

Efforts for Consolidated Environmental Management

Let us introduce how our group companies are working on consolidated environmental management, which has been progressively implemented since fiscal 2004.

Efforts for Environmental Activities in Isuzu's Manufacturing Division

Isuzu has been promoting consolidated environmental management activities to create environmentally friendly plants by sharing the Isuzu Charter on the Global Environment with eight domestic and six overseas group companies. In fiscal 2007, three domestic group companies joined the activities in an attempt to expand the scope of environmental management (see p. 39). From fiscal 2008, we will expand the scope of these efforts to include more overseas group companies.

Efforts for Consolidated Environmental Activities of Domestic Group Companies

Isuzu and its domestic group companies plan to reduce environmental impact by setting goals for the group for 2010, while maintaining their individuality and sound pace of progress. The group companies take turns in sponsoring plant environmental meetings on a regular basis, to improve the quality of their efforts through *litokodori* activities. In October 2006, the Award of the Minister of the Environment was achieved by the Isuzu Engine Manufacturing Hokkaido Corporation for industrial waste zero-emission activities (see p. 39).



Domestic consolidated group meeting



litokodori activities

Efforts for Consolidated Environmental Activities of Overseas Group Companies

Isuzu and six overseas group companies held a second global plant environmental meeting in Japan in June 2007. They launched environmental efforts that reflect the regulatory circumstances of individual countries, including Thailand, the United States and European countries, by setting medium- and long-term goals, such as the prevention of global warming. In addition, the members toured the Fujisawa Plant, a main Isuzu plant, to observe the production process and environmental equipment as part of the information-sharing efforts.



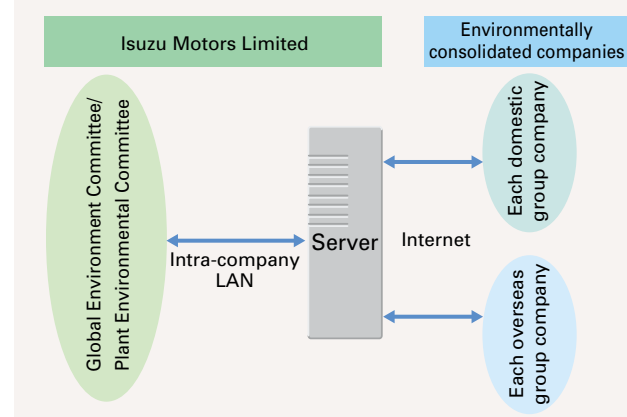
Consolidated Environmental Meetings of Overseas Group

Environmental Information Collecting System

An Environmental Information Collecting System, based on the Internet, has been introduced to facilitate environment-related information exchange among group companies within the framework of consolidated environmental activities.

Outline of the Environmental Information Collecting System

- Consolidation of a large amount of environmental data of various kinds
- A bulletin board system for information exchange
- Security of confidential information



Efforts for Consolidated Environmental Activities by Domestic Dealers

Domestic dealers are deeply involved with the local community in each district in their daily business activities, acting as a contact point with customers in vehicle sales, maintenance and after-sales service. While Isuzu maintains a nation-wide network of dealers and field offices, it introduced Environmental Measures Guidelines¹ in April 2005 as a part of its environmental efforts to focus on the environmental preservation activities of each dealer that is closely connected to the local community and to promote activities at a field-office level.

In fiscal 2006, we conducted internal audits in all our offices to check on the progress of environmental activities, based on the Guidelines. As a result, 265 sites achieved the standard's first step and were approved for Isuzu Silver Eco-Dealer² certificates (as of March 2007). The Silver-certified sites will proceed to the second step and carry out additional environmental activities by working toward Gold Eco-Dealer certification as their next goal.

- 1 Isuzu Environmental Measures Guidelines: Isuzu's unique guidelines for environmental management that stipulate items to be strived for by dealers. The standard is classified into two stages and the activities to be conducted in each stage are determined in a step-wise manner, from Step 1 to Step 2 and so on.
- 2 Isuzu Eco-Dealer Certification System: A system to award certificates to sites that meet a certain minimum standard according to Isuzu Environmental Measures Guidelines. In this system, dealers who achieve the Step 1 standard are certified as Silver Eco-Dealers and those who achieve Step 2 are certified as Gold Eco-Dealers. As of March 2007, a total of 265 dealers have been certified as Silver Eco-Dealers (certification rate: 86%).



A scene from an audit



Silver Eco-Dealer Certificate

Training of Environmental Management Members

ISO 14001 in-house auditor training sessions were held to train environment management members who play key roles in promoting environment-related activities at dealers' sites. A total of 62 trainees joined the training and all of them qualified as in-house environmental auditors. Training sessions are also planned in fiscal 2007 for the nurturing of environment management members.



In-house auditor training session

Environmental Activities Undertaken by Dealers

After starting activities based on Isuzu Environmental Measures Guidelines, Yamagata Isuzu Motors Ltd. was nominated as an "Environmentally friendly automobile dealer/maintenance shop" by the Yamagata Transport Branch Office in November 2006. This award for "Environmentally friendly automobile dealer/maintenance shop" is given only to the dealers who pass stringent screening by a Transport Branch, where assessment is conducted on 31 items, including appropriate management of the manifest of end-of-use vehicles and industrial waste in daily business activities, appropriate storage of waste on the site, etc.



Commended members of Yamagata Isuzu Motors Ltd.: Mr. Chiba (President, front row center), Mr. Miura (Chief of Yamagata Office, front row left), Mr. Hiwatari (Assistant Chief of Sakata Office, front row right), Mr. Katagiri (Environmental Management Manager, rear row right), Mr. Yuki (Environment Management Member, rear row left).