

# **Living Together with Communities**



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### **Donating Money for Victims of** an Earthquake in Taiwan

At midnight on February 6, 2018, an earthquake with a seismic intensity as high as 7 hit the eastern part of Taiwan. In Hualien County, where the epicenter of the earthquake was located, lifeline facilities were badly damaged, including roads sustaining cracks.

Based in Taiwan's Hsinchu City, Kokusai Electric Asia Pacific Co., Ltd. sells semiconductor manufacturing equipment and provides related services across Asia. Immediately after confirming the safety of its employees and their families, customers and other business partners, the company began collecting funds from employees to help victims of the disaster in the form of a matching gift. Hitachi Kokusai Electric Inc. joined the company in adding the matching donation and also collected funds from directors and employees of it and its Group companies in Japan. In total, more than 2 million yen was raised and donated from Hitachi Kokusai Electric Group to the government of Hualien County for use in its relief and

recovery activities. We pray for the souls of the victims and the early recovery of the afflicted areas.



Collapsed building and relief activity by the firefighting department of Hualien Photo provided by the municipal government

### Volunteering to Make Kimchi for the Winter Season

A total of 15 employees of Kook Je Electric Korea Co., Ltd. volunteered for an activity to make kimchi. This activity was organized by a customer-related charity organization with the objective of distributing the Korean pickles to lowincome elderly people living alone and orphans. About 100 volunteers gathered at a church in Anseong City,

Gyeonggi for the activity. Over the course of around four hours, they made roughly 2,000 packs of kimchi and delivered them to social welfare facilities in the city. (December 2, 2017)



Pickling Chinese cabbage

### **Welcoming Students on a Tour** of the Site

On September 22, 2017, 24 students visited our site in Toyama from local universities and technical colleges under the company visit program implemented by the Consortium of Universities in Toyama. The visitors toured the facilities and interacted with alumni employees. The program is held annually to introduce local students to the benefits of working in the prefecture and to increase their awareness about the job market. Three alumni employees spoke about their jobs and the satisfaction they derive from their work, and the students proactively asked questions, making the event a very meaningful one. We also regularly invite students of local senior high schools, including Yatsuo High School, Tonami Technical High School and Koho High School, to tour the facilities.





proactively asked questions

Discussion with alumni employees Q&A session in which students

### **Giving Support to the Owara Kaze-no-Bon** Festival and the Hikiyama Festival

The Toyama Technology & Manufacturing Center gives financial support to the Owara Kaze-no-Bon and Hikiyama festivals as part of its effort to maintain harmony with local communities and contribute to their revitalization.

The Owara Kaze-no-Bon festival is held annually for three days from September 1 in Yatsuo-machi, Toyama City in Toyama Prefecture with the participation of 11 central districts. Citizens of each district perform dances backed by the melancholic melody of Etchu Owara Bushi folk music. Held on May 3, the Hikiyama festival is also an annual

event. It has been held since the middle of the Edo era as the spring festival of Yatsuo Hachiman Shrine. Toyama is famous for these two festivals, which attract crowds of visitors from both inside and outside the prefecture. The financial support provided by the Company for the festivals is partially used to preserve the local traditional culture.



Owara Kaze-no-Bon Festival (in September)



Yatsuo "Hikiyama" Festival (in May)



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## Amphitheater in the area for young scouts

From Kokusai Semiconductor Europe GmbH in Erkrath, Germany, six employees volunteered to participate in an activity to build a wooden theater in an area for social activities of the Royal Rangers (junior scouts). The first amphitheater in the city, completed by a total of 60 rangers

and volunteers, is now quite useful for various social activities of the community. (September 15, 2017)



3D model to study the structure beforehand

### Participating in the Saitama Road Support Program

Since 2015, the Kanto Center of Kokusai Electric Semiconductor Service Inc. has been participating in the "Saitama road support program" implemented by Saitama City as a volunteer activity. Once a month, employees of the Center clean up the roads near the site during lunchtime and other breaks. We will continue conducting the activity to make the surrounding environment even more comfortable. (May 25, 2018)



Cleanup activity conducted in the neighborhood



Collecting trash from inside bushes



Members of the Kanto Center

# Participating in a Local Tree Planting Activity

Hitachi Kokusai Electric (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. sells semiconductor manufacturing equipment and provides related services in China. From its Xi'an Branch, 11 employees participated in a weekend tree planting activity conducted in the Xiangyu Forest Park area located to the

south of Xi'an.

Some employees participating in the activity used shovels and scoops for the first time in their life, devoting considerable time and labor to plant the trees. They enjoyed the activity, however, helping each other to ensure the seedlings were packed down firmly.

Employees who participated in the activity are all looking forward to seeing the seedlings grow into large trees, turning the small, empty hill into a green one.

They felt a strong sense of achievement, both in terms of their cooperation with others and making a contribution to the local community. (March 25, 2017)



Planting activity



Commemorative photo of all participants taken at the end of the activity

## Vladivostok Concert Tour Friendship Activities in "the Japan-Russia Cultural Exchange Year"

Conductor, Mr. Toshio Yanagisawa, known to be active in harmonizing the world by music, and amateur musicians in the Kanto region voluntarily visited the city of Vladivostok on a concert tour recognized as part of the Japan-Russia cultural exchange program.

The orchestra performed both Japanese and Russian folk music and listened to performances by students at S. Prokofiev Memorial School of Music No.1.. At the Far Eastern State Academy of Art Concert Hall, they performed Suite "El amor brujo" by Falla with a Rssian singer, Horn Concerto No. 1 by Mozart, the Piano Concert by Gershwin, and a musical piece by a Japanese composer, earning resounding applause. The members of Consulate-General of Japan and professors of the Academy gave them words of appraisal and gratitude, for the amazing level performance unlike an amateur group. (November 3, 2017)



The double bass player (second from the right on stage) is an employee of the Company

Photo provided by Mr. Takeo Otsuka