



Wind power and photo-voltaic generators on Miyako Island

Environmental Preservation and Introduction of New Energy Sources

Based on its Environmental Preservation Action Plan, the whole company works hard to implement a range of environmental measures. During the term under review, we endeavored to turn the Ishikawa Thermal Power Station into a model plant, and obtained ISO 14001 certification, the international standard for environmental management systems, in February 1999. We will step up our efforts to obtain certification for all our facilities. For greenhouse gases, while keeping a close eye on the developments in international negotiations on this issue, our Global Environmental Countermeasure Committee debates the most appropriate countermeasures.

We are redoubling our efforts toward the creation of the Okinawa New Energy Generation System, which utilizes environmentally friendly energy, including photovoltaic power,

wind power, and a new type of battery. During the term we finished installation of a total of 12 new wind turbines on Okinawa and Miyako islands, a project begun in April 1998, and are conducting tests with a view to determining the most suitable type of machine for introduction to Okinawa.

In photovoltaic power generation, we continued our studies into amorphous silicon batteries, which could make possible low-cost power generation, and announced the findings of these studies at the Global Photovoltaic Power Generation Conference held in Vienna, Austria.



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