Message from the President



During the 20th Century, economic activities were expanded to every corner of the world at a breakneck speed. However, this process exposed a variety of social issues, such as the depletion of resources, the destruction of the environment and widening gaps between haves and have-nots. In order to reverse such trends, demands on global society have in recent years been made to change direction towards a sustainable society, in order to recapture a natural environment, and in order to bring back a society that is both healthy and generous in spirit. In order to achieve such a sustainable society, it is incumbent on all companies, regardless of nationality and size, to unite their efforts, and to walk together in a single direction.

Deeply conscious that corporate activities are closely associated with the fortunes of society, and with the surrounding global environment, the FDK Group aims at achieving a sustainable society in which a sensible balance can be maintained between the development of business and environmental preservation. Against such a background, the FDK Group is not only promoting a reduction in environmental loads generated in the course of its business activities, but also proactively contributing to an enhancement of the environment through the business activities of each constituent member of the Group including measures relating to environmental assessment, analysis and consulting, as well as to recycling business activities.

This Social and Environmental Report has been prepared to describe the philosophy and global activities of the FDK Group towards the realization of a sustainable society. This year, an explanation is being offered in rather more detail than in Reports previously published, about the relationship of the FDK Group with society. In the conduct of business throughout the world, as well as complying with the Laws and Regulations of countries where the FDK Group conducts business as a good corporate citizen, the FDK Group aims at contributing to the development of each country by means of respecting the culture and customs prevailing in each country, while at the same time maintaining the highest degree of ethics.

It will give us all considerable satisfaction if this Report helps to raise the level of understanding of people on the philosophy and business activities of our Group. We would, moreover, at any time welcome any frank comments and opinions you may have on our attempts to raise the quality of our social and environmental activities.

Finally, we would much appreciate your continued support and assistance to the FDK Group in future years.

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