

Corporate Citizenship

As a pharmaceutical company dedicated to vision and health, Santen contributes to society with donations and support related to the field of ophthalmology. We also carry out company-wide environmental activities in line with our Basic Environmental Policy to “hand the Earth to the next generation in the best state possible.”



Protecting the “Joy of Sight”

With the increasingly aging population, more and more attention is being given to healthy vision. Our social mission is to help people around the world maintain healthy vision and protect their “joy of sight” by developing superior pharmaceutical products.

In order to contribute to society beyond our business activities, we give donations and support to welfare organizations. For example, we are an ongoing contributor to U.S.-based Helen Keller Worldwide, and also donate funds to the Japan Eye Bank Association and the Japan National Society for the Prevention of Blindness. In the United States, we contribute regularly to Prevent Blindness America in addition to a variety of other vision-related charitable organizations. In Asia, we donate pharmaceuticals to the Blindness Prevention Program in Vietnam, and we have even established a scholarship fund to support education for distinguished ophthalmologists in China.

Handing the Earth to the Next Generation in the Best State Possible

We carry out a variety of activities to reduce the environmental impact of our business operations, including the introduction of co-generation facilities and low-emission vehicles, as well as the promotion of segregated waste disposal, recycling and ecologically friendly purchasing.

In January 2003, the Noto Plant obtained ISO14001 certification, the international standard for environmental management systems. All facilities within the plant are working toward preserving the environment, with targets for reducing energy consumption, use of water and waste emissions, as well as recycling plastics and paper. With the certification of the Noto Plant, all three of our plants in Japan have been certified for ISO14001.

In 2002, we published our *Environmental Report 2002*¹ to help our stakeholders get a deeper understanding of our environmental initiatives. Contents include our top management’s position on environmental protection, our Environmental Policy and guidelines, the environmental management system and environmental initiatives at each plant and office. The report also discloses our environmental accounting, which presents our expenditures for environmental protection and the results of our efforts in numbers.



Santen employees participating in clean-up activities near Corporate Headquarters during Environment Month.



Environmental Report 2002

Note

1. Available only in Japanese.