

ITOCHU's Concept of Corporate Social Responsibility

ITOCHU, as a global company, believes that we must be a good corporate citizen not only in Japan but also worldwide and strongly recognizes the need to co-exist with society as a corporate citizen.

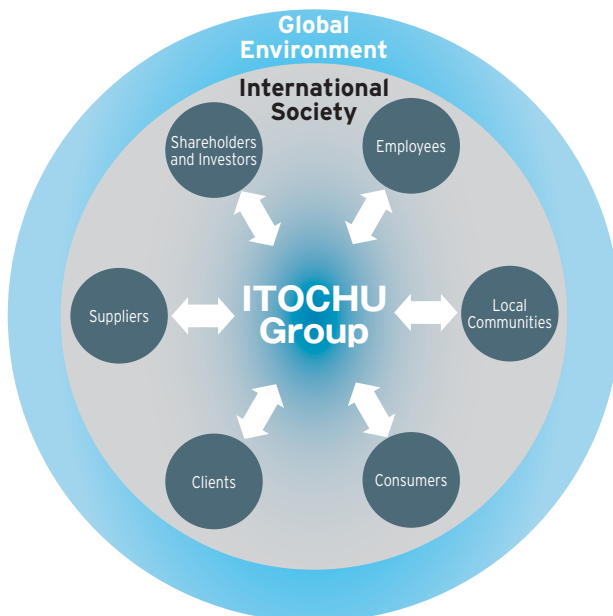
With its business operations expanding into diversified fields and various regions in the world, ITOCHU Group maintains relations with various stakeholders. In order to successfully co-exist with society, we think it most important to grasp the expectations and concerns of these stakeholders through better communication and to reflect them in our daily business operations. We believe that continuing efforts to listen seriously to the voices of our stakeholders and to reflect them in the management will make us a company that is supported, trusted, and needed by society over 10 or even 100 years into the future.

Based on these recognitions, ITOCHU has summed up its concept of corporate social responsibility as follows:

Basic perspective on CSR

As a constituent of society, a corporate enterprise has obligations to fulfill in order to be a good corporate citizen. Therefore, ITOCHU Group must take account of the needs and requests of various stakeholders, and through active communication with them, develop and implement management visions and specific initiatives that benefit society. This shall enable the ITOCHU Group to gain their support and trust as well as to ensure its sustainability.

Major stakeholders of ITOCHU Group



*Besides those noted above, the list of our major stakeholders includes many other parties, such as NGOs and NPOs, financial institutions, government ministries and agencies, mass media, and the coming generations.

Toward effective CSR activity

The core of our CSR activity is a firm desire to contribute to the creation of a sustainable society through our businesses. Promotion of effective CSR activities in our work demands sure execution of specific approaches. To this end, it is indispensable to clearly define targets and draft concrete plans. So we had a series of discussions and have consequently defined the basic policies in the CSR promotion for the duration of ITOCHU's mid-term management plan, "Frontier-2006," as follows.

Basic policies in the CSR promotion activities during "Frontier-2006"

1. Strengthening communication with stakeholders
2. Enhancing safety and reliability in the product, service, and human aspects
3. Promoting CSR-related education and enlightenment

Formulation of CSR action plans

Our seven Division Companies are involved in respectively different industries and fields. We therefore adopted the policy of having each Division Company formulate its own CSR action plan, in the belief that targets had to be set separately for each domain.

*Please see CSR Report (page 9-22) for the action plans of our Division Companies.

Furthermore, concerning company-wide CSR issues that need to be reinforced and addressed, we consider it important to regularly review the progress of CSR promotion from company-wide perspective, identify the issues and tackle them under the headquarters leadership.

*Please see CSR Report (page 29-30) for the action plans of which will be promoted under the headquarters leadership.

The results are to be reviewed biannually for ongoing improvement of the action plans.

In the belief that it is vital to take a group-wide approach to CSR, we are taking steps for the spread of CSR activities from ITOCHU Corporation to our group companies in Japan and, in turn, to those in other countries, by sharing the ITOCHU's CSR perspective and conducting seminars on CSR.