

# Corporate Contributions to Society and Support for Cultural Activities

Our fundamental contribution to society is through our business, but we also prioritize active involvement in local communities and society at large. As we state in our Activity Guidelines, we are committed to “contribute to society as a good corporate citizen.” These activities tie into goals outlined in our Management Principles to “achieve prosperity and realize dreams” and to materialize “respect for people.” Our activities for each year are deliberated by the cross-divisional Committee for Promoting Social Contributions.

## Social Contribution Activities

### 1. Scholarship programs

#### 1) Sumitomo Corporation Scholarship

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Company’s start in trading, in 1996 we began extending scholarships to students in 38 universities and graduate schools in 17 Asian countries. We are currently providing scholarships to about 900 students a year. Some of our scholarship recipients are already working as active candidates for leadership of the next generation in various countries.

#### 2) Sumitomo Corporation Fellowship

Since 1991, we have been giving financial assistance every year to selected students from Asia and eastern Europe who are attending the New York University School of Law.

Additionally, overseas offices are taking initiatives independently, such as establishing scholarship programs of their own and making donations for scholarships sponsored by The Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

### 2. Social activities for children at child-care homes

#### 1) Kids Pasocco Club

We donate personal computers to several children’s nursing homes in the Tokyo Metropolitan Area, and send volunteers with other sponsoring companies to teach children how to use the computers.

#### 2) Support for J-League Players Association (JPA) Soccer School

In this school, J-League players teach soccer to children from nursing homes in Tokyo and Osaka. Children not only learn how to enjoy sports, but also improve social skills and discover the importance of teamwork. (Hosted by J-League, J-League Players Association, and local social welfare councils)

### 3. Local community interaction

To promote interaction with the local community, we invite several hundred local residents to company-sponsored classical music concerts. Other activities include volunteering at nursing homes for the aged and environmental preservation activities cosponsored with other companies.

### 4. Donation of goods

Sumitomo Corporation donates its own merchandise as well as items provided by our executives and employees to disaster areas in Japan and overseas, and to single parent homes, nursing homes and schools.

### 5. Support for employee volunteer activities

Many personnel use the volunteer leave system, introduced in 1998, to participate in a wide variety of volunteer activities at home and abroad. Every month, we also plan and carry out activities that our employees can participate in more casually, providing an opportunity for them to become involved in volunteering.

## Cultural Support Activities

### Junior Philharmonic Orchestra

We have been supporting the activities of the Junior Philharmonic Orchestra (JPO) since 1992 as part of “fostering the buds of the future.” JPO is an amateur orchestra of about 120 youths aged between 10 and 22 years old. It is highly reputed internationally, and the JPO gives concerts in Japan and abroad, including the U.S., Europe and China. Many of its members have gone on to become professional musicians.



Scholarship awards ceremony in Phnom Penh, Cambodia