

Message from the President



Olympus Group creates and proposes new values to society through its businesses. With its “Social IN” management philosophy, Olympus strives to be a responsible and integral member of society while sharing common values.

Our founder had manufactured microscope in Japan with strong passion that would contribute to medical development. The world’s first gastroscope was also created thanks to the enthusiasm of developers who listened to doctors hoping to save the lives of patients with stomach cancer. We need to hand down this “customer-oriented DNA” inherited from our predecessors to offer further value and fulfill our corporate social responsibilities for the next generation.

Our basic idea has always been that a win-win relationship with the various stakeholders involved—customers, shareholders, vendors, employees, and local communities, as well as the global environment—will allow us to achieve sustainable growth and create new value through our business. Our corporate slogan, “Your Vision, Our Future,” symbolizes our corporate desire to achieve our goals and build a better future with all stakeholders.

Through the United Nations’ Global Compact initiative, participating organizations, including Olympus, aim at achieving sustainable development of society by implementing ten principles in the areas of human rights, labor standards, the environment, and anticorruption. The Olympus Group, having incorporated these ten principles into its corporate activities, is actively working for resolution of social and environmental issues. One example is the participation in the national initiative “Team Minus 6%”*: this campaign aims to achieve Japan’s 2012 greenhouse gas reduction target of 6% below 1990 levels under the Kyoto Protocol. In December 2005, we released details of our procurement policy, which places importance on legal and ethical compliance, human rights, labor standards, and the environment, asking our suppliers for cooperation. This aims at expanding Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) to our suppliers in order to contribute to the sustainable development of society through mutual cooperation.

To fulfill CSR in our daily activities, Olympus incorporated CSR in our midterm business plan, starting from fiscal 2006. Considering CSR as one of our crucial responsibilities, we will continue to make our best efforts in all aspects of the economy, society, and the environment by steadily implementing the necessary measures.

This CSR Report serves not only to report our CSR activities, but also to encourage all members of the Olympus Group to further strive to realize corporate social responsibility themselves. We will be very pleased to receive any comments that you may have about the report or the Olympus Group.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Tsuyoshi Kikukawa".

Tsuyoshi Kikukawa
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* “Team Minus 6%” is a national initiative, launched in Japan, to help resolve the global warming issue, in which Japan has committed to the world that it would reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 6% from a 1990 baseline. Olympus facilities in Japan have been participating in “Team Minus 6%” since July 2005 to achieve this target.