each day. They are used to improve both products under production and development, and to provide repair information to distributors.

The Living Environment & Digital Media Equipment Group aims to deliver satisfaction to each and every one of our customers and achieve customer satisfaction in the true sense of the term by pursuing continuous improvement under the 3S code of conduct—speed, simplicity, and spirit.
The Building Systems Group assumes all operations relating to building systems, from escalators and elevators to building management systems. Under the slogan "Quality in Motion," this group continues its evolution toward making Mitsubishi Electric the top-quality brand of elevator, escalator, and building management system products and services, while maintaining an environmental perspective.

To satisfy customer requirements for comfort, efficiency, and safety, and to build a sustainable society, we aim to achieve the highest quality in our products, business activities, and activities in consideration of the environment.

Even amid these rapidly changing times, we will draw on our advanced technologies, environmental expertise and comprehensive strengths to contribute to society and win our customers' trust and confidence.

24-hour, 365-day Safety Hotline

Mitsubishi Electric Building Techno-Service, one of Mitsubishi Electric's group companies, specializes in the maintenance of elevators and building management systems. This company's information centers provide a "safety hotline" for response in cases of trouble, such as failure signals and telephone requests from customers.

Mitsubishi information centers situated in nine locations throughout Japan constantly monitor remotely the status of contracted customers' building facilities. When an error signal is received, the system provides information on the current locations, works in progress, and the technical levels of 6,000 engineers, so that the most appropriate engineer closest to the customer's building can be located and dispatched to the site immediately.

The system also supports the quick recovery of building functions, such as by e-mailing information on the history of repairs and other matters related to the building to the engineer and processing urgent orders for parts.

Moreover, by monitoring changes in data on elevator operational status, signs of malfunction can be detected and promptly addressed to prevent troubles.
To Customers

**Responding to Product-Related Issues**

**Principle of Notification, Collecting Information, Repair and Recall of Products**

In a case where there is a report that a major problem has occurred in a product that we have sold, we have a system for quickly and accurately considering and deciding on steps and measures to take, including the participation of upper management. For recalls in particular, we will work on an ongoing basis to make sure all the relevant products that were sold are returned and repaired, and we will apply these efforts to a wide array of sales channels.

We are also taking initiatives to ensure rapid and appropriate delivery of information on malfunctions in consumer products that have a direct link with consumers.

**Reporting Major Product Issues**

A detailed list of information pertaining to important product-related and quality issues is posted on Mitsubishi Electric's Japanese-language official website.

**Accident Reporting Based on the Consumer Product Safety Act**

Detailed information on our compliance with Japan's revised Consumer Product Safety Act, which went into effect in May 2007, is available on Mitsubishi Electric's Japanese-language official website.
Corporate Social Responsibility through the Supply Chain

Our Purchasing Philosophy

Mitsubishi Electric purchases a wide variety of materials and components from both Japanese and overseas markets. We recognize our corporate responsibility and are eager to provide business opportunities for the communities in which we operate.

1) Easy Access and Equal Opportunity
   To guarantee our customers the highest-quality products, we are constantly searching for new suppliers. We encourage business partners from all over the world, regardless of size, to contact us about submitting a quotation. The decision to embark on a new business relationship is made after careful consideration of three major factors: product price, product quality and delivery performance. To ensure continued high quality and efficiency, we periodically review our relationships with our partners.

2) Mutual Prosperity
   We believe in long-term relationships built upon understanding and trust. This will allow us to develop with one another from the very beginning and achieve mutual prosperity.

3) Ecological Soundness
   We are interested in the materials and manufacturing processes used by our suppliers. Because we value the environment, we buy only ecologically sound products. Our mission is to satisfy the needs of people around the globe. To meet their growing expectations, we must widen and strengthen our affiliations with companies all over the world. We are seeking cooperation, not just business, and are looking for potential partners who are willing to join us in our drive toward global prosperity.
Furthermore, we plan to carry out our distribution activities in line with our "CSR Procurement Policy," which was established in fiscal 2008.

CSR Procurement Policy
1. Compliance with domestic and foreign laws/regulations and social standards
   (1) Ensuring compliance with laws and regulations
   (2) Respecting human rights and prohibiting discrimination, child labor, and forced labor
   (3) Creating proper work environments

2. Assurance of quality and safety of products and services

3. Environmental considerations
   (1) Procuring materials with less negative impact on the environment
   (2) Ensuring strict management of harmful chemical substances based on an environmental management system

4. Promotion of fair trade based on corporate ethics
   (1) Practicing honest trade on fair and equal footing, based on laws/regulations and agreements
   (2) Ensuring strict management and safeguarding of information by establishing an information security system
   (3) Thorough elimination of ethical misconduct
Building Good Relationships with Suppliers

Ensuring Product Quality and Safety

Based on our supplier selection standards, the Mitsubishi Electric Group regularly evaluates its business partners in terms of quality, price, delivery, customer service, environmental issues, regulatory compliance systems and other attributes.

We make purchases from business partners placing a strong overall evaluation on a priority basis in an effort to build good business relationships from a long-term perspective. The Group gives the designation of "key supplier" to business partners especially important in the promotion of our business activities.

A "key supplier" is defined as a business partner that provides key parts related to product performance or that has high-level technology or other critical attributes.

Our partnerships with these business partners are more involved than with regular ones, as they engage in joint development of parts and materials from the initial development stage, adopt cutting-edge products, and promote value analysis*. We also work with key suppliers to develop activities aimed at the joint creation of costs.

Through such initiatives, we seek to minimize our impact on the environment by making products more compact and lightweight, thereby requiring less material. At the same time, we endeavor to maintain win-win relationships with our business partners that result in mutual sales increases and technical advances.

Since fiscal 2004, the Company has worked with its suppliers to promote a shared cost consciousness from the early stages of development. We will continue to aggressively pursue these efforts, which have been greatly successful.

As in Japan, we are working with business partners in Europe and the Americas, China and throughout Asia on enhancing the price/quality competitiveness of the overall procurement capabilities of the Mitsubishi Electric Group.

*Value analysis is a method for minimizing the costs required to obtain the essential functions of products and parts.

Ensuring Product Quality and Safety

Considering that our business involves a wide range of products such as satellites, power generation equipment, electric transmission and distribution equipment, home appliances and numerous others, each of our customers expect differing standards of quality.

The Mitsubishi Electric Group establishes quality standards for each product and requests that business partners achieve required levels of quality based on them.

Product quality and safety are ensured through cooperation with our suppliers.
Increasing Shareholder Value

Promoting "Balanced Corporate Management" and Increasing Corporate Value

Through promoting balanced corporate management that gives consideration to the three perspectives of growth, profitability and efficiency, and soundness, the Mitsubishi Electric Group is working to establish a robust managerial basis, achieve sustainable growth, and further improve its financial performance out of a commitment to increase its corporate value.

Promoting Proactive Investor Relations

In order to gain understanding and confidence from shareholders, the Mitsubishi Electric Group proactively promotes investor relations activities to disclose and provide appropriate information on a timely basis, including management policies, strategies and financial results. The Corporate Administration Division and Corporate Finance Division are responsible for keeping lines of communication open with shareholders and investors. Our activities in this area include holding presentations on corporate strategy and accommodating meetings with shareholders and investors.

Our R&D achievements open house, which has been held every year since fiscal 1994, has garnered a particularly strong reputation for providing the opportunity to learn about our technologies and growth potential. In addition, we work to incorporate the opinions of shareholders and investors, and the results of dialogue with them into our management plans and practices.

We have also enhanced various tools for investor relations and in fiscal 2009 were a recipient, for the second consecutive year, of the "Outstanding Performance Award 2008 for Internet Investor Relations in 2009," issued by the Daiwa Investor Relations Co, Ltd., as well as the "Most Outstanding Corporate Website Award 2008" issued by Nikko Investor Relations Co., Ltd.

For further information, please access our Investor Relations website.
Presentations on corporate strategy

R&D achievements open house
As a global corporation, Mitsubishi Electric seeks to hire a diverse workforce with respect for human rights in mind and without regard for gender, age, nationality or race.

Mitsubishi Electric aims to develop a corporate culture in which employees recognize organizational targets as well as their own roles, work to increase their own value, and take on the responsibilities associated with challenging goals.

Mitsubishi Electric endeavors to develop workplace conditions that allow employees to both excel in their careers and meet the duties of raising families.

The Mitsubishi Electric Group understands that its business operations are interrelated with a wide range of peoples and societies throughout the world, and implements and enforces a code of conduct that fosters respect for human rights.

Mitsubishi Electric provides a human resources development system that supports the careers of employees, a self-development support program and transfer opportunities for willing employees.

Mitsubishi Electric promotes the management of occupational safety and health, measures to prevent lifestyle-related diseases, the support of mental health care and initiatives to achieve and maintain workplace environment standards.
To Employees

Workforce Diversity and Equal Opportunity

Basic Employment Policy

Hiring a diverse array of people with respect for human rights and without discrimination by gender, age, nationality or race is essential to the ongoing business development of a global company.

Based on this thinking, Mitsubishi Electric not only complies with the Labor Standards Law and the Equal Employment Opportunity Law, it provides equal treatment to all employees regardless of nationality, creed or social status, uses the same pay scale for men and women, and determines working conditions with equal standing given to employers and workers. These employment policies also apply to Group companies.

Proactive Hiring and Transmission of Technological Skills, Knowledge and Know-how

To address the problem of mass retirement of baby boomers in Japan, we are actively hiring both recent graduates and mid-career professionals. New employees numbered 1,500 in fiscal 2010, 1,265 for fiscal 2011 and 1,300 (planned) for fiscal 2012.

In order to pass on the skills possessed by highly experienced employees to younger technicians at production sites accompanying the company's generational shift, we have developed a training program that allows the skills of accomplished employees to be learned in one-on-one settings. Technical skills are also passed on to young technicians through various measures such as the use of "technical help desks," where newer employees can consult with highly experienced employees through the company's intranet.

Topics

Introduction of a Training Point System

Mitsubishi Electric introduced a point system for employee training, to promote systematic and efficient skill and capability development by tracking the progress of ability-building activities by its employees, particularly its young employees.

Each training course is worth a certain number of points according to the amount of training involved. Employees receive the relevant points upon completing each course, and aim to achieve their individually recommended total number of points.
Providing Diverse Employment Formats for Older Employees

Mitsubishi Electric instituted a multi-track personnel system in fiscal 2002, which makes diverse employment formats possible by allowing employees aged 50 and over to choose from among a variety of options. The options include financial assistance for an employee's "second life" following retirement, a "second life" support program that provides two years of paid vacation, and extending employment up to the age of 65 through a re-employment program.

We also offer an annual "lifestyle design" training session at each of our business sites to employees turning 50 and their spouses. The sessions encourage employees to take an interest in planning the rest of their lives and designing a rewarding lifestyle by providing information on pensions and retirement benefits, social insurance, taxes, hobbies, health and other topics, and facilitating group discussions. In fiscal 2010 over 600 employees participated in the session.

Creating Barrier-Free Workplaces and Employing People with Disabilities

Mitsubishi Electric works to promote the employment of people with disabilities and to create barrier-free workplaces at its business sites to make it easy for people with disabilities to work at the company.

Continuing the achievements of the previous fiscal year, we employed people with disabilities at a ratio of 1.86% in fiscal 2010, which substantially exceeded the legally required ratio of 1.8%.
Mitsubishi Electric revised its compensation system in March 2004 with a view to developing a corporate culture in which employees recognize organizational targets as well as their own roles, work to raise their own value, and take on the challenge of difficult goals.

Under the new compensation system, performance is emphasized more than it was in the past, with appropriate assessment given to employees who contribute substantially to management and participate actively in it. Bonuses are awarded for outstanding service. In order to increase understanding of employees about the operation of the new system, we fully disclose its evaluation methods and standards, conduct surveys on the functioning of the system to gauge employee opinion on it, and otherwise work to increase understanding and acceptance by employees.

In fiscal 2009, some 80% of employees participated in the survey conducted on the functioning of the new compensation system. The results are reflected for enhancement of its operation. We are committed to making the system function effectively by organically combining and harmonizing the three components of the system, evaluation/compensation, skills development and effective workforce utilization, in order to provide opportunities for employees to develop their own skills and advance their careers.

Dialogue with Employees on Compensation

We have established consultation desks at each business site as a means of facilitating dialogue with employees on remuneration, compensation, benefits and other related issues. There is also an avenue for contacting the head office about these issues by email or phone. Personal interviews are also held every year to provide an opportunity for individual employees to discuss compensation and other issues with their immediate superiors.
Motivating Employees with Bonuses for Inventions

In line with provisions in the Japanese Patent Law, Mitsubishi Electric has established an employee invention bonus system to motivate employees to create inventions. Patent rights on inventions created by employees during the course of their work are transferred to the Company, but in compensation, the Company pays patent filing and registration bonuses to those employees. Furthermore, if the inventions are used in a Company product or out-licensed to another company, the relevant employees also receive utilization bonuses from the Company.

Details of the bonus system and easy-to-understand explanations of its provisions are posted on the company Intranet for access by all employees. To maintain fairness and transparency of the system, we also disclose the basis of bonus calculation, including the utilization status of inventions in company products. Moreover, we established the Invention Consultation Committee to make it possible for employees to petition the committee to review the amount of their bonus when they cannot consent to it.

In addition to the above system of bonuses for employee inventions, we also have a program for rewarding outstanding inventions. Under this program, 30 to 40 inventions are honored each year, and those that are judged as especially outstanding receive commendation from the president.
Mitsubishi Electric is working to develop workplace conditions that allow employees to both do their jobs and raise children by enhancing childcare programs and ensuring their utilization penetrates the company. Our childcare leave program can be extended to the month of March following the child's first birthday, or until the end of September at the longest, and our program for allowing employees to work shorter days to help them raise their children can be extended up until the child finishes third grade in elementary school. Our family-care leave program has been revised in fiscal 2009 and now allows employees with families that meet the requirements to take a leave of absence for as long as two years, an extension from the previous one-year limit. It also allows employees to work shorter days for up to three years to help them take care of their families. In addition, when the employee is the spouse of an expectant mother, the spouse may take up to five days of special paid leave. There is also a program to provide the spouse with special paid leave to use in certain circumstances such as participation in a child's school event.

In accordance with the Law for Measures to Support the Development of the Next Generation, we formulated an action plan in fiscal 2006 that calls for developing a system for actively providing and disseminating programs and information related to childcare leave and returning to work following that leave. In April 2007 we were approved by the Japanese government as a corporation that supports the development of the next generation, due to achievements under government standards.

Under the second action plan, which commenced in April 2007, we promoted initiatives to increase awareness of and support for related systems among managers and new personnel who are not affected directly by these programs.

To raise employee awareness, we provide synopses of the various systems that are in place to support people who are working while raising children. We also operate a portal site that features a range of information designed to assist employees, such as interviews with working mothers. Going forward, we will enhance the content of discussions between employees returning from childcare leave and their superiors in order to facilitate this process. Along with enhancing our programs, we will work to foster a workplace culture in which employees can take on both childcare and their jobs, and in which women employees are able to enhance their personal lives while advancing their careers.
To Employees

Respecting Human Rights

Initiatives for Promoting Respect for Human Rights

The Mitsubishi Electric Group formulated the "Corporate Ethics and Compliance Statement" in 2001 and defined its stance on respect for human rights. In the statement, Mitsubishi Electric pledges "to act consistently with respect for human rights, and to never discriminate against individuals based on nationality, race, religion, gender, or any other such attributes. In April 2010, we also revised our codes of conduct relating to respect for human rights in the "Corporate Ethics and Compliance Code of Conduct" of the Mitsubishi Electric Group. We consistently strive to conduct ourselves in a manner that conforms to these codes of conduct.

Basic Principle
We will respect human rights with an awareness that our activities are widely interrelated with peoples and societies in all countries and regions where we do business.

Principle concerning child labor and forced labor
In all countries and regions where we do business, we will not use child labor or forced labor under any circumstance or form of employment.

Principle concerning discrimination
In all countries and regions where we do business, we will not tolerate any discrimination relating to employment and personnel treatment based on race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, age, beliefs, religion, social status, disability, or any other form of discrimination that violates laws concerning human rights. At the same time, we will regularly check our own language and behavior to prevent any misunderstanding or doubt regarding our stand on human rights.

Respect for individuality
In all countries and regions where we do business, we will respect the individuality of each employee and will not compel anyone to engage in any activity through sexual harassment, defamation, slander, threats, or other acts that disregard the person's individuality. At the same time, we will regularly check our own language and behavior to prevent any misunderstanding or doubt regarding our stand on human rights.

Principle concerning health and safety in the workplace
We will comply with relevant laws and regulations in all countries and regions where we do business, as well as with in-house regulations and procedures, to create safe and clean workplace environments where everyone concerned can work comfortably. Particularly when engaging in production activities and construction works, we will make every effort to secure health and safety in cooperation with affiliated companies, cooperating companies, customers, and suppliers.
Principle concerning labor relations
We will comply with laws and regulations relating to employment, personnel affairs, working styles, wages, working hours, and immigration control in all countries and regions where we do business, as well as with relevant in-house regulations and procedures, to maintain sound labor conditions and environments.

Principle concerning personal information protection
In all countries and regions where we do business, we will collect and properly utilize personal information only through legitimate and appropriate means, and only when necessary. We will also do our utmost to prevent illegal access, leakage, loss, and falsification of personal information.
To Employees

Supporting Career Development

Human Resources Development System Supports the Career of Employees

Mitsubishi Electric’s training system consists of passing down everyday business know-how and acumen through on-the-job training. Knowledge and skills that are difficult to acquire through on-the-job training as well as career development are provided through off-the-job training on a supplementary basis. Off-the-job training consists of conferring information on ethics, legal compliance and other matters. Exceptional teachers from inside or outside the company provide expertise and skills training, or motivational education. Tests and competitions to improve skill levels are conducted, and practical training or international study opportunities at overseas sites and universities in Japan and abroad are provided. We also select outstanding employees for a managerial training program that focuses on training individuals for the core management positions that drive our businesses.

For new graduate employees, we conduct a company orientation as well as training sessions to elicit consciousness as a worker and educate them on basic knowledge, management principles, compliance, and other matters.

Self-Development Support Program

Mitsubishi Electric instituted a self-development support program in fiscal 2005 to provide support for employees who take the initiative to develop their skills.

The program provides support in the form of money and time for participants in educational programs inside and outside the company and also pays bonuses to employees that have acquired certain external certifications. The program is intended to foster a corporate culture in which each and every employee independently and actively takes on the challenge of developing their skills to reach lofty goals as a professional.

Transfer Opportunities for Willing Employees

Mitsubishi Electric instituted an intranet-based internal recruitment system in fiscal 2002 in order to optimize our human resources and provide transfer opportunities to willing employees. In fiscal 2005, we put in place a "free agent" program that publicizes the willingness of employees to be transferred.

Specifically, we launched Job-Net on our company intranet in fiscal 2002 to allow employees to consider career advancement possibilities on their own. The site posts information on recruitment and skill development training at Mitsubishi Electric and Group companies as well as companies outside the Group.
To Employees

Ensuring Occupational Safety & Health

Occupational Safety and Health Management System Strives for Zero Risk

We recognize that supervising the occupational safety and health of our employees is essential to business management. Based on a spirit of respect for all human beings, we feel that, as a matter of policy, it is a corporate responsibility to establish an atmosphere that prioritizes occupational safety and health in all social and corporate environments.

From zero accidents to zero risk -- Mitsubishi Electric is dedicated to developing a new culture of safety. Based on our proprietary system for managing occupational safety and health, we are enhancing our management system and promoting a variety of initiatives that include risk assessments.

In order to establish an occupational safety and health management system with the goal of raising safety standards at sites and offices, in fiscal 2010 we moved forward with the creation of a system for the systematic and continuous promotion of safety management.

As a result of activities such as these, the frequency of labor accidents within different categories of business have decreased (based on the number of accidents requiring leave per million hours).

Preventing Lifestyle-related Diseases

Since fiscal 2003 we have carried out activities under the Mitsubishi Electric Group Health Plan 21 (MHP21) for our approximately 100,000 Group employees. These activities are inspired by the slogan "Change Your Lifestyle Habits, Extend Your Healthy Years!" and involve setting company-wide improvement goals in five categories: maintaining proper body weight, creating an active lifestyle, stopping smoking, maintaining proper dental care and improving stress management skills. The degree of achievement of these goals is evaluated every three months. Individual achievements are also evaluated every three months. In addition, activities are lent vitality by yearly health surveys, campaigns throughout the year, leadership training for MHP21 promotion aimed at passing on success stories and health competitions between business divisions.

From fiscal 2009, we began taking an active part in physical examination and special health guidance activities in response to the so-called "metabolic syndrome."
Promoting Mental Health Care

Mental health is a top priority for health management at Mitsubishi Electric. The head office and each of our business sites have a counseling program in place, which works to help employees with their everyday worries related to work and family and other emotional issues. Each business site also holds lectures on mental health, autogenic training (how to prevent stress from building up), and other related topics.

We began carrying out a company plan for maintaining mental health from April 2007. Based on the creation of a mental health care promotion system at each business site, the plan involves practicing of four measures: self-care, care by staff in the business units, care by nursing staff and other staff on the business site and care using resources outside the business site. In fiscal 2008 we further enhanced our employee assistance programs. Enhancement measures include counseling face-to-face or by e-mail in addition to counseling over the phone, as well as revision of annual surveys to attain more detailed results on employees’ stress levels. We will also carry out care initiatives with a priority on overseas workers by assigning designated counselors.

* EAP (employee assistance program): An employee assistance program is a system by which a company provides support for its employees, their mental health in particular.

Workplace Environment Standards that Exceed Legal Requirements

We recognize that people spend a large part of their lives at their place of employment, so we make people-friendly enhancements to the workplace environment and promote the creation of pleasant spaces that give consideration to people with disabilities and older workers.

We have established our own workplace environment standards for air, lighting, noise and facilities that exceed legal requirements. We are also working to attain information on whether the standards are achieved as we seek to meet and maintain them. The standards include a section on regular workplaces that is targeted at business offices and a section on special workplace environments targeted at sites that handle hazardous substances and the like.
Continuing Global Philanthropic Activities

Three Key Areas of Philanthropy

Mitsubishi Electric promotes philanthropic activities with an emphasis on the three categories of social welfare, global environmental preservation and scientific technological advancement.

For more information, please refer to the pages on philanthropic activities.

Employee Participation Program "Woodland Preservation Project"

Mitsubishi Electric launched the "Satoyama" Woodland Preservation Project in October 2007. Under the slogan, "down-to-earth and sustainable," we will continue to pursue phased nature conservation activities that take into consideration the state of the natural environment. By encouraging our employees to play a direct part in the development of safe regional communities, we are seeking to deepen communication with local residents.

*http://www.meaf.org/*
Head Office Area

In cooperation with Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd., we are helping to restore the natural woodlands of Mount Fuji. Our chairman, president and other corporate officers are also actively involved in this project.

Nagoya Region

In October 2007, Mitsubishi Electric's Nagoya Works became the first company to sign a "corporate forest development" agreement with Aichi Prefecture. Based on this agreement, we are promoting environmental preservation activities in the Togokusan prefectural forest located in the Moriyama District in Nagoya City, under the guidance of academic experts and the cooperation of local residents and concerned organizations.

Kobe Region

The common forest located in the Aburai District of Sasayama City, Hyogo Prefecture, is the center of our Satoyama Woodland Preservation activities in the Kobe region. Since March 2008, members of Kobe Works' social contribution club have engaged in forest thinning work and nature trail construction work in a natural forest that has been left abandoned for 40 years, to create a natural environment where children can play. An average of about 20 members get together seven times a year (January, February, March, May, June, November, December).

We have also established the "Association to Preserve the Aburai Chinju Woodlands" jointly with the local community and local government. The exposure to fresh air and "forest bathing" not possible in the city, and direct contact with the trees are proving to be precious sources of energy to all members.
Nakatsugawa Region

In the Nakatsugawa region, the Mitsubishi Electric Nakatsugawa Works Volunteer Club, otherwise known as the MV Club, hosts an outdoor classroom called "Mori no megumi juku" (classroom for satoyama preservation activities and environmental activities for children) at the prefectural Nenoue-kogen Azalea Park.

In June 2008, the MV Club signed an agreement with Nakatsugawa City and the Nenoue-kogen Tourism Promotion Association for the development of a natural park in Nenoue-kogen. With the cooperation of the local government and community, groups of about 50 participants each take part in carrying out a vegetation survey and cutting grass in the park. In conjunction with this event, the MV Club also hosts parent-child "outdoor classrooms" and programs that teach children to play with items found in nature, to promote an awareness of the precious value of the natural environment.

Shizuoka Region

In the Shizuoka region, Mitsubishi Electric's Shizuoka Works has played an active part in the Abe River volunteer cleanup activities since September 2003 as a member of the "Adopt-a-River Program" organized by the Shizuoka City Environment Bureau. These activities not only help beautify the local environment around Shizuoka Works, but are also instrumental in improving environmental awareness and actions among our employees. We intend to implement them on a continuous basis, so that even larger numbers of employees and their families may participate.

Kita-Itami Region

In the Kita-Itami region, Mitsubishi Electric's Kita-Itami Works helps care for 600 cherry blossom trees planted in and around the Zugaike area, under a greenery maintenance management agreement with Itami City. Employees and former employees of Kita-Itami Works and local residents (heads of six local autonomies, etc.) organized the "Society for Nurturing Cherry Blossom Trees in Zugaike Park," and have continuously applied themselves to pruning branches, applying fertilizer, and implementing cleanup activities since 1986. On April 13, 2009, the society received a merit award from the Japan Cherry Blossom Association in recognition of its long years of efforts in preserving and nurturing cherry blossom trees.
Fukuyama Region

The common forest in Mt. Goryozan, located in Kannabe Town, Fukuyama City, Hiroshima Prefecture, is the stage of our satoyama woodland preservation activities in the Fukuyama region. Members of Mitsubishi Electric’s Fukuyama Works launched the activities in July 2010 after taking a cue from the "Kannabe seasonal forest planting event" organized under the leadership of the local Shimo-Goryo Productive Forestry Association in December 2009. Employees of Fukuyama Works and their families participated in the event and helped plant "super pine" trees, which are said to better withstand pine withering. This area used to boast one of the most verdant pine forests in Hiroshima Prefecture, but has deteriorated in recent years as a result of trees dying and forest functions being lost. To restore the natural environment, various organizations are promoting activities to plant "super pine" tree saplings and regenerate a verdant forest that can withstand disasters.

Over the next five years, a group of 30 to 40 voluntary members will regularly clear the underbrush and provide supplementary planting, and watch over the growth of the 300 to 400 pine trees that they helped plant in 2009 with local residents.
SOCIO-ROOTS Fund

The Mitsubishi Electric SOCIO-ROOTS Fund was established in 1992 as a gift program in which the Company matches any donation made by an employee, thus doubling the goodwill of the gift. More than 1,000 employees participate in the Fund each year. As of March 2010, the Fund had provided a total of approximately ¥550 million to some 1,300 various social welfare facilities and programs.

In recent years, we have extended the scope of our donations to include social welfare activities related to environmental preservation and disaster relief. In fiscal 2008, we made contributions to the Children's Forest Program in Malaysia organized by OISCA (an international NGO engaged in agricultural development and environmental protection activities, mainly in Asia and the Pacific region) and participated in local tree-planting activities under a framework that brings together the Fund and our corporate achievement award system.

In fiscal 2010, we applied the gift matching system to a social welfare cause for the first time from the perspective of safety and security, and distributed crime prevention buzzers to first grade elementary school students in Yamato City, through the Yamato City Social Welfare Council. Looking ahead, Mitsubishi Electric will continue to value the goodwill of our employees and make steady efforts to develop activities rooted in local communities.
Foundations

The Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation (MEAF) and the Mitsubishi Electric Thai Foundation (METF), both of which were founded in 1991, play a central role in implementing social welfare and science and technology promotion activities overseas.

MEAF mainly supports children and youth with disabilities in the United States. In 2000, MEAF was recognized for its support of the internship program of the American Foundation for the Blind, and Mitsubishi Electric became the first Japanese company to receive the prestigious Helen Keller Achievement Award.

METF grants scholarships to university students and sponsors elementary school lunch support programs.

Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation

Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation engages in various activities with the cooperation of Mitsubishi Electric affiliates in the United States. The Foundation also sponsors an internship program in Congressional offices, through which students with disabilities are able to acquire business acumen and a sense of professionalism. Some of these participants have even gone on to become Congressional employees.

Photo: President (then Senator) Barack Obama with a 2008 MEAF Congressional intern.
The Mitsubishi Electric Thai Foundation launched a scholarship program in 1995 to promote science and technology development in Thailand. Every year, 45 students in three engineering universities in Thailand are selected to receive the scholarship. Recipients are students who excel in academics but are not able to receive sufficient financial resources from their family to devote themselves to their studies.

The Mitsubishi Electric Thai Foundation also engages in a program that purchases fertilizer and feedstock and works with elementary school students to grow vegetables and raise livestock, with the cooperation of employees of local Mitsubishi Electric offices. The fruits of their labor are included in lunches for elementary school students who do not have the means to buy school lunches. At the same time, the program teaches children about the importance and joys of growing and raising food.
To Collaborate and Harmonize with the Community
Building Better Relationships with Society

In our "Corporate Ethics and Compliance Code of Conduct" document, the Mitsubishi Electric Group identifies "collaboration and harmonization with the community" as one of its policies. As a good citizen and good neighbor, we contribute to community development through active participation in volunteer activities and local events.

See the "Philanthropic Activities" page for details.

Flower Bed Maintenance Management Activities by the Mitsubishi Electric Group Flower Volunteers (Japan)

Since 2006, the Mitsubishi Electric Chugoku Branch has carried out activities for the maintenance and management of flower beds planted along the street that runs east-west across the center of Hiroshima City, commonly known as "Heiwa Odori," in support of the Basic Plan for the Greening of Hiroshima City (Green Partner Project) formulated by Hiroshima City.

River Weed Cutting and Cleanup around Kumamoto Works (Japan)

Kumamoto Works engages in weed cutting activities in the nearby Wabu River and cleanup activities around its plant every April, with the participation of affiliated and partner companies and local residents. These activities have been implemented continuously for 29 years.
Participation in the "Nagaoka-kyo Garasha Festival 2008" Celebration Parade (Japan)

The Nagaoka-kyo Garasha Festival is a city festival held every November in Nagaoka-kyo City since 1992. More than a hundred Mitsubishi Electric employees in the Kyoto region have participated in the festival to date, as part of Mitsubishi Electric's community communication activities. A giant mikoshi (portable shrine) featuring a Mitsubishi "REAL" LED TV adds color and excitement to the festival.

Overseas Travel Program for People with Disabilities (Japan)

Mitsubishi Electric sponsors an overseas travel program for individuals with physical or mental disabilities and their family members residing in the Inazawa District of Aichi Prefecture. This program is widely approved by local residents.

Donating Apples Harvested at Iida Factory (Japan)

Mitsubishi Electric's Nakatsugawa Works Iida Factory in Japan is the home of an apple orchard that employees harvest each year; the harvested apples are presented to social welfare facilities in Iida City.

Volunteer Flower-planting Activities (Japan)

In response to an invitation from the Ota City Social Contribution Activities Liaison Council in Gunma Prefecture, Mitsubishi Electric participates in shibazakura flower-planting activities in support of a project to create a public recreation and relaxation area for local residents on the grounds of the Tone-Bizenjima Water Treatment Center that is under construction in the Ojima area.
Basketball Clinic (Japan)

Mitsubishi Electric regularly dispatches players and coaches to grade and junior high schools throughout the country to assist in basketball training clinics. This program is designed to widen the popularity of basketball as a sport throughout Japan.

Miracle League Baseball for Children with Disabilities (USA)

The Miracle League is an affiliation of baseball teams for children with disabilities aged 5 to 18. Employees of Mitsubishi Electric Power Products, Inc. (MEPPI) and the Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation provided a total donation of $25,500. This donation, along with contributions from the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball team and others, helped the Miracle League build a playing field in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, which opened in May, 2009.

Sakura Tree-planting Project (USA)

In April 2009, a group of 300 Japanese and American volunteers from Mitsubishi Electric Power Products, Inc. (MEPPI) and other community groups helped plant a grove of 40 Japanese cherry trees in a park near MEPPI headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. MEPPI volunteers are committed to caring for the trees and adding more each year.

Supporting Local Families and Children (Germany)

Mitsubishi Electric Europe B.V. (German Branch) in Ratingen has provided funds for the renovation of the Ratingen-West Family Centre, a valuable meeting place for families and children in the area. The official reopening of the centre took place in February 2009.
Primer Palau Festival (Spain)
For several years Mitsubishi Electric Europe, B.V. (Spanish Branch) in Barcelona has been supporting promising young musicians through sponsorship of the annual Primer Palau Festival, an event that gives up-and-coming musicians a chance to demonstrate their talents at Barcelona's prestigious Palau de la Música Catalana concert hall.

Lunar New Year's Outing with APEX Day Care Rehabilitation Center (Singapore)
Apex Day Rehabilitation Center is a day facility providing rehabilitation services to the elderly who suffer from physical disabilities arising. The services are targeted at the lower income group who would otherwise find it a burden to seek continuing care. It is also a haven for the poorer elderly who go there for interaction and social activities.

Support Program for Grade School Lunches (Thailand)
The Mitsubishi Electric Thai Foundation annually grants 30 grade schools recommended by the Thai Ministry of Education a sum of 10,000 baht each for use in the buying of feed and fertilizer with which to grow crops and cultivate livestock. These provisions are then used to provide nourishing lunches to schoolchildren in need. The program was begun in 1999.

Recycling Used Clothing (Taiwan)
Mitsubishi Electric Taiwan Co., Ltd. placed a recycling box for used clothes in its Taipei office during the Chinese New Year 2010 to support the Taipei Hsinye Mental Rehabilitation United Families Association (Hsinye). Employees donated used clothes to help support the independence of people with mental disabilities and benefit the environment.