

Pass on the precious earth to the next generation Let's protect our beautiful environment.

Message from the President

I would like to outline the environmental protection activities that Hitachi Kokusai Electric conducted in fiscal 2001.

In October 2000, three companies, Kokusai Electric Co., Ltd., Hitachi Electronics, Ltd., and Yagi Antenna Co., Ltd., were merged into Hitachi Kokusai Electric Inc.

Before the merger was completed, all the factories of the three companies had already been certified with ISO14001, which is the international standard for environmental management systems, and had promoted environmentally-oriented production. At the time of the merger, we established the Hitachi Kokusai Electric Global Environmental Charter to state that the environment issue has a very high priority in our corporate management. We are also making continuous improvements in all environmental areas, for example, energy, waste, and the quality of the air, water, and soil.

We are promoting a wide range of environmental activities throughout the company in cooperation with our customers, local communities, and concerned organizations with emphasis placed on the following:

To offer our customers ecologically friendly products, we will design all new devices as environment-aware products while exchanging technologies between our factories through case presentation meetings. Through these activities, we are promoting the development of energy-saving equipment and other products that are suitable for a resource recycling society.

We are promoting energy conservation, waste reduction, and chemical substance management at our production facilities. The energy conservation activities at our factories are being carried out with the goal of reducing the primary unit of carbon dioxide emission to 25% below the 1990 levels by fiscal 2010.

We have already reduced the amount of disposed waste to 14% or less of the 1991 levels. By carrying out these activities, we will be able to achieve zero-emissions in the near future.

Although we only use small amounts of chemicals, we are making efforts to further reduce the amounts and types that we use.

In environmental issues, fusion and communication with local areas and communities are especially essential. On the premise that each works and employee is a part of society, we push forward to coexist and co-prosper within the communities to which we belong.

It is our sincere wish that this report will lead to a deeper understanding of the policies and activities of the Hitachi Kokusai Electric group regarding environmental preservation. Any suggestions you may have regarding these policies and activities would be highly appreciated.



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Dr. Makoto Endo
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3 Guideline for Environmental Protection Action

We established the Hitachi Kokusai Electric Global Environmental Charter in March 2001. This charter is based on the basic philosophy of the Hitachi Kokusai Electric Corporate Action Standard. We are also very active in a wide range of environmental preservation activities.

Hitachi Kokusai Electric Global Environmental Charter

Basic Philosophy

Hitachi Kokusai Electric will enhance "Respect for humans" and the "Pioneer spirit" to deeply recognize that we are members of society, devote ourselves to fair and transparent corporate activities, and strive to preserve the global environment and improve the local living environment.

Guidelines for Action

1. Fulfillment of Our Social Obligation

Harmony with the environment is one of our highest priorities. We are committed to solving global environmental problems because we realize they are important problems common to all of humanity.

2. Reduction of Environmental Load

The environmental load caused by research, development, production, distribution, use, and disposal will be reduced to help build a resource recycling society.

3. Complying with Laws and Regulations

International, national, and local environment regulations will be obeyed, and a voluntary control standard will be set up to help prevent environmental pollution and improve the environment management level.

4. Linkage with Local Communities

Efforts will be made to preserve the global environment, improve the local environment, and have all employees receive a comprehensive environmental education to enhance awareness of the environment.

5. Preparation of Intracompany System

An executive in charge will be appointed to prepare an environment management organization system and help promote continuous activities for the environment, both internationally and nationally.

Drawn up in March 2001

Environment Management System

The figure shows the Environment Management System

