



TAIHEIYO CEMENT NEWS LETTER

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Taiheiyo Cement Obtains the Highest Rating for fifth times 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 fourth times before under the DBJ’s environmental rating loan program, and this is the fifth 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 positioned CO2 emissions reduction as an important growth strategy set up an in-house cross-divisional organization to have company-wide discussions including top management, and announced “A framework formulated for our long-range vision of greenhouse gas emissions reduction toward 2050”. Furthermore, company has established a new dedicated organization within the Central Research Laboratory to enhance the research system in order to develop specific technical measures.
- (2) The Company has been active in undertaking environmental management consistent with its core business, seeking to reduce the environmental impact of the manufacturing process through QC circles activities. It meanwhile aspires to establish a recycling-based society by promoting the reuse of waste plastics and a range of waste materials and by-products such as fly ash which are generated when municipal waste is incinerated at incineration plants as raw materials or fuel for cement production using the strength of highly sophisticated recycling technologies.
- (3) The Company has been active in promoting the human resources development who can play an active part in worldwide for the promotion of continuous opening of original technical expert’s training system “Techno-School” and expansion to overseas trainee program including technical occupations and research positions.

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.