



TAIHEIYO CEMENT NEWS LETTER

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Taiheiyo Cement Obtains Highest Rating in DBJ Environmental Rating

Taiheiyo Cement Corporation (hereinafter, the “Company”) is pleased to announce that it has received the highest rating for “especially advanced efforts in consideration for the environment” from the Development Bank of Japan Inc. (hereinafter, “DBJ”) environmental rating, and has received a loan based on the rating. The Company has received the top rank twice before under the DBJ’s environmental rating loan program, and this is the third time for the Company to be recognized.

The DBJ Environmental Rating Loan is the world’s first loan to introduce a specialized “environmental rating,” an approach that evaluates the status of applicant companies’ environmental management through a screening (rating) system developed by the DBJ, selects superior companies, and establishes loan conditions according to the applicants’ scores.

The Company has been active in making effective use of waste materials that contributes to reducing the burden on the environment. In the DBJ environmental rating process, the Company has earned high marks for the initiatives summarized below, with the highest rating for “especially advanced efforts in consideration for the environment.”

- (1) The Company has been active in making a significant contribution to establishing a recycling-oriented society through its core business on the strength of initiatives aimed at promoting the reuse of a range of waste materials and byproducts as raw materials or fuel for cement production, seeking to reduce the environmental impact of the manufacturing process by ensuring stability in cement production and others, and pursuing a range of R&D activities expected to create new value for society.
- (2) The Company has established a CSR Management Promotion System comprising seven special committees, each of which looks to address prioritized agenda based on dialogues with relevant stakeholders to promote highly effective CSR management.
- (3) As a member of an international framework, including the World Business Council for Sustainable Development and Cement Sustainability Initiative (WBCSD-CSI), the Company takes a proactive approach toward dialogues with stakeholders, including experts and third-party rating agents, and making information disclosure that responds precisely to the needs of stakeholders for non-financial information.

Our mission is to contribute to social infrastructure development by providing solutions that are environmentally efficient, enhance our competitive position and bring value to our stakeholders.