

## II-4 Working with Society

### 1 Status of Kyushu Homeland Forestation Program

As part of its celebration of 50 years since foundation, Kyushu Electric Power began the Kyushu Homeland Forestation Program in Fiscal 2001. The program aims to plant one million trees at sites throughout Kyushu over the next 10 years.

#### Forestation of Onagohata

In April 2002, 12,000 chinquapin, oak and machilus thunbergii saplings were planted in the 3,000m<sup>2</sup> of land surrounding Kyushu Electric Power's Onagohata dam.

- Over 1,400 people from all over Kyushu joined the activity.
- After a thorough field study of the geographical distribution of plants, selections were made for rapidly growing indigenous forest in the land. (This activity is based on the concept of forestation by planting native trees proposed by Dr. Akira Miyawaki, Professor Emeritus of Yokohama National University.)
- Tree planting in Onagohata began in Fiscal 2000. This afforested area and the abundance of nature around it make it ideal for environmental education, and will be used for the Class for Integrated Study, which was introduced in the school curriculum in Fiscal 2002.

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Tree planting in Onagohata

#### Forestation in Aburagi dam surrounding area

Aiming to conserve the natural environment with beautiful green forest, 10,000 wild cherry tree, maple and camellia saplings were planted in the surrounding area of Aburagi dam, where Moso bamboo grows thick and illegal dumping frequently occurs.

- 540 people from the Aburagi dam area beautification group, local authorities and communities as well as Kyushu Electric Power staff members and their families joined the forestation.



Tree planting in Aburagi dam surrounding area

#### Greening project in Fukiage Beach

10,000 Japanese black pine saplings were planted at Fukiage Beach, where trees are damaged by harmful insects.

- A total of 600 people from Kyushu Electric Power and its affiliated companies, NPOs and Kimpo Town were gathered for the project in spite of the drizzling weather.
- Through the project, started in Fiscal 1997 and counted as the 6th for this time, a total of 38,000 trees have been planted.



Tree planting at Fukiage Beach

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##### Participation in the Green Helper training

Kyushu Electric Power has been providing support since Fiscal 1998 for fostering of "Green Helpers", volunteers who hold basic knowledge and skills on greening and forestation, in cooperation with an NPO, the Interchange Association for Promoting Forestation.

- Nine seminars were held at seven areas (Kumamoto, Fukuoka, Saga, Oita, Miyazaki, Kagoshima, Nagasaki) by the end of Fiscal 2002, in which 434 people participated. Those who finished the training program have formed the Green Helpers' Association to participate in the local forest conservation activities as well as supporting the Kyushu Homeland Forestation Program.
- Training sessions are planned to be held in Kumamoto and Saga areas in Fiscal 2003.
- The company also supports the Forestation Program for 100 years, a citizen's activity to restore forest in urban area promoted by the Interchange Association for Promoting Forestation.



#### Forestation activities in Fiscal 2002

Branch	Activity Name	No. of trees	No. of participants	Date of activity	Trees planted
Kitakyushu	Forestation surrounding Aburagi dam	10,000	540	Mar. 16, 2003	Wild cherry tree Maple, Camellia
Fukuoka	Planting of 100,000 trees in Koga City	10,000	1,000	Mar. 8, 2003	Oak
Saga	Forestation of dirtheaps in former Taku coal mine area "Forestation Festival Part II"	2,150	300	Mar. 1, 2003	Chinquapin, Oak
Nagasaki	Forestation volunteers in Unzen/Fugen	10,000	1,390	Nov. 10, 2002	Machilus thunbergii Quercus myrsinaefolia
Oita	Forestation of Onagohata	12,000	1,440	Apr. 29, 2002	Chinquapin, Oak Machilus thunbergii
Kumamoto	Forestation of Kyokushi Village	3,000	160	Nov. 17, 2002	Oak
	Forestation of Minami Oguni Town	3,000	140	Mar. 15, 2003	Oak
	Forestation of Maruyama Park, Yabe Town	3,000	260	Dec. 7, 2002	Zelkova serrata, Maple Wild cherry tree
Miyazaki	Forestation of Takahara Town	3,000	470	Feb. 15, 2003	Zelkova serrata Melia azedarach
	Reforestation project in Hitotsuba Beach	4,000	560	Feb. 27, 2003	Japanese black pine
Kagoshima	Forestation commemorating graduation at Yojo Elementary School	5,000	320	Feb. 2, 2003	Cedar
	Greening project in Fukiage Beach	10,000	600	Mar. 1, 2003	Japanese black pine
	Forestation of Uchinoura	10,000	430	Feb. 9, 2003	Machilus thunbergii Ginkgo
Others	40 places (incl. 23 places where trees were planted during Environment Month)	23,850	3,090	—	—
Total	53	109,000	10,700	—	—