

Independent Opinion

On Reading the Sysmex Sustainability Report 2011

1. Establishment of Environmental Action Plan (Eco-Vision)

In order to move forward toward an “environmentally advanced company” in the healthcare sector, Sysmex is making efforts to reduce the environmental impact that may result from the stages of its business activities, ranging from product design to usage, in a pursuit of harmony with the global environment. To that end, Sysmex formulated the Sysmex Group Environmental Action Plan (Sysmex Eco-Vision 2020), which sets forth long-term environmental objectives toward the target year of 2020. I evaluate this plan highly for its proactive initiatives for promoting global warming countermeasures, effective use of resources and waste reduction, effective use of water resources and others. To achieve these long-term objectives, I look forward to Sysmex’s efforts for establishing a system for incorporating them as mid- and short-term targets and continuously disclosing the levels of achievement.

2. CSR Activities for Emerging Countries

Sysmex is actively providing products and services that match the healthcare needs in emerging countries. These activities are similar to a new business model called BOP (Base of the Economic Pyramid) business, which is expected to contribute continually to the resolution of various social issues pertaining to low income groups in developing countries. They constitute one of the high-priority CSR

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topics that Sysmex will focus on in the future. BOP business enables Sysmex to fulfill its CSR through business operations, and the further advancement of this business model is much anticipated.

3. Establishment of a CSR Management Framework

Sysmex has begun to establish a CSR management framework by building a CSR promotion structure, reviewing high-priority CSR issues and holding CSR opinion exchange meetings, in addition to participating in the United Nations Global Compact, Sysmex’s mid-term management plan has also incorporated strategic CSR activities as a high-priority management topic. The next important step is to embark on efforts to enhance bilateral communication with stakeholders in order to deepen the understanding of their needs. I trust that Sysmex will reflect its efforts to respond to shareholders’ needs and set appropriate targets within its CSR management.

I look forward to seeing further progress in Sysmex’s CSR activities.

In Reply

First of all, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Kokubu for his sincere and judicious opinions.

In order to accomplish our highly evaluated Eco-Vision 2020, we will formulate mid- and short-term targets and plans, and then steadily promote corresponding activities.

For emerging countries and developing countries, we will provide products and services that meet the needs of each country so that our business activities will help in the establishment of local healthcare systems. In addition, we intend to actively address philanthropic activities.

With regard to CSR management, we will respond to the requests and expectations of our stakeholders by

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giving the most serious consideration to the points described by Dr. Kokubu, and then examine high-priority issues and set targets.

We are determined to steadily advance our CSR activities in order to fully meet the expectations of Dr. Kokubu and our stakeholders.