Mitsui, as a sogo shosha, is looked on to give full consideration to its economic role and its social raison d'être. Mitsui is also expected to create value for society not only through its business activities but also to go beyond its main business activities and help to address some of the many issues society confronts.

Along with the trends toward globalization, advances in IT, and other developments, today's world has become considerably more diverse, is experiencing greater and greater fluidity, and is aiming for a convenient and wealthy society.

On the other hand, society is confronting a broad range of issues related to the environment, such as global warming, poverty, differences in educational levels, and other problems.

Mitsui's Operational Guidelines for Social Contributions Policy specifies three areas for focus based on its strengths, know-how, and understanding. These are international exchange, education, and environment.

Within these three areas, Mitsui has chosen multicultural symbiosis, human resource development with an international perspective, and the global environment as fields for focusing its social contribution activities. By continuing our initiatives in these fields, working together and sharing them with society, we believe our activities will have follow-on effects that will lead on to solutions to larger-scale social issues.

In addition, we are anticipating that the interest and sensitivities of our management and staff toward social issues will increase, therefore, providing them with information and planning volunteer programs.

Social Contributions Policy

Guiding Principles

We will build a congenial relationship with our stakeholders by striving to create a harmony with the global community and local communities in accordance with the Mitsui & Co. Management Philosophy (Mission, Vision and Values), and we will actively contribute to the creation of a future where the dreams of the inhabitants of our irreplaceable Earth can be fulfilled.

Action Guidelines

1. In order to respond in an appropriate manner to the needs of the global environment, and international and regional society, Mitsui will actively promote social contributions that go beyond its normal business activities in addition to contributing to society through the implementation of Yoi-Shigoto in its normal sphere of business.

2. Mitsui will establish the three important areas of 'International exchange', 'Education' and 'Environment' for its social contributions, and will implement social contribution activities befitting of Mitsui & Co.

3. In addition to the making of economic contributions, such as donations etc., Mitsui also aims to carry out proactive social contributions that involve the participation of its executives and employees.

4. Mitsui promotes social contributions with an emphasis on transparency and accountability in respect of its stakeholders. It also aims for the continued improvement of activities through communication and cooperation with its stakeholders.
There are many foreign residents in Japan. Do you know that, next to the Chinese, South and North Korean people, the third largest number of foreigners is from Brazil? At its peak in 2007, the Brazilian community in Japan reached around 320,000 people. Although the figure decreased by around 50,000 after the economic crisis caused by the collapse of Lehman Brothers in the autumn of 2008, and the Great East Japan Earthquake of March 2011 has effected more decrement, there are still approximately 210,000 Brazilian people living in Japan as of the end of December, 2011. There is a high concentration of Brazilian residents living with their families in areas with a large number of factories serving the automotive and consumer–electronics industries. Their children attend Japanese public schools or Brazilian schools, but there are also some children who do not go to school at all.

From 1908, as many as 270,000 Japanese emigrated to Brazil, where their offspring now number 1.5 million. Many Brazilians of Japanese heritage are active in politics and business, making Brazil a country with very friendly relations with Japan. Mitsui has long-standing and close business ties with Brazil which go back to the 1930s. Although Brazil is geographically on the opposite side of the earth to Japan, it is one of emotionally closest countries for us, Mitsui, thanks to the strong connection.

Following a revision of Japanese immigration law in 1990, many Brazilians of Japanese heritage came to Japan with their families. However, the children of these Brazilians face a number of problems: children who go to Japanese public schools lack Japanese language skills, those who go to Brazilian schools suffer from poor facilities and inadequate teaching materials, and there are many children who do not attend school at all. After investigating what Mitsui could do to improve this poor educational environment, in 2005 Mitsui began activities to support Brazilian residents in Japan, focusing on children, and these activities are still continuing today. The aim is to deepen mutual understanding between Japan and Brazil and promote genuine multicultural coexistence.

Scholarships for Brazilian Children in Japan

From 2005 till 2008, Mitsui donated education-related materials to 30 Brazilian schools. Watching the children enjoying lessons as they use the new experimental equipment and personal computers makes us vividly realize the significance of these donations. However, after September 2008, many Brazilians in Japan lost their jobs because of the recession. As a consequence, many families returned to Brazil, and the number of families that can afford to send their children to the relatively expensive Brazilian schools in Japan drastically decreased. This resulted in a decline in the number of pupils and the closure of many schools. In view of this situation, from the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010, Mitsui shifted the focus of its activities “from providing things to providing support for people” by awarding scholarships to Brazilian pupils through 25 schools to cover monthly tuition fees. As of the end of December 2011, 322 children were attending school thanks to this scholarship program. The children who receive the scholarships have sent grateful letters saying for instance ‘Thanks to Mitsui’s scholarship we can go to school and talk with our friends’ and ‘our lessons are fun.’ In these and other activities, Mitsui has benefited from the cooperation and advice of the NPO Action for a Better International Community, an affiliate of the Japan Foreign Trade Council, Inc.
Nearly all Brazilian schools in Japan started out as crèches, and then gradually grew into schools. As a result, there are many classrooms where the teacher does not have an elementary or junior school teaching license. The Brazilian Ministry of Education found it necessary to raise the level of the teaching staff to ensure an adequate education for the children. In response, the Federal University of Mato Grosso in Brazil and Japan’s Tokai University jointly formulated the Distance Learning Course for Brazilian Educators working at Brazilian schools in Japan based on e-learning, which began operating in July 2009. There are currently 300 participants, who will obtain their teaching qualifications after receiving a 4-year education (in 2013) based on regulations of the Federal Republic of Brazil.

The state of Mato Grosso, where the Federal University of Mato Grosso is located, is approximately 2.4 times greater in area than Japan and is covered in forest, as a result of which education by distance learning course is common. In the implementation of the program, the Federal University of Mato Grosso is drawing on this experience in distance learning, while Tokai University is taking advantage of its network of affiliated schools throughout Japan. Mitsui participates in this program by meeting the cost of the Japanese language- and Japanese society-related course, designed to encourage knowledge of the host country.

The Kaeru Project, implemented in the Brazilian city of São Paulo, helps children returning home from Japan to make a smooth transition to life in Brazil. Children returning from Japan face a range of serious difficulties including differences in lifestyle and language. Starting in fiscal year ending March 31, 2010, to alert parents still in Japan and the people involved to these difficulties, Mitsui invites the therapists of Kaeru Project from Brazil to Japan as speakers for seminars in cities with a high concentration of Brazilian residents such as Toyota (Aichi Prefecture) and Hamamatsu (Shizuoka Prefecture). In fiscal year ending March 31, 2012, these seminars were held nine times and were attended by a total of around 700 people.

Since 2005, Mitsui has continuously made donations to the NPO SABJA, which supports Brazilian residents in Japan with services including a telephone help line for advice on medical treatment, employment, education, and other issues, and assistance to Brazilians facing poverty. In cooperation with SABJA, Mitsui also runs a charity bazaar at the Brazilian Day festival held in Yoyogi Park every year in September, with Mitsui employees taking an active part as volunteers. Additionally, we provide support to NPOs and voluntary organizations that work mainly with Brazilian children in Kita-Kanto, Tokai, and other regions with a large Brazilian community.
(1) If Brazilian children attending Japanese public schools develop only limited ability in both the Portuguese and Japanese languages, they may end up underachieving academically or dropping out of school. With the idea of remedying this problem, Mitsui worked with Tokyo University of Foreign Studies to develop supplementary teaching materials for children to assist them with Japanese language learning and studying other school subjects. From April 2007, these materials have been available to the public free of charge on the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies website (Japanese).

(2) Wishing to place our activities at the service of government agencies and other relevant bodies, Mitsui collaborates actively with government agencies and presents them with proposals for support. One channel for this is through contacts with members of a committee at the Ministry of Education, Sports, Science and Technology which deliberates on educational issues relating to the children of foreign residents.

(3) As an urgent response to the economic crisis which started in September 2008, used freight containers have been donated to store emergency supplies, and Brazilian residents of Japan have been given temporary employment in forests owned by our subsidiary Mitsui Bussan Forest Co., Ltd.

**Activities in Brazil (Mitsui Bussan do Brasil Foundation)**

In addition to our activities in Japan, we are also active in Brazil itself through the Mitsui Bussan do Brasil Foundation as outlined below.

**Kaeru Project**
In a project led by the psychologist Dr. Kyoko Nakagawa to assist their adaptation to Brazilian school and society, children who have returned from Japan are supported emotionally, academically, and through support to their environment.

**Mitsui-Endowed Lecture Program at the University of São Paulo**
To deepen understanding of society, culture, and other aspects of Japanese life, and to foster human resources who can contribute to the future development of both countries, Mitsui funds a lecture event taking place one to two times a year bearing the Mitsui name. Japanese legal books are also donated to the University. For details see Foundation and Funds Activities in the Americas.

In this way, Mitsui makes social contributions in Japan and in Brazil with the idea of reaching a deeper understanding of Brazil, an important partner country for Mitsui. We hope that this activity will help to strengthen the ties between our two countries.
Around the world, one in every five people lives on less than one dollar a day. Such people face many problems as a result: for instance, their children cannot go to school and they do not have access to adequate medical care.

In October 2004, Mitsui pledged its support for the Global Compact, which is championed by the United Nations. The Global Compact is a set of principles that private companies agree to accept as guidelines for action, focused especially in the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption, and Mitsui is working to abide by and put these principles into practice.

One aim of the Global Compact is to achieve the United Nations Millennium Development goals for the reduction of poverty. In May 2008, in response to a call from the then British prime minister Gordon Brown, Mitsui signed a Business Call to Action declaration committing to corporate action aimed at attaining the Millennium Development goals by the target year of 2015 set by the United Nations. Mitsui is now collaborating toward that goal through a range of relevant initiatives.

In cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Mitsui is donating a solar power-operated pumping facility for irrigation water to a farming community in Mozambique, Africa. In September, 2010, an agreement providing for the commencement of construction was signed between Mitsui and UNDP.

This program, in which UNDP and Mitsui gather their respective knowledge and strengths toward the achievement of the Millennium Development goal of reducing poverty, is an example of action to support development based on a public–private partnership.

Providing the village (in the Millennium Village at Chibuto, in the province of Gaza) with the infrastructure to supply irrigation water will improve agricultural productivity and help the community to become self-sufficient and sustainable.

With a forecast total budget of approximately 2.0 million US dollars, we will continue our work on the project to bring the pump into operation at the earliest possible date.
Since its foundation, Mitsui has believed in the importance of fostering staff abilities and has sought to foster human resources that can play a useful role in society. Meanwhile, as a general trading company conducting business globally, our operations link us with a wide range of countries and territories. Accordingly, we make social contributions that help to foster human resources with an international perspective able to play a leading role in the future of their region. Some examples are outlined below.

**Mitsui-Bussan Scholarship Program for Indonesia**

Mitsui has built very strong links through its many projects in Indonesia. Mitsui established the scholarship program in 1992 to support the country in increasing its output of outstanding human resources and to further deepen cultural exchange with Japan. Rather than supplying scholarships to students already studying in Japan, the program selects students while still at high-school level in their home country. After the scholarship students come to Japan, they attend Japanese language school for a year and a half before proceeding to university through the entrance examination process. The reason for this arrangement is that taking entrance examinations encourages the scholarship students to think carefully about which specialist area of study they wish to pursue in Japan. As well as a monthly consultation with the scholarship office, the program also offers opportunities for contact with program graduates as part of efforts not only to give financial support but also to provide pastoral care to students living away from their home country and to encourage them to find out about Japan and develop an emotional bond with their host country. Up to FY2011, 30 students had benefited from the program. Through our support, we hope that these outstanding students will be able to pursue fruitful careers in Indonesia, Japan, and many other countries.

**Other Scholarships**

- Mitsui Bussan Trade Promotion Foundation
- Mitsui Scholarship Fund
- Royal University of Phnom Penh, Department of Japanese
Spreading Innovation through Mitsui-Endowed Lecture Programs

Peking University

The Mitsui Innovation Forum at Peking University was established in March 2006 for the ten-year period to 2015 and is aimed at students (EMBA, MBA, and EDP courses) and graduates of the university as well as people working in business. A corporate CEO or renowned academic is invited to talk on the theme of ‘innovation’ six times a year, with a speaker from Japan on two of these occasions. Each of the lectures addresses an area of strong interest in China, resulting in regular audiences of 200 to 300. So enthusiastic is the participation in these events that, when the chair calls for the last contribution in the busy question and answer session, a sea of eager students raises their hands. We support this extended 10-year program in the hope that it will lead to deeper understanding between Japan and China and a further development of economic ties.

Russia–Mitsui Forum Program at Saint Petersburg State University

Mitsui is engaged in the Sakhalin Project and other business projects in Russia. The Mitsui-Endowed Lecture Program has so far brought two lecture events with guests from Japan speaking on the theme of ‘innovation’ to Saint Petersburg State University, whose alumni include prominent individuals such as current President Vladimir Putin and Prime Minister Dmitri Medvedev. Participating students took copious notes in an effort to gain the most from the lecture and the question and answer session was also animated. In addition to the Mitsui-Endowed Lecture Program, Mitsui contributes to the university by providing scholarships for students studying in Japan (6 to 12 months) and presents Japanese books and DVDs to the university.

Other Mitsui-Endowed Lecture Programs

- Fudan University (China)
- Vietnam National University, Hanoi
- University of São Paulo (Brazil)
- John Carroll University; The City University of New York Baruch College (United States)
- Mitsui Endowed Professorship Fund at Dartmouth College (United States)
- University of Warsaw (Poland)

Japan Studies as a Way to Increase the Number of Japan Enthusiasts

Mitsui Educational Foundation

In 1971, Mitsui & Co (Australia) Ltd. established the Mitsui Educational Foundation with the aim of promoting mutual understanding and friendship between Japan and Australia by giving young Australians the opportunity to find out about Japan. Every year the foundation sponsors 8 to 10 students from universities around Australia to participate in a three-week study tour of Japan. As well as an introduction to Japanese culture, Japan Studies programs provide insights into the country’s economy and education system through study visits to Japanese companies, factories, and universities, and the opportunity to make contacts at individual level through homestays. Among the comments from participating students were that they had ‘reached a genuine understanding of Japanese culture and business’ and that ‘contacts with Japanese people had allowed them to understand how the Japanese think.’ In the past 40 years to 2011, 313 Australian university students took part in the program, whose alumni include individuals in senior positions relevant to Japan–Australia relations.

This program will be continued with the aim of increasing the number of Japan enthusiasts in Australia and strengthening cultural exchanges between Japan and Australia.

Other Japan Studies Programs

- National Future Farmers of America
Support to Overseas Internship Programs Operated by the Institute of National Colleges of Technology, Japan

Since 2008, the Institute of National Colleges of Technology, Japan, has organized a program of approximately 3-week internships at overseas factories aimed at fostering engineers able to act in an international environment. As more Japanese companies set up production bases overseas, we believe that increasing the number of students with experience of working overseas and the number of technology college students with technical skills will favor the development of human resources with a global outlook. We have therefore supported the program from its first year by introducing companies able to host technology college students as interns.

The number of host companies cooperating in the program has been increased to nine, and the number of student interns in FY2011 was 21. These were among the reports from participating students: ‘I realized that for communication it’s important not just to have English language skills but also to have things you want to say and want to find out’ and ‘it was interesting to learn about the attitude to manufacturing of a Japanese company from the overseas staff for a change.’ With Japanese students said to be inward-looking and not interested in venturing overseas, we are committed to continuing our support to this program with the aim of creating more opportunities for students to broaden their horizons toward the outside world.
The Mitsui USA Foundation, established in 1987 in New York, is Mitsui USA’s charitable arm for active, good corporate citizenship, running programs in U.S. communities where the Company does business. Historically, the Foundation has placed emphasis on higher education and employee participation. More recently, it has enhanced its giving to include the disabled community. Every year, the Foundation supports approximately 50 projects across the United States in four areas: education, community and disabled welfare, arts and culture, and action based on employee participation and corporate matching. Half of this budget is devoted to education-related activities, and there are many projects bearing the name of Mitsui USA.

1) Education

Education is also a key area of activity for the Mitsui USA Foundation, as part of which it organizes Mitsui-Endowed Lecture Programs.

John Carroll University: begun in 1993, the Mitsui USA Distinguished Lecture series at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio, is held at the opening of the university’s East Asian Studies Program. This high-level lecture series hosts expert speakers on Japan and other Asian countries in areas including politics, economics, culture, and history.

Baruch College, The City University of New York: begun in 1994, the Mitsui USA Lunch Time Forum is held six times a year and hosts speakers from academia and the business world. The panel discussions on global issues have been well received and the program has proved very popular, attracting an audience of almost 200 including not only leading members of the university faculty, but also New York City employees and business people.

Columbia University: inaugurated in 2000, the CJEB/Mitsui USA Symposium is held once a year and sees speakers and panelists engage with graduate students and experts in animated question and answer sessions on a wide range of subjects, from analysis of the global economy to cutting-edge hedge fund techniques. Including a reception, the event provides a forum for effective interaction.

Other activities include scholarship programs for approximately 60 university students at some 40 universities in the U.S. and summer home-stays in Japan for 10 U.S. high-school students under the Youth for Understanding program.

2) Community and Disabled Welfare

Among our wide-ranging support activities are the following programs: LifeStyle, in which people with disabilities play host to elderly people at dinner party events; Abilities, which provides vocational skills training and support in seeking employment; the art and music therapy program Mercy Home, held every Saturday for 40 autistic children; Teach For America, in which employees support teachers by becoming pen pals with elementary school children; Citymeals-on-Wheels, which delivers meals to elderly people; and NY Special Olympics, which offers a wide range of sports training and sporting events to people with intellectual disabilities.

3) Arts & Culture

Our activities here include support for the NY Asian Symphony Orchestra, a group of young musicians of Asian heritage.

4) Employee Voluntary Activities

Support for Mitsui USA VTF (Volunteer Task Force) activities; March of Dimes walker participation; “Matching Gift” Program, whereby employees’ individual donations are matched with an equal donation from Mitsui; and “Special Match” programs for natural disaster relief support.

For more details visit The Mitsui USA Foundation website at:
Together with its local subsidiaries and associated companies, Mitsui Bussan do Brasil established the Mitsui Bussan do Brasil Foundation in February 2008. The Foundation supports activities aimed at cultivating human resources able to contribute to the development of friendship and the expansion of cultural exchange between Japan and Brazil.

**The Kaeru Project**

Led by psychologist Dr. Kyoko Nakagawa, this is a project to help children returning from Japan to adapt smoothly to Brazilian school and society. It is offered free of charge at municipal and state-run schools. Under the project, the Brazilian non-profit organization ISEC (Institute for Social and Cultural Solidarity) which Dr. Nakagawa belongs to and the São Paulo state education bureau work together to provide support to children in the three areas outlined below.

1) Emotional support (play, reading, creative writing, counseling, etc.)
2) Academic support (catch-up lessons, intensive courses, etc.)
3) Support to the children’s environment (guidance for parents, school supervisors and teachers, etc.)

Using the expertise gained, it is planned in the future to expand the project beyond the state of São Paulo through dispatching outreach activities, workshops, etc.

**Mitsui-Endowed Lecture Program at the University of São Paulo**

This program is supported by a grant from the Mitsui Bussan do Brasil Foundation, and the University of São Paulo Law School’s Institute of International Law and International Relations, which hosts the program. The aim is to foster an understanding of Japanese society and culture, especially among students and young researchers at the university, and to develop human resources with the ability to contribute to the expansion of friendly relations between Japan and Brazil. Regular lecture programs are presented once or twice each year. Japanese legal books are also donated to the University.

**The Mitsui Canada Foundation**

The Mitsui Canada Foundation was established in 1981 to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Mitsui & Co. (Canada) Ltd. with the mission of promoting culture and education. In the field of Japanese language education, Mitsui & Co. (Canada) provides judges for a Japanese speech contest. In the field of community welfare, the foundation supports a Japanese Cultural Center and gives assistance to facilities providing nursing care to elderly Japanese residents of the Vancouver and Toronto areas. It also provides donations to six major Canadian universities, (Toronto, Alberta, British Columbia, Regina, Queen’s, and McGill).
The MGVP was initiated in October 2009 with the idea of engaging in social contribution activities which bring employees together.

1. Try it V-1000

The company makes donations in proportion to the number of employees who take part in voluntary activity.
(1) Period of tabulation: one-year period from October to September of the following year
(2) Amount of contribution: Number of participants × 1,000 yen.
(3) Donee: selected on a rotating basis by the Americas, EMEA (Europe, Middle East and Africa), and Asia Pacific Business Units.

The number of employees participating in the Try it V-1000 program of FY2009 (October 1, 2009, to September 30, 2010) was 2,789 and the amount donated 2,789,000 yen. The beneficiaries of this first donation were selected by the Americas Business Unit. After consulting with employees, the Americas Business Unit selected Special Olympics New York (SO/NY), and on October 29, 2010, the Deputy Chief Operating Officer of the Americas Business Unit and other representatives visited SO/NY and presented a donation of $33,412 (2,789,000 yen).

Special Olympics (SO) is an organization with a global network and activities for intellectually disabled athletes and their volunteer coaches. SO/NY and Mitsui USA developed a close relationship after Mitsui USA gave a donation to the organization’s team of athletes for the 2005 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Nagano, Japan and Mitsui offered a Japan Orientation to help participants deepen their understanding of the host country. At present, Mitsui USA employees take part in a range of voluntary activities related to SO/NY, which also receives a yearly donation from the Mitsui USA Foundation.

As a sponsor of the authorized NPO Special Olympics Nippon, Mitsui provides support within Japan through activities including those outlined below.
2. Volunteer Month

With the aim of bringing employees together in voluntary activity, November each year is declared Global Volunteer Month, during which each donation through the Try it V-1000 program is automatically doubled and various activities, talks, and other events are planned and staged. In November 2010, approximately 450 employees from across Mitsui participated in voluntary activity.

3. MGVP Volunteer Work Report

A booklet entitled Mitsui Global Volunteer Program Volunteer Work Report, which presents the voluntary activities of Mitsui employees focusing on Global Volunteer Month, is printed in a run of around 10,000 copies and distributed to the entire staff.

TABLE FOR TWO
For the Health of People around the World

TABLE FOR TWO (TFT) is a program run by the authorized NPO TABLE FOR TWO International with the aim of fostering the health of people in both developing countries and advanced countries. The program seeks to simultaneously resolve the problem of hunger in developing countries and the problem of lifestyle-related disease in advanced countries based on the slogan ‘meal for one, health for two.’

Mitsui introduced the program from August 2008 in the staff cafeteria at the Tokyo Head Office, and has received a total of some 24,000 donations (as of March 2011). When employees select the relevant lunch option at the Mitsui cafeteria, the employee pays an extra 20 yen and the company matches it with a similar donation in what is known as a matching gift arrangement, so that TFT receives a donation of 40 yen for each meal. The price of a school meal in a developing country is said to be 20 yen, so that by selecting the TFT lunch option the employee provides enough for two school meals in Malawi, Uganda, or another country through TFT.

The concept behind Table for Two is of the participant in the advanced country and children in the developing country sharing a meal across the divide of space and time. Employees participate actively in this program in the hope that it will promote human health around the world.

From autumn 2011, a drink-based version of TFT known as CUP FOR TWO will be rolled out through drink vending machines at company offices.
TFT Point Card Program – Originated at Mitsui from an Employee Suggestion

One day, the Mitsui staff member in charge of the TFT program received an e-mail from a junior employee: ‘I support the TFT program and would like more of our staff to find out about it, so please let me help you promote it.’ This led to the formation of the TFT Junior Task Force. Currently around 60 employees participate voluntarily in the task force and work together on plans to roll out the program within the company.

One of the ideas that arose in this process was the TFT point card system, a unique development in the TFT program that originated at Mitsui. TFT stickers awarded with each purchase of the TFT lunch option are collected on a TFT point card (see TFT point card program). Every time 50 cards of 10 stickers each have been collected, in addition to the normal TFT school meal donation, Mitsui makes a separate donation of 100,000 yen to TFT. This donation goes to providing meals through TFT to the NGO Nkanyiso, sponsor of the Kids Program in the Republic of South Africa which supports children who lost their parents to HIV/AIDS. Under the point card scheme, started in July 2010, 100 cards were collected in six months and on March 5, the director of Mitsui’s Johannesburg branch office and members of the local staff visited the NGO.

We hope that other companies that participate in TFT will also introduce the TFT point card program and that support for the program will spread further and further.
In July 2005, Mitsui launched the Mitsui & Co., Ltd., Environment Fund as a grant program which aims to realize sustainable development by supporting various activities and research projects that contribute to solving global environmental problems.

The fund is operated by Mitsui itself and is supported mainly by finance from Mitsui, but also receives donations from company officers and employees, including retirees. Its grant programs consist of Activity Grants, which support activities by NPOs and other organizations to contribute to the environment, and Research Grants, which support environmental research by universities, research institutions, and other organizations.

Mitsui also encourages its officers and employees and retirees to apply grant projects and to take part in activities of grant projects.

Since FY2011, Mitsui has provided Restoration Grants for efforts aiming to revitalize a sustainable society by improving and resolving environmental problems caused by the Great East Japan Earthquake.

### Overview of The Mitsui & Co., Ltd. Environmental Fund

**Launched**
- July 1, 2005

**Management System**
- CSR Promotion Committee, Project Deliberation Panels, Project Selection Meeting (composed of outside experts, Mitsui management, and staff).

**Grant Fields**
- (1) Global Climate Change
- (2) Protection of Marine Resources/Ensuring Food
- (3) Preservation of Soil and Forests
- (4) Energy Issues
- (5) Conservation of Water Resources
- (6) Conservation of Biodiversity and Ecosystems
- (7) Establishing a Sustainable Society

**Activity Grants**
- Grants for earthquake restoration support activities and environmental contribution activities by NPOs, General Incorporated Associations & Foundations, Public Interest Incorporated Associations & Foundations, Special Civil Foundation, and Universities

**Research Grants**
- Grants for research related to earthquake restoration and research in the environmental field by Universities, Public Research Organizations, NPOs, General Incorporated Associations & Foundations, Public Interest Incorporated Associations & Foundations, Special Civil Foundation,

### Trends in Number and Value of Grants Provided

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* Items in parenthesis are Restoration Grants.
Grants Provided in FY2011 by Field of Activity and Research

Mitsui's Social Contributions

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