

Striving to be a Truly Globally Excellent Company

TEL has a mission to contribute to the development of a sustainable society, making environmental and safety measures top management priorities.



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Our Commitment

1. TEL is adding value and contributing to the creation of a sustainable society.
2. Bearing the utmost respect for humanity, TEL makes human health and safety its top priority, while also taking into account the protection of the global environment.
3. TEL seeks to fulfill its global obligations as a leading company by also making industry-leading efforts on behalf of the environment.

Focused on a Sustainable Society through "Only One" Value Enhancement

TEL conducts business as a supplier of semiconductor and FPD production equipment, among other products, to support the global development of the semiconductor and liquid crystal industries. Since our founding in 1963, we have pioneered technical innovation in the semiconductor industry, and at present, many of our products command the top share of their respective markets globally. Technical innovation of information and communication systems continues to advance, and as it does, TEL maintains its mission to live up to our customers' trust and expectations and contributes to the development of a sustainable society.

A World Leader in Environmental and Safety Measures

At the same time, TEL seeks to be a truly Globally Excellent Company, one that inspires people, both employee and the general public, to think, "Only TEL could have done that!" Our "Respect for Humanity" concept, which has guided the company since it was founded, embodies this desire. Furthermore, in our "People. Technology. Commitment." Corporate Message, respect for humanity is in part defined as making human health and safety the highest priority and giving consideration to the protection of the global environment.

The development of advanced technology and IT has offered unprecedented possibilities to humanity, but misuse of these developments can also cause incalculable damage to the global environment. In addition, one aspect of the rapidly expanding global competition is deterioration of the natural environment. TEL understands that

we must not be remiss in carrying out the environmental and safety measures that can help us minimize such risks.

TEL seeks to be an industry-leading company in areas of the global environment and human health and safety. Therefore, we recognize that world-class obligations have been placed upon us, and that it is our policy to advance environmental and safety measures as a top challenge of management.

A Stronger Environmental Protection System in TEL

TEL and its group actively worked to reduce the environmental impacts of our business activities through a program of ISO14001 certification of production bases and the implementation of Environmental Management Systems (EMSs) in our offices in fiscal 2001.

Moreover, TEL endeavors to develop products exceeding even our customer's most demanding requirements. We do this in part by establishing concrete goals for reducing environmental impact, designing equipment to save energy and footprint, and curbing the use of chemical fluids. Our Process Technology Center, established in 1998, is enhancing our environmental protection technology while it is performing the R&D needed to realize next-generation semiconductor technology.



A Greater Contribution to Society

It is simply no longer possible to view sustainable corporate development as separate from the environment. In recent years, environmental awareness has grown in society, and interest has risen among our employees. TEL is encouraging an environmentally-centered attitude throughout the company by raising employee awareness through environmental and societal contributions closely bound to local community.

Efforts on behalf of the environment necessarily require cooperation within industry. As our Principles on Environmental Preservation state, "We, with our customers and suppliers, shall continuously strive to minimize the impacts of processes and operations on the environment." TEL is confident that, as a leading company, we will improve environmental measures. A particularly important issue facing us now is the recycling of products currently discarded as waste.

This report lists the accomplishments of TEL environmental protection initiatives in fiscal 2001 and offers a preview of directions for future initiatives. We hope that you will learn more about the TEL's efforts and will not hesitate to offer your advice. In turn, we will continue to offer environmental information and strive to be a company that responds sincerely to public opinion and is capable of contributing to a sustainable society.

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Tokyo Electron Group Credo on Environmental Preservation

<The TEL Group Credo on Environmental Preservation>

The Tokyo Electron Group believes that preserving the global environment and constantly improving it is one of the most important objectives for mankind, as well as our business. Based on this credo, we are determined to expand our business by maintaining harmony with the global environment, and thus win the trust of our many customers, shareholders, employees and society in general.

<The TEL Group Principles on Environmental Preservation>

1. Continuous Improvement

TEL is conscious that products manufactured by the TEL Group affect the environment, and based on this awareness, we, with our customers and suppliers, shall continually strive to minimize the impact of processes and operations on the environment.

2. Knowledge

TEL continually strives to enhance its understanding of the impact that the TEL Group has on the environment and the responsibility that this entails. In addition, TEL aims to gain a quantitative grasp of environmental factors, and the impacts resulting from TEL Group activities and operations.

3. Performance Criteria

As well as strictly observing mandatory environmental laws, treaties and agreements, TEL strives to enhance its own environmental management system and improve global environmental preservation programs by the proactive establishment of its own aggressive environmental performance criteria.

4. Disclosure

TEL shares information about its environmental concept, principles and the progress of our contribution toward environmental protection with employees and the general public.

5. Partnership

TEL actively participates in environmental protection activities practiced by our customers, suppliers and communities.

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My Eco-lifestyle

"Being able to spend time out in nature is very special to me. When I'm outdoors in the natural environment, I feel energized and my sense of humanity seems to be revitalized. My usual stress melts away and my outlook on life broadens. At my cabin, tasks like splitting firewood are very refreshing.

"When I think of these things, however, I feel sharply aware of the responsibility our adult generation has for past damage to the natural world. I want our children to have a good future. Therefore I believe that we adults have to act now."