Green Procurement and Purchasing

We are promoting green procurement by preferentially purchasing eco-friendly parts and components and materials from suppliers and green purchasing by preferentially purchasing eco-friendly office supplies and consumables.

Green Procurement Activities

The Casio Group preferentially buys parts with less environmental impacts from environmentally conscious suppliers based on the Casio Group Green Procurement Standard Manual.

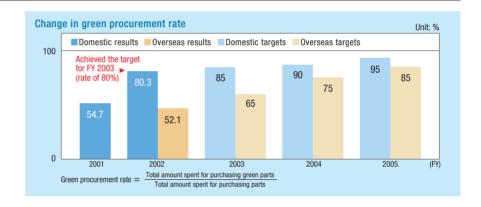
We ask all our suppliers of products, parts, and raw materials to assess the environmental management systems implemented at their factories in light of ISO 14001 as well as the content of

chemical substances, energy- and resource-saving qualities, and recyclability of their products to be purchased by the Casio Group. We started this survey in fiscal 2000. The results reported from suppliers are stored in our database to be used as standards for the preferential procurement of green parts and for the development of green products.



FY 2002 Achievements

The Casio Group had been making efforts to achieve its target of increasing its domestic green procurement rate to 80% in fiscal 2003 as set in its Environmental Action Plan. As of the end of fiscal 2002, the rate reached 80.3%, thus we could achieve the target one year earlier than planned. Also at our overseas sites, we have been conducting green procurement activities based on the same standards as those set domestically.



Future Measures

The current green procurement survey targets the parts already registered with the Casio Group, but in the future, we will also conduct advance surveys on parts that are likely to be adopted by engineers in the Group. We intend to establish a system to develop new products as green products, eliminating the use of specified chemical substances certainly. Also, we will improve the usability of our green parts database so that our engineers can efficiently utilize available environmental information about parts.

Green Purchasing Activities

The Casio Group has introduced the CATS e-P system for the central management of purchasing activities regarding indirect materials (office supplies, fixture for factories, consumables, PC peripheral equipment, software, etc.). Products that are useful for environmental conservation are introduced to employees in online catalogs via the company's Intranet.

We preferentially introduce the products that meet our eco-standards in these online catalogs, certifying them with the Casio Environmental Mark. In this way, employees in charge of purchasing goods can preferentially choose Casio Environmental Mark-certified products.

Also, for recyclable toners and paper

chosen based on the similar ecostandards as internally recommended products, there are special catalog pages for them so that those responsible can easily select and purchase eco-compatible toners and paper. As a result, our green purchasing rate increased to 7.6% during the period from November 2002 to March 2003.



Clean & Green Mark



Screen of the CATS e-P system