

New Senior Management



Akira Kurokawa
President and
Chief Operating Officer

Takakazu Morita
Chairman and
Chief Executive Officer

At the first meeting of the Board of Directors subsequent to the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 27, 2006, Takakazu Morita commenced his new position of Chairman of the Board and CEO of Santen, and Akira Kurokawa assumed the role of President and COO.

Prior to this, as President of Santen, Mr. Morita had been responsible for determining business policies and strategy (the CEO role) as well as the execution of business strategy (the COO role). Following the shift to this new management system, Mr. Morita will chair the Board of Directors in his new capacity, taking responsibility for strategic decision-making and business execution supervision. Mr. Kurokawa assumes responsibility for execution of business strategy, and

will oversee the day-to-day business of Santen. This functional separation serves to clarify each role. The aim of the move is to facilitate faster decision-making and business execution in the face of increasingly complex business issues created by a rapidly changing business environment.

Going forward, we remain committed to Santen's core value, "We are focused on specific areas of expertise, such as eye care, developing our unique capabilities and technologies, and contributing to the health and quality of life of patients and their loved ones, and society as a whole." To this end, we aim to continue achieving consistent and stable gains in performance.