

As members of the communities in which they operate, companies must communicate and work with national and municipal authorities, educational institutions and other organizations to promote efforts that contribute to society.

● Minebea wins energy conservation awards (Thailand)

The Thai government’s Department of Alternative Energy Development and Efficiency recently conducted four energy conservation contests for plants in the kingdom.

Approximately 80 plants participated in the contests. Minebea Group plants came away with several awards. Vutichai Udomkarnjananan, director of Minebea Thai Ltd., who is responsible for environmental management at the Bang Pa-in Plant, received an Energy Conservation Award for Excellence. The Rojana Plant received a Plant Award for Excellence, while the Lop Buri Plant received a Public Relations Award for Excellence.

These awards represent recognition of the active energy conservation efforts of Minebea’s plants in Thailand. The Minebea Group will continue to press forward with these efforts in the future.



Energy Conservation Award for Excellence (Vutichai Udomkarnjananan)



Plant Award for Excellence (Rojana Plant)



Public Relations Award for Excellence (Lop Buri Plant)

● Tree planting event (Lop Buri Plant, Thailand)

To commemorate the 60th anniversary of the reign of Thailand’s monarch, on May 11, 2006, the Lop Buri Plant staged a tree planting event. Employees volunteered to plant trees around buildings No. 4 and No. 8 and the parking area for buses that transport employees to and from work.



Newly planted tree surrounded by employees of the Lop Buri Plant

◎ Cleanup effort on roads used by employees (Karuizawa Plant)

As part of Environment Month held every June, employees of the Karuizawa Plant take part in a cleanup effort on roads around the plant used by employees commuting to and from work. These roads are also used by primary school children traveling to and from school and a number of children also participated in the effort in 2006. The plant will continue to conduct this cleanup as a way to contribute to the local community.



Cleanup of roads around the plant used by employees



◎ Use of returnable containers (NMB Electro Precision, Inc., Japan)

In March 2007, NMB Electro Precision, which has earned “Eco-Niko Office” accreditation from the city of Sendai, given to environment-friendly offices, replaced the disposable packaging materials it had been using with returnable containers, which can be used repeatedly. This move has enabled the company to reduce its emissions of industrial waste. Going forward, the company will promote the development of returnable boxes that use as little packing and packing tape as possible with the aim of further reducing waste and increasing its recycling rate.



Poster produced by the city of Sendai introducing NMB Electro Precision's returnable containers as a model “3R” (“reduce, recycle, reuse”) example