
Corporate Social Responsibility



As a pharmaceutical company dedicated to vision and health, Santen contributes to society through donations and support to many organizations within 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.”

Placing Priority on Our Involvement with Society

Seeing our corporate mission as protecting the health of eyes throughout the world, Santen conducts a variety of activities. We sponsor public-interest projects to prevent blindness, provide funding for disaster victims, and give donations and support to charitable organizations. In Japan, we support the Eye Bank Association and the Japan National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, and we also have donated funds to the U.S.-based Helen Keller International for over 10 years. In the U.S., we regularly contribute to Prevent Blindness America and other vision-related charitable organizations.

In China, we have set up the Santen China Ophthalmologist Scholarship Program. Through this program, since 1997, we have continued to support training of ophthalmologists in a variety of ways, including grants in aid. In Korea, we have established a fund jointly with The Korean Ophthalmologic Society to help young Korean ophthalmologists receive training at Japanese medical institutions.

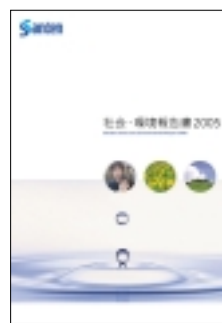
Handing the Earth to the Next Generation in the Best State Possible

In March 2002, Santen established the Environmental Committee, chaired by a director responsible for social and environmental activities, as the top decision-making group

for company-wide participation. This committee develops the directions and principles for our environmental activities. The committee was restructured as the Environmental Safety Committee in September 2004 to include a new function for reviewing occupational safety and health activities. Based on principles established by the committee, our operational sites in Japan—the Head Office, sales offices, the Research and Development Center, the Pharmaceutical Development Center, the Noto, Shiga and Osaka plants, and Santen Distribution Co., Ltd.—implemented measures to meet their assigned targets and plans.

We also recognize the environmental management system as an important tool for promoting our environmental efforts and all of our plants in Japan have received ISO 14001 certification, the international standard for environmental management. Each plant works to reduce its environmental impact and sets annual goals for reducing the consumption of electrical power and water, recycling plastics, paper and other materials, and reducing industrial waste. For our non-manufacturing operations, we established our own environmental management system based on ISO 14001 and have implemented activities and audited environmental efforts since 2001. In the near future, we aim to promote environmental efforts and occupational safety activities of our overseas subsidiaries.

To help our stakeholders better understand our environmental efforts, we have annually issued *Environmental Reports* since 2002. These reports are also available on our website.



◀ In the *Environmental Report 2005*, we explain our position on environmental protection, our Environmental Policy and guidelines, our environmental management system and activities at each plant and office. The report also summarizes our expenditures related to environmental protection and the results of our efforts.