

Message from the President



Japan became a signatory country to the Kyoto Protocol (adopted at the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change held in Kyoto, December 1997) in June this year and, at the same time, revised the Law Concerning the Protection of Measures to Cope with Global Warming, clearly showing our commitment to resolve pressing global environmental problems.

The electric utility service industry produces various environmentally damaging materials such as discharged carbon dioxide. However, we at Kyushu Electric Power Co., Inc. consider conservation of the natural environment one of our top priorities, and we are determined to coordinate business growth and environmental protection. We promote all kinds of environmentally friendly industrial methods.

In concrete terms, we have established the environmental management framework, promoted the use of nuclear energy to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, and put into practice zero-waste strategies with the aim of building a recycling-based society. We also promote the Kyushu Homeland Forestation Program in collaboration with local communities. Over the past year, Kyushu Electric Power Group companies worked at many environmentally oriented projects, including the development and improvement of a system of environmental accounting and the promotion of education on energy and the environment.

This “Environment Action Report” is the sixth in our series to date. Our endeavor is to help deepen readers’ understanding of the issues under discussion. The report’s value was greatly enhanced by the substantial contributions of experts and customers from outside the company. Furthermore, it has been checked by a third-party organization to ensure the highest possible level of objectivity and reliability.

We hope to foster environmental activities through increased communication about the environment with a broader audience in the future. I look forward to hearing your opinions and suggestions.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Kamata". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michisada Kamata
President
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