



# Contributing to Local Communities

In acknowledgement of our responsibility as a member of society, we contribute through local and international activities around the world.



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## Making Special Contributions to Communities on the Occasion of our 100th Anniversary

Sumitomo Wiring Systems was born in Yokkaichi City, Mie Prefecture, and with the support of our many stakeholders, we have been able to surmount many crises to celebrate our 100th anniversary here. The SWS Group now operates in more than 30 countries and regions. It is important for every employee to recognize their role as a member of society and for the company to contribute to the development of each community as a responsible corporate citizen. Looking ahead, I hope to assist in the creation of a corporate climate that encourages social involvement of 250,000 Group employees by demonstrating my personal commitment to contributing to local communities.

### Basic Approach

The SWS Group is expanding its business in Japan as well as overseas. We recognize that global society consists of a world in which all living beings including people coexist and prosper in partnership with a nurturing environment, and we seek to contribute to this society by achieving success and prosperity through our worldwide business. Keenly aware that we are a member of society, we will help develop local communities as a corporate citizen and actively engage in social contribution activities.

#### » Promoting Social Contribution Activities

Each affiliated company/office is taking a number of steps that correspond with the needs of the community to further invigorate our social contribution activities. In recent years we have encouraged employees to participate in activities sponsored by governments, NPOs and volunteer organizations as well as those organized by the company.

In order to support employee volunteerism, in addition to the volunteer vacation and cafeteria plan programs, we make information available through SWS Group newsletters, which also serve as a forum for communicating and exchanging information on the social contribution activities of the SWS Group.

#### • CSR Activity Awards

Every year the SWS Group reviews the social contribution initiatives of Group companies and recognizes affiliated companies for their exemplary social contribution activities by presenting awards at Group conferences. At these events, it gathers the supervisors of Group companies to encourage these efforts and promote their introduction to other Group companies. In the selection process, we review each activity in terms of its continuity and the level of contribution to the local community and select the activities that we feel merit the highest recognition. This fiscal year, the seventh year of the awards, we recognized the activities of the SWS Suwa Daiko Japanese Drum Team, which has been continuing their social contributions for about 47 years.



SWS Group newsletter



Award ceremony

» Initiatives in Japan

We have adopted a variety of approaches to openly communicating with residents around our head office in Mie Prefecture and in all other regions where we operate. We actively participate in disaster prevention activities, support annual events such as festivals and fireworks shows, and sponsor youth sports.

• Free Loan of Welfare Vehicles

Marking the 100th anniversary of its foundation, and as a means for demonstrating our gratitude to local communities, SWS began to loan welfare vehicles to nonprofit organizations in Kazenoie for free in March 2017 as well as in Nachuran in June of the same year. The company will bear the ongoing maintenance costs of the vehicles to reduce the burden on facilities for the disabled and contribute to a welfare field that has been experiencing a shortage of volunteer activities.

• Promotion of Sports

This year we are supporting the Mie Women's Rugby Football Club, named PEARLS. In fiscal 2016 we recruited seven top athletes who had been members of the national rugby sevens/fifteens of Japan. In March 2017 we donated money and boccia equipment to Mie Prefecture and the Mie Social Welfare Corporation. Boccia is a sport created in Europe for people with severe cerebral palsy or comparable extremity dysfunction. We will actively support the Mie Women's Rugby Football Club, the development of athletes and activities to further expand sports opportunities for the disabled as well as the promotion of sports in general.

• Support for the G7 2016 Ise-Shima Summit

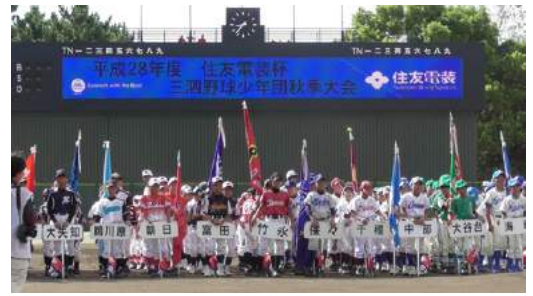
SWS received the Medal with Dark Blue Ribbon in September 2016 for the donation and dispatch of interpreters to the Mie Citizens Council to prepare for accepting the Ise-Shima Summit.

• Mie Hydrogen Station Limited Liability Company (MHS)

In an effort for global environment preservation, SWS established MHS as a joint venture with Japan Transcity Corporation, Mie Toyota Co., Ltd. and Taniguchi Oil Corporation to operate the first mobile hydrogen stations in the prefecture. The goal is to pave the way toward creating an environmentally sound community by supporting the creation of a hydrogen-based society in the prefecture.

» Initiatives Outside of Japan

Our overseas sites are also making social contributions that fit the culture and needs of their locations. Their wide-ranging activities include donating food around the time of Ramadan, bringing Christmas presents to children in foster homes, renovating the exterior walls of elementary schools and supporting cancer patients and environmental protection activities. The number of reported activities was 84 in 2011 and increased to 205 in fiscal 2016, nearly a 2.4-fold increase over the past seven years, excluding corporate activities.



Sumitomo Wiring Systems Cup



Loaned welfare vehicle

Voice

Now We Can Pick up Electric Wheelchair Users

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The staff and users of Kazenoie are profoundly grateful for the free loan of a welfare vehicle. Although we previously had used one light vehicle to pick up our users, we could not load electric wheelchairs. However, thanks to the loan of the welfare vehicle equipped with a lift, we can actively accept electric wheelchair users. Now two of our three wheelchair users are using electric wheelchairs. The welfare vehicle is also very useful for outdoor activities and other events. In the past we had to divide participants into groups at times because we just didn't have enough room. But the other day, all of us could enjoy karaoke and a lunch party together. We will continue to improve our services by making good use of this vehicle.

» Increasing Number of Social Contribution Activities Reported by Group Companies

