

CSR

The CSR of Shiga Bank

The Bank is aware that “companies are also members of society” so our entire organization is working to pursue corporate social responsibility (CSR) aimed at “the sustainable development of society.”

Specifically, we are developing multifaceted activities based on the three key concepts of “environment,” “welfare,” and “culture” in order to achieve the goals of “mutual prosperity with the regional community,” “mutual prosperity with all employees,” and “harmonious coexistence with the environment” put forth in the CSR Charter (management principles).

An Eco-First enterprise

We are implementing both “environmental management” with a focus on preservation of the global environment, in particular Lake Biwa, and “environmental finance” which promotes environmental preservation and improvement from a financial angle, including through the provision of financial products and services.

The environmental preservation activities we have undertaken as the mission of a bank with its headquarters on the shores of Lake Biwa have been widely recognized, and we became the first company in the finance industry to receive “Eco-First Enterprise” certification from the Ministry of the Environment (July 2008). Going forward we will continue to work for preservation of the environment as an “Eco-First Enterprise.”



Signing the “Principles for Financial Action towards a Sustainable Society”

The Bank agrees with the “Principles for Financial Action towards a Sustainable Society” and signed them in December 2011.

These principles stipulate seven actions that financial institutions should take to build a sustainable society, including “adopting a cautious stance toward investment in businesses for which there is thought to be high risk of a significant negative impact on the environment or society” and “provision of financial products and services leading to the development and increased competitiveness of “industries contributing to a sustainable society.”

Power-saving initiatives

In order to handle power shortages we are implementing power-saving measures in the summer and winter seasons and in summer of fiscal 2012 we will implement these measures from July 2 to September 28. Specifically, we will (i) reduce the lighting in the business rooms by 25%, (ii) set the room temperature to 28°C in summer, (iii) set the brightness of the computers at 40%, and turn the power off or put the computer in standby mode when the user is away from his/her seat.

We reduced the amount of electricity we use by 9.0% in the first half of fiscal 2011 and by 9.6% over the full year from last year.

Donations of relief money to the Great East Japan Earthquake and the Thailand floods

Due to our desire to help the afflicted region recover from the Great East Japan Earthquake we set up collection boxes on the counters in our bank branches and our customers gave a cumulative total of ¥4,346,476 of relief money which we donated to the Shiga Prefecture Community Chest. Furthermore, ¥20,000,000 from the Bank Group and ¥8,897,243 from the executives and employees of the Bank Group were donated to the Japanese Red Cross Society on March 22, 2011 and April 5, 2011, respectively.

Meanwhile, on the occasion of the opening of the Bangkok Representative Office the Bank donated ¥2,000,000 to the Thai Red Cross Society on February 9, 2012 to assist Thailand’s recovery from the Thailand floods.

