

# Continuous Development of Environmental Management for the entire group

Our group promotes management of the environment internationally, based on the Global Environment Charter. Our group is also engaged in various activities rooted in the principles of the Sustainability Compass, with an environmental management system centered on the Environment Policy Division.

## Acquisition of ISO14001 certificate

We have implemented the environmental management system mainly at factories in our group. The East Japan Division and the West Japan Division, which perform sales and service, acquired ISO14001 certification in August 2007. They are the second non-manufacturing business establishments to acquire the certification after the head office. Hitachi Construction Truck Manufacturing in Canada also acquired ISO14001 certification in November. We will implement the environmental management system at more business establishments including non-manufacturing business establishments.



Mr. Mark Ellis, Personnel Department Director (right) The examiner told us no company had acquired certification at the first examination. We could acquire the certificate at our first attempt thanks to our teamwork and resolve.

## Environmental training

Our group thinks it is vital to train employees in the environment. In fiscal 2007, we provided environmental e-learning on the network for employees to learn about changes in the global environment and our group environmental policy. We held a seminar for relevant employees at group companies in Japan to explain the EU REACH regulations which took effect in June 2007. Eighteen employees in charge of environmental management received training provided by external companies, including training to be Hitachi environmental auditors. We will make efforts to raise the level of activities for environmental conservation.



e-learning at Hitachi Construction Machinery Leasing

## Environmental auditing

We regularly perform environmental audits in our group to promote activities for environmental conservation throughout our group. In fiscal 2007, we conducted environmental audits at eight business establishments of four companies including the Environment Policy Division of Hitachi Construction Machinery, Tsuchiura Works, Kasumigaura Works and Hitachi Construction Machinery (China) In 2007. We performed audits including not only production sites, but also divisions responsible for environmental management and a business establishment outside Japan for the first time. The audits revealed the necessity to improve the global management of the divisions responsible for environmental management, expand employee training and improve management of dangerous goods. Our group will constructively promote activities for environmental conservation internationally, referring to the audit results.

## Participating in Eco-Products 2007

Communication with general citizens is an important issue in environmental management. Our group participated in Eco-Products 2007 held in December 2007 as a member of Hitachi Group. Our group arranged an excavator simulator for visitor use and a diorama of Hi-OSS to introduce our group environmental activities.



Children operating the excavator simulator

Ms. Iizuka, an engineer of Recycling System Division (right) Many children came to the exhibition to learn about the environment. Next time I will prepare a display that is easier for children to understand.



# Overview of the environmental impact associated with business operations

Our group constructively promotes the effective use of resources and the reduction of emissions of materials having a negative effect on the environment. The following are the resources input and emissions at manufacturing establishments and sales and service establishments for FY2007.

