

Major Topics for Fiscal 2003

Improving Our Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

Hitachi Chemical set up a CSR Office, where further development of CSR is ensured through environmental management, compliance management as well as promotion of activities that contribute to society.



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Corporate Governance Reforms

In fiscal 2003, Hitachi Chemical and six group companies shifted their structure to a “company with committee system.” The aim is to establish a healthy and transparent management system that enables the corporation to respond promptly to market changes.



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Social Contribution Activities

In fiscal 2003, the Hitachi Chemical Group participated in a variety of activities that contribute to society both in Japan and abroad. Local community action program, cultural and sport events, and social welfare and disaster restoration support initiatives are some examples of these activities.



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Hitachi Group's Environmental Activity Assessment: GREEN 21 Version 2

GREEN 21 Version 2 is our evaluation system to encourage continuous improvement of environmental activities. In 2003, the evaluated grade increased to 474 points from 340 points for the previous year.



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2003 Topics

These are the major topics for Hitachi Chemical Group's social and environmental activities in fiscal 2003. Please see the page indicated for further details.

Development of Green Products

Our continuous efforts to develop green products increased the share of green products to 69% (non-consolidated) and 66% (consolidated) in terms of sales.



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Prevention of Global Warming

We have been actively shifting our manufacturing methods to alternative ones in order to manufacture energy-saving products. In addition, we have been working on fuel reduction through facility concentration and installation of co-generation equipment.



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Reducing Waste Disposal

Hitachi Chemical Group has been promoting its “zero emissions”* campaign. In fiscal 2003, all the manufacturing works of Hitachi Chemical and six sites of group companies achieved the important goal of zero emissions.



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Reducing Chemical Substance Transfer

Our efforts to reduce releases of chemical substances, including improvements to our manufacturing processes, reduced the release level in fiscal 2003 to 54% (non-consolidated) and 59% (consolidated) of the fiscal 2000 level.



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* Zero emissions: Hitachi Chemical defines zero emissions as having less than 5 tons of waste treated in the final landfill per year and having such treated waste account for 1% or less of the total amount of waste generated annually.