List of Major Group Companies, Number of Stores and Settlement Report

List of Major Group Companies ÆON is a customer-oriented corporate group made up of 182* companies.

Specialty stores	Services	
*COX CO.,LTD.	JUSVEL CO.,LTD.	
*BLUE GRASS Co.,Ltd.	Reform Studio Co.,Ltd.	
	*ZWEI CO.,LTD.	
LAURA ASHLEY JAPAN CO.,LTD.	*ÆON Fantasy Co.,Ltd.	
	ÆON CINEMAS CO.,LTD.	
	Warner Mycal Corporation	
	*ÆON DELIGHT CO.,LTD.	
	*CERTO Corporation	
	Consumer Quality Research Institute Co.,Ltd.	
	ÆON Demonstration Service Inc.	
+		
	Drugstores	
	*CFS Corporation	
	*TSURUHA HOLDINGS Inc.	
	*GLOWELL Holdings Co.,Ltd.	
	*KUSURI NO AOKI CO.,LTD.	
	*Medical Ikkou Co.,Ltd.	
	Welpark Co.,Ltd.	
+	Kraft Inc.	
	Shimizu Drug Co.,Ltd.	
*The Talbots, Inc.	TAKIYA Co.,Ltd.	
Financial services	SC development operations	
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*ÆON CREDIT SERVICE CO.,LTD.	*ÆON Mall Co.,Ltd.	
ÆON BANK, LTD.	LOC DEVELOPMENT CO.,LTD.	
ÆON INSURANCE SEVICE CO.,LTD.	F 0	
*ÆON CREDIT SERVICE (ASIA) CO.,LTD.	E-Commerce businesses	
*ÆON THANA SINSAP (THAILAND) PLC.	ÆON VISITY Co.,Ltd.	
*ÆON CREDIT SERVICE (M) BERHAD		
	Food processing, distribution and other operation	
	AIC Inc.	
	ÆON Global SCM Co.,Ltd.	
	ÆON Product Procurement Co.,Ltd.	
	ÆON Topvalu Co.,Ltd.	
	Cordon Vert Co.,Ltd.	
PT.AEON CREDIT SERVICE INDONESIA	Food Supply JUSCO Co.,Ltd.	
Food Services	Tasmania Feedlot Pty. Ltd.	
*ÆON Eaheart Co.,Ltd.		
	ÇÆON 1% club	
	ÆON Environment Foundation	
	OThe Cultural Foundation of Okada	
	*Public companies	
	*COX CO.LTD. *BLUE GRASS Co.,Ltd. Talbots Japan Co.,Ltd. LAURA ASHLEY JAPAN CO.,LTD. *TAKA:Q Co.,Ltd. *G-FOOT Mega Sports Co.,Ltd. Claire's Nippon Co.,Ltd. ABITIES JUSCO Co.,Ltd. ABITIES JUSCO Co.,Ltd. MIRAIYA SHOTEN CO.,LTD. MYCAL CANTEVOLE Co.,Ltd. EON Bakery Systems Co.,Ltd. ORIGIN TOSHU CO.,LTD. *YAMAYA CORP. PETCITY CO.,LTD. MEGA PETRO Co.,Ltd. AT Japan Co.,Ltd. Branshes Co.Ltd *The Talbots, Inc. Financial services *ÆON CREDIT SERVICE CO.,LTD. #EON INSURANCE SEVICE CO.,LTD. *ÆON THANA SINSAP (THAILAND) PLC. *ÆON CREDIT SERVICE (M) BERHAD ACS CREDIT SERVICE (M) BERHAD ACS CREDIT CARD (TAIWAN) CO.,LTD. ÆON CREDIT SERVICE (CHINA) CO.,LTD.	

On August 21, 2008, ÆON Co.,Ltd. was reborn as a pure holding company. The 182* companies in Japan and overseas form a group of retail businesses that share the "ÆON Basic Principles" and continue to further evolve to be a provider of customer satisfaction. To be a world-class distribution group in FY2010, we have set out long-term targets, namely, the Global 10 Strategy, in which we aim to become one of the top ten retail companies in the world, both in name and in substance. We will achieve this goal by adopting a strategy of group-wide innovation and by pushing ahead with the creation of new businesses, integration and reorganization, and the innovative allocation of human resources. Focusing on Asia, particularly China, we will emphasize localization and community-based business management and on improving our group-wide business performance. *As of February 28, 2009

Number of Stores and Settlement Report*1

Number of stores	FY2008	FY2007
General-merchandise stores (GMS)*2	966	942
Supermarkets	1,059	1,001
Supercenters	16	14
Department stores	1	1
Home centers	80	69
Convenience stores*3	3,270	3,082
Specialty stores	4,748	4,518
Financial services	395	233
Food services	505	533
Services	1,116	1,069
Drugstores*4	2,342	1,730

	Settlement term (year and month)	(millions of yen)
	February 2005	4,195,843
Operating	February 2006	4,430,285
revenue	February 2007	4,824,775
(consolidated)	February 2008	5,167,366
	February 2009	5,230,786
	February 2005	146,777
Operating	February 2006	166,105
profit	February 2007	189,728
(consolidated)	February 2008	156,040
	February 2009	124,373
	February 2005	156,099
	February 2006	175,989
Net profit (consolidated)	February 2007	188,303
	February 2008	166,326
	February 2009	126,030

^{*1} From the fiscal year ending February 2009, ÆON Co.,Ltd. changed its fiscal year end from February 20 to the last day of February.

Also, from the current period onwards, the number of stores operated by each Group company will indicate the number as of the end of the fiscal year.

^{*2} The term "general merchandise store" refers to a shop similar to a mass retail outlet with an extensive line-up of food, clothing and shelter products.

^{*3} The number of convenience stores includes franchised stores.

^{**} The number of drugstores excludes ÆON Co., Ltd. stores that handle pharmaceuticals. With the exception of TAKIYA Co., Ltd., ÆON Welcia Stores are not consolidated with ÆON.

List of ISO-Certified Companies, ISO Targets and Performance

List of ISO-Certified Companies (As of February 28,2009)

ÆON Co.,Ltd.		ISO14001	RYKYU JUSCO CO.,LTD.		ISO14001	Consumer Quality Research Institute Co.,Ltd.	ISO9001	1
Maxvalu Tohoku Co.,Ltd.		ISO14001	Maxvalu Kyushu Co.,Ltd.		ISO14001	Qingdao ÆON Dongtai Co.,Ltd.	ISO9001	1 1 1 1
Certo Corporation		ISO14001	MINISTOP CO.,LTD.		ISO14001	Guangdong JUSCO Teem Stores Co.,Ltd.	ISO9001	1
Food Supply JUSCO Co.,Ltd.		ISO14001	Maxvalu Hokkaido Co.,Ltd.		ISO14001	Shenzhen ÆON Co.,Ltd.	ISO9001	1
Maxvalu Nishinihon Co.,Ltd.		ISO14001	ÆON DELIGHT CO.,LTD.	ISO9001	ISO14001	MYCAL CORPORATION		ISO14001
Maxvalu Chubu Co.,Ltd.	ISO9001	ISO14001	LAURA ASHLEY JAPAN CO.,LTD.		ISO14001	The Maruetsu, Inc.*		ISO14001
AIC Inc.		ISO14001	Mega Sports Co.,Ltd.		ISO14001	ÆON Hokkaido Co.,Ltd.		ISO14001
ÆON Mall Co.,Ltd.		ISO14001	ÆON SUPERCENTER Co.,Ltd.		ISO14001	ÆON Global SCM Co.,Ltd.		ISO14001
ÆON Kyushu Co.,Ltd.		ISO14001	BLUE GRASS Co.,Ltd.		ISO14001	ÆON Retail Co.,Ltd.		ISO14001
ÆON CREDIT SERVICE CO.,LTD.	ISO9001	ISO14001	Maxvalu Tokai Co.,Ltd.		ISO14001			1 1 1 1 1

^{*}Head office and 190 stores

ÆON Retail Co., Ltd. FY2008 ISO 14001 Targets and Performance

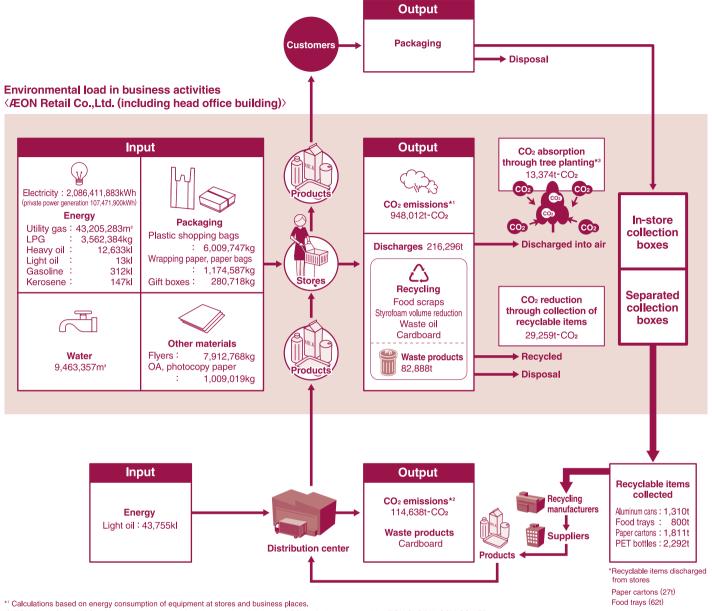
○=Achieved,

△=Did not achieve, but will continue to make efforts

Environmental Policies	Targets	Performance (as of March 2009)	Rate in Excess of Attainment	Evaluation	Department Responsible
	(1) Achieve a 25% refusal rate for plastic shopping bags.	(1) Achieved 30.13% rate of customers bringing their own shopping bags with respect to the 25% target.	120.5%	0	Department of Environment and Social Contribution
Work together with customers.	(2) Increase the amount of recyclable items collected at stores to 1.2 times that of the FY2007 amount.	(2) Performance of 101.53%.	84.6%	Δ	Department of Environment and Social Contribution
	(3) Implement tree-planting activities as part of the "ÆON Hometown Forest" program on an ongoing basis. Target number of trees in FY2008: 275,000.	(3) Carried out tree planting of 617,087 trees across 49 locations.*	224.4%	0	Department of Environment and Social Contribution
Provide environmentally conscious products.	Increase sales of environmentally friendly products.	Green Eye: 26,082 Kyokan Sengen: 2,548 SELF + SERVICE: 1,613 *As a result of active efforts in expanding the number of items, product renewals and expanded product facing, sales far outpaced the previous year's performance of 10,506 (millions of yen).	_	0	Corresponding product departments
(1) 5% reduction in energy-related	(1) 5% reduction in energy-related CO₂ emissions	(1)-1 CO ₂ Emissions Target: 922.676 tons of CO ₂ Performance: 948.012 tons of CO ₂	102.7%	Δ	Facility Management
	compared to FY2006. 1% reduction in electricity consumption compared to FY2007.	(1)-2 Electricity Target : 2.015 billion kWh consumption Performance : 2.086 billion kWh	103.5%	Δ	Group, General Affairs Division
Implement store management that minimizes environmental load.	(2) Inspect Eco Stores opened in FY2007 and open new Eco Stores in FY2008.	(2) Two stores were opened. At ÆON Laketown, solar panels covering 4,000m², the largest area covered by solar panels in a Japanese commercial facility, were installed. At the Hiezu Store, energy saving equipment was installed to reduce CO ₂ emissions by over 2,000 tons.	_	0	Department of Environment and Social Contribution Construction Department
	(3) Keep the rate of sales losses from discarding products under 1%.	(3) Achieved a rate of 0.91% with respect to the target of 1%.	91%	0	Store Operations Department
	(4) At general-merchandising stores opened in FY2008, use at least 10% of the available quantity of products obtained through green procurement across the entire property. In addition, further increase the number of such items.	(4) In the 15 items obtained through green procurement, a utilization rate of 10% was achieved. Efforts are ongoing with respect to expanding the number of items.	_	0	Construction Department

^{*} The figure provided as the number of trees planted under the AEON Hometown Forest program is a total for the AEON Group.

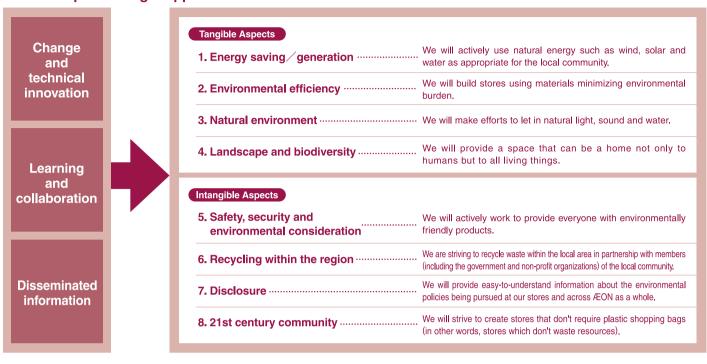
Flow of Environmental Impact in Business Activities (for ÆON Retail Co.,Ltd.)



^{*2} ÆON Retail Co., Ltd. CO2 emissions are calculated from the transit and delivery of CO2 emissions managed by ÆON GLOBAL SCM CO., LTD.

 $^{^{\}star \circ}$ Calculated based on the group-wide total number of trees planted under the "ÆON Hometown Forest" program.

The concepts and eight approaches of Eco Stores



The Progress of Eco Stores and Eco Shopping Centers

	Shopping Center (SC) Name		Solar Panels	Energy Saving Measures	CO ₂ Reduction Rate* (SC Overall)	Amount of CO ₂ Reductions (Annual)
February The Kyoto Protocol comes into effect Commitment Period: 2008 ~ 2012 2005	Opened May 2005 ÆON Chikusa SC ÆON Co,Ltd. (now ÆON Retail Co,Ltd.) • ÆON's first eco store	1st Store Aichi Prefecture	7.5kW	Introduction of high-efficiency turbo freezers Well water utilization Introduction of an eco-system for food product freezers	10%	729 tons of CO ₂ (Actual value)
2006	Opened May 2006 ÆON Kashiwa SC ÆON Co.,Ltd. (now ÆON Retail Co.,Ltd.) • First eco store in the Kanto region	2nd Store Chiba Prefecture	8kW	Introduction of ice thermal storage system through nighttime power utilization Introduction of energy-efficient air conditioning system Well water utilization	16%	1,656 tons of CO ₂ Actual value
2006	Opened October 2006 ÆON Dainichi SC ÆON Co.,Ltd. (now ÆON Retail Co.,Ltd.) • First eco store in the Kansai region	3rd Store Osaka	14.3kW	Introduction of natural gas cogeneration system Introduction of energy-efficient air conditioning system	8.3%	2,304 tons of CO ₂ (Actual value)
2007	Opened October 2007 ÆON Kagoshima SC ÆON Kyushu Co.,Ltd. • First eco store in Kyushu	4th Store Kagoshima Prefecture	140kW	Introduction of ice thermal storage system through nighttime power utilization Introduction of energy-efficient air conditioning system Introduction of LED-powered sign lighting	12.8%	1,507 tons of CO ₂ (Actual value)
March ÆON Manifesto on the Prevention of Global Warming	Opened June 2008 Taki Crystal Town SC Maxvalu Chubu Co.,Ltd. • First Maxvalu eco store	5th Store Mie Prefecture		Introduction of inverter freezers (ice thermal storage control) Introduction of LED-powered sign lighting	Over 15%	438 tons of CO ₂ Target value
July Toyako Summit	Opened July 2008 AEON Tomakomai SC AEON Hokkaido Corporation First conversion of an existing store	6th Store Hokkaido	88.4kW	Introduction of natural gas cogeneration system Introduction of energy-efficient air conditioning system Introduction of an eco-system for food product freezers	Over 20%	3,015 tons of CO ₂ Target value
2008	Opened October 2008 AEON Laketown MORI zone certified for "S" ranking under the CASBEE system.	7th Store Saitama Prefecture	487kW	Introduction of hybrid gas eco system Introduction of ice thermal storage system through nighttime power utilization Introduction of energy-efficient air conditioning system Introduction of LED-powered sign lighting	Over 20%	9,000 tons of CO ₂ Target value
	Opened October 2008 ÆON Hiezu SC ÆON Retail Co.,Ltd. • Additional floor space added to an existing store	8th Store Tottori Prefecture	100kW	Introduction of high-efficiency turbo freezers (existing store section) Introduction of ice thermal storage system through nighttime power utilization (newly-built store section) Introduction of LED-powered sign lighting	Over 20%	2,132 tons of CO ₂ Target value
*Compared with existing fac-	Opened November 2008 ÆON Mall Kusatsu ÆON Mall Co.,Ltd. First eco store in Kyushu	Shiga Prefecture	200kW	Introduction of ice thermal storage system through nighttime power utilization Introduction of night purge ventilation Rain and well water utilization	Over 10%	3,027 tons of CO ₂

^{*} Compared with existing facilities of the same size.

Carbon Offsetting

FY2008 Carbon Offsetting Plan

tons of CO₂

	Plan	Amount of CO ₂ emission rights purchased
	ÆON Eco-world Club (First half of 2008)	2,516
Product	ÆON Eco-world Club (Second half of 2008)	2,207
	Year-end eco-gifts	1,560
Other	Proceeds from charging for plastic shopping bags	370

(Reference) Carbon offsetting

Carbon offsetting is a concept involving efforts to reduce the amount of CO₂ emissions that we produce, and for those that cannot be avoided in our daily lives and through economic activity, we estimate the total amount and purchase the equivalent amount of CO₂ emissions credits, thereby making up for the CO₂ emissions we have caused.

The AEON Eco-world Club

This initiative has been run at around 260 JUSCO stores, under the direct management of ÆON Retail Co., Ltd.

Under the scheme, ÆON works in collaboration with its suppliers to contribute a portion of the sales from designated food products and daily commodities towards the purchase cost of CO₂ emissions credits (First half of the year: a small-scale power generation plant project in Brazil; Second half of the year: a wind power generation project in India), and then donates the purchased CO₂ emissions credits to the government.

*Product pricing remains the same and is not affected by the costs of purchasing CO2 emissions credits.

Year-end eco-gifts

With the assumption that 1,560 tons of CO₂ emissions (estimated using data from a major delivery and transportation company on CO₂ emissions produced while delivering year-end gifts to homes) are produced when delivering gifts to their destinations, AEON worked in partnership with 290 suppliers to purchase CO₂ emissions credits (wind power generation project in India) equivalent to the emissions produced, and donated them to the government.

*No additional fees were added to the price or delivery charges for the year-end gift products.

Proceeds from charging for plastic shopping bags (FY2008 actual proceeds from charging for plastic shopping bags : ¥12,199,565)

A half of proceeds (sales price – (consumption tax + initial cost)) from the sale of plastic shopping bags were contributed towards the purchase price of CO₂ emissions credits, and the purchased emission quotas were then donated to the government.

*The remaining half of proceeds from the sale of the bags was donated to environmental conservation efforts through local governments and other organizations in the communities in which the stores were located.

Discontinuing the Free Provision of Plastic Shopping Bags

FY 2008 Plastic shopping bag refusal rates by Group company

percentage

Company name	Last month of FY 2006	Last month of FY 2007	Last month of FY 2008
ÆON Co., Ltd. / ÆON Retail Co.,Ltd.*1	15.26	22.97	38.27
ÆON Hokkaido Corporation 〈POSFUL Corporation〉*2	3.34	14.91	87.06
ÆON Kyushu Co.,Ltd. 〈Mycal Kyushu Corporation〉*3	8.41	17.84	55.63
RYUKYU JUSCO CO.,LTD.	6.27	14.77	80.02
MYCAL CORPORATION	10.63	20.65	27.31
Maxvalu Hokkaido Co.,Ltd. ⟨Joy Co., Ltd.⟩*4	16.93	15.94	83.70
Maxvalu Tohoku Co.,Ltd.	13.76	18.62	59.40
Maxvalu Tokai Co.,Ltd.	11.01	15.97	41.50
Maxvalu Chubu Co.,Ltd. *5	19.80	24.97	60.12
Maxvalu Nishinihon Co.,Ltd.	13.56	17.77	36.88
Maxvalu Kyushu Co.,Ltd.	4.95	7.71	24.70
KOHYO CO.,LTD. *6	_	_	17.40
ÆON SUPERCENTER Co.,Ltd.	9.18	19.32	31.81
SUNDAY CO.,LTD.	0.73	1.31	28.18
Average shopping bag refusal rate *7	10.30	16.37	48.00

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FY 2008 Reduction in number of plastic shopping bags issued by Group company

Units: In thousands of bags (rounded to the nearest thousand)

Company name	Last month of FY 2006	Last month of FY 2007	Last month of FY 2008
ÆON Co.,Ltd. /ÆON Retail Co.,Ltd.*1	174,690	234,920	357,930
ÆON Hokkaido Corporation 〈POSFUL Corporation〉*2	1,540	8,096	45,459
ÆON Kyushu Co.,Ltd. 〈Mycal Kyushu Corporation〉*3	9,038	19,162	48,861
RYUKYU JUSCO CO.,LTD.	1,547	2,951	13,055
MYCAL CORPORATION	28,197	61,002	86,988
Maxvalu Hokkaido Co.,Ltd. 〈Joy Co.,Ltd.〉*4	10,959	13,364	39,177
Maxvalu Tohoku Co.,Ltd.	8,709	18,946	27,674
Maxvalu Tokai Co.,Ltd.	5,330	7,740	23,057
Maxvalu Chubu Co.,Ltd. *5	18,421	22,588	49,925
Maxvalu Nishinihon Co.,Ltd.	19,430	21,420	41,940
Maxvalu Kyushu Co.,Ltd.	5,715	9,235	21,666
KOHYO CO.,LTD. *6			1,997
ÆON SUPERCENTER Co.,Ltd.	2,670	4,976	9,005
SUNDAY CO.,LTD.	55	103	410
Total reduction in plastic shopping bags (total for 14 consolidated companies)	286,301	424,502	767,144
Resource saving effect (Equivalent in 200L oil drums)*7	26,197 drums	38,842 drums	70,194 drums

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^{*2} On August 21, 2007, ÆON Hokkaido Corporation began as the integrated operator of Posful, Jusco and ÆON Supercenters in Hokkaido. Results for FY2006 and the first half of FY2007 are from POSFUL Corporation, and those from the second half of FY2007 are from ÆON Hokkaido Corporation.

^{*3} On August 21, 2007, ÆON Kyushu CO.,LTD. merged with Mycal Kyushu Corporation, with ÆON Kyushu CO.,LTD. as the surviving company. FY 2006 and the first half of FY 2007 do not include figures from Mycal Kyushu Corporation.

^{**}On April 1, 2008, Maxvalu Hokkaido Co., Ltd. merged with Joy Co., Ltd., with Maxvalu Hokkaido Co., Ltd. as the surviving company. FY2006 and FY2007 do not include figures from Joy Co., Ltd.

^{**} Results cover the following periods. FY2006: April 2006 to March 2007; FY2007: April 2007 to January 2008 (10 months); FY2008: February 2008 to January 2009.

^{**}On December 14, 2007, KOHYO Co.,Ltd. became an ÆON Group company. On July 21, 2008, operation of ÆON Co.,Ltd. and Maxvalu stores in the Keihanshin region (Osaka, Kobe and Kyoto) was transferred to KOHYO Co.,Ltd. The FY 2008 figures reflect the results from the second half of the year only.

^{*7} Simple average of shopping bag refusal rates calculated by 14 consolidated companies for the final month of each fiscal year.

^{*}On August 21, 2007, ÆON Hokkaido Corporation began as the integrated operator of Posful, Jusco and ÆON Supercenters in Hokkaido. Results for FY2006 and the first half of FY2007 are from POSFUL Corporation, and those from the second half of FY2007 are from ÆON Hokkaido Corporation.

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^{*7} See Page 12 of the ÆON Sustainability Report 2009 for details on the calculation method.

ÆON Happy Yellow Receipt Campaign

FY2008 Donations by Group Company

Amounts of less than 10,000 yen have been rounded

Company name	Number of stores running the campaign	Number of organizations registered*	Amount of deposited receipts	Corresponding amount donated
ÆON Retail Co.,Ltd.	565	16,552	¥14.85803 billion	¥149.18 million
ÆON Hokkaido Corporation	30	1,205	¥2.32434 billion	¥23.31 million
ÆON Kyushu Co.,Ltd.	89	1,727	¥818.8 million	¥8.19 million
RYUKYU JUSCO CO.,LTD.	33	45	¥147.33 million	¥1.48 million
MYCAL CORPORATION	108	2,654	¥5.91208 billion	¥59.32 million
Maxvalu Hokkaido Co.,Ltd.	73	184	¥369.59 million	¥3.7 million
Maxvalu Tohoku Co.,Ltd.	27	247	¥120.13 million	¥1.2 million
Maxvalu Tokai Co.,Ltd.	75	567	¥406.46 million	¥4.09 million
Maxvalu Chubu Co.,Ltd.	41	1,006	¥372.42 million	¥3.88 million
Maxvalu Nishinihon Co.,Ltd.	145	404	¥541.62 million	¥5.43 million
Maxvalu Kyushu Co.,Ltd.	106	70	¥482.56 million	¥4.83 million
KOHYO CO.,LTD.	15	203	¥99.31 million	¥1 million
ÆON SUPERCENTER Co.,Ltd.	17	383	¥232.62 million	¥2.33 million
Bon Belta Co.,Ltd.	1	25	¥2.94 million	¥30,000
ÆON Mall Co.,Ltd.	30	1,237	¥419.76 million	¥4.2 million
Total for 15 companies	1,355	26,509	¥27.10799 billion	¥272.17 million

^{*} Number of organizations registered : A combined total for the number of organizations registered in the first and second halves of the year is shown.

Fundraising Activities

By appealing to customers in our stores and by spreading awareness among ÆON staff, ÆON is actively raising funds to support a variety of efforts around the world including disaster relief and environmental conservation activities.

Main fundraising activities (Japan)

Activity	Activity period	Participating Companies	Funds raised from customers and employees	ÆON Contributions	Total amount	Donees
Fundraising to support victims of the earthquake in China's Sichuan Province	May 14,2008 - June 1,2008	56 ÆON Group companies	¥84,316,341	¥85,000,000	¥169,316,341 2,019.35 yuan (approx. 31,000 yen)	Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Japan
Funds to support construction of schools in Laos	April 21, 2008 – April 13, 2008 June 2, 2008 – June 30, 2008	55 ÆON Group companies	¥52,529,485	¥68,225,806	¥120,755,291	The Japan Committee for UNICEF
24-hour television	July 4, 2008 — September 7, 2008	71 ÆON Group companies	¥304,872,486	_	¥304,872,486	Nippon Television Network Corporation "24-Hour Television Charity Committee"
"Put the brakes on global warming! Return ice to the polar bears" Christmas wrapping campaign	November 14, 2008 — December 25, 2008	32 ÆON Group companies	¥12,040,668	¥12,000,000	¥24,040,668	World Wide Fund for Nature Japan
"Eliminate landmines and cluster bombs!" campaign	February 1, 2009 — March 31, 2009	70 ÆON Group companies	¥57,404,489	¥57,500,000	¥114,904,489	Association for Aid and Relief, Japan
Total Amount			¥511,163,469	¥222,725,806	¥733,889,275	

Continuous fundraising activities

Activity	Activity period	Funds raised from customers and employees	Accumulated funds	Donee
Red Feather Community Chest	October 1, 2008 — October 31, 2008	¥14,669,425	¥165,863,344 (1983 - 2008)	The Central Community Chest of Japan

In-store Collection of Recyclable Items

FY2008 Collected Amounts (Milk cartons) by Group Company

tons (lesser amounts rounded to the nearest ton)

Company name	Last month of FY 2006	Last month of FY 2007	Last month of FY 2008
ÆON Co.,Ltd. /ÆON Retail Co.,Ltd. *1	1,811	1,927	2,008
ÆON Hokkaido Corporation 〈POSFUL Corporation〉*2	17	28	45
ÆON Kyushu Co.,Ltd. 〈Mycal Kyushu Corporation〉*3	110	129	157
RYUKYU JUSCO CO.,LTD.	28	22	32
MYCAL CORPORATION	149	165	329
ÆON Marche Co.,Ltd.	3	20	23
Maxvalu Hokkaido Co.,Ltd. 〈Joy Co.,Ltd.〉*4	75	72	69
Maxvalu Tohoku Co.,Ltd.	76	55	87
Maxvalu Tokai Co.,Ltd.	76	103	132
Maxvalu Chubu Co.,Ltd. *5	129	121	170
Maxvalu Nishinihon Co.,Ltd.	559	582	606
Maxvalu Kyushu Co.,Ltd.	111	111	119
KOHYO CO.,LTD. *6			36
ÆON SUPERCENTER Co.,Ltd.	30	38	56
Bon Belta Co.,Ltd.		_	_
Total (Total for 15 consolidated companies)	3,175	3,374	3,867

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FY2008 Collected Amounts (Food trays) by Group Company/tons

tons (lesser amounts rounded to the nearest ton)

Company name	Last month of FY 2006	Last month of FY 2007	Last month of FY 2008
ÆON Co.,Ltd. /ÆON Retail Co.,Ltd. *1	800	745	810
ÆON Hokkaido Corporation 〈POSFUL Corporation〉*2	13	14	21
ÆON Kyushu Co.,Ltd. 〈Mycal Kyushu Corporation〉*3	60	68	88
RYUKYU JUSCO CO.,LTD.	8	12	18
MYCAL CORPORATION	76	82	149
ÆON Marche Co.,Ltd.	1	8	8
Maxvalu Hokkaido Co.,Ltd. 〈Joy Co.,Ltd.〉*4	37	36	39
Maxvalu Tohoku Co.,Ltd.	54	41	61
Maxvalu Tokai Co.,Ltd.	33	43	72
Maxvalu Chubu Co.,Ltd. *5	62	64	94
Maxvalu Nishinihon Co.,Ltd.	106	113	122
Maxvalu Kyushu Co.,Ltd.	118	137	160
KOHYO CO.,LTD. *6		<u>—</u>	19
ÆON SUPERCENTER Co.,Ltd.	9	27	39
Bon Belta Co.,Ltd.			
Total (Total for 15 consolidated companies)	1,378	1,391	1,703

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FY2008 Collected Amounts by Group Company: Aluminum cans

tons (lesser amounts rounded to the nearest ton)

Company name	Last month of FY 2006	Last month of FY 2007	Last month of FY 2008
ÆON Co.,Ltd. / ÆON Retail Co.,Ltd. *1	1,310	1,328	1,393
ÆON Hokkaido Corporation 〈POSFUL Corporation〉*2	24	19	13
ÆON Kyushu Co.,Ltd. (Mycal Kyushu Corporation) *3	86	116	145
RYUKYU JUSCO CO.,LTD.	7	6	6
MYCAL CORPORATION	35	85	136
ÆON Marche Co.,Ltd.	1	4	4
Maxvalu Hokkaido Co.,Ltd. 〈Joy Co.,Ltd.〉*4	82	75	60
Maxvalu Tohoku Co.,Ltd.	86	68	105
Maxvalu Tokai Co.,Ltd.	52	70	144
Maxvalu Chubu Co.,Ltd. *5	80	88	89
Maxvalu Nishinihon Co.,Ltd.	475	487	507
Maxvalu Kyushu Co.,Ltd.	190	56	49
KOHYO CO.,LTD. *6		<u>—</u>	9
ÆON SUPERCENTER Co.,Ltd.	25	38	43
Bon Belta Co.,Ltd.	2		
Total (Total for 15 consolidated companies)	2,454	2,439	2,704

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FY2008 Collected Amounts by Group Company: PET bottles

tons (lesser amounts rounded to the nearest ton)

Company name	Last month of FY 2006	Last month of FY 2007	Last month of FY 2008
ÆON Co.,Ltd. /ÆON Retail Co.,Ltd. *1	2,292	2,498	2,610
ÆON Hokkaido Corporation 〈POSFUL Corporation〉*2	8	11	18
ÆON Kyushu Co.,Ltd. 〈Mycal Kyushu Corporation〉*3	93	160	224
RYUKYU JUSCO CO.,LTD.			1
MYCAL CORPORATION	127	234	338
ÆON Marche Co.,Ltd.	3	27	32
Maxvalu Hokkaido Co.,Ltd. 〈Joy Co.,Ltd.〉*4	79	82	55
Maxvalu Tohoku Co.,Ltd.			71
Maxvalu Tokai Co.,Ltd.	23	124	226
Maxvalu Chubu Co.,Ltd. *5	267	284	400
Maxvalu Nishinihon Co.,Ltd.	918	1,014	1,070
Maxvalu Kyushu Co.,Ltd.			
KOHYO CO.,LTD. *6			35
ÆON SUPERCENTER Co.,Ltd.	57	65	88
Bon Belta Co.,Ltd.	3	2	2
Total (Total for 15 consolidated companies)	3,870	4,500	5,169

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ÆON Supplier Code of Conduct (Business code of conduct)

Fulfilling Social Responsibilities in the Manufacturing Process

We at ÆON guarantee customers the safety and reliability of our TOPVALU private brand. In order to uphold that guarantee, we believe that we not only have a duty in quality control, but also in social responsibility in the manufacturing process, and have formulated our own Supplier Code of Conduct to cover our outsourced manufacturers, and encourage their compliance. The code ensures that suppliers comply with laws and regulations in each country or region. It also ensures that the human rights of employees are respected in a safe and healthy work environment, and that products are made in an environment in which working conditions and wages are guaranteed. Meeting these criteria leads to risk aversion and produces mutual benefits for both ÆON and its suppliers, all necessary conditions for ÆON as it expands its global operational presence.

Since the ÆON Supplier Code of Conduct was established in 2003, we have conducted briefings and made requests for compliance to approximately 500 TOPVALU suppliers domestically and overseas to date. As a result, we have received compliance declarations from 500 companies.

System of Monitoring by Employees

We have also established a support system that allows employees to lodge complaints by email and fax to an external assessment body dealing with the Code of Conduct when violations of the Code of Conduct requirements or instances of noncompliance are found. The ÆON Supplier Code of Conduct prescribes that the Code of Conduct External Assessment Body deal with these complaints from employees in strict confidence, and that the reporting employee is protected from the employer. Moreover after the investigation, the assessment body then calls on the company concerned to correct the noncompliance issues pointed out in the complaint.

The ÆON Supplier Code of Conduct is an initiative that also leads to employee-driven environmental improvements, and these mechanisms have also helped the TOPVALU brand receive acclaim for its safety and security.

Audits by Third Parties and a Support System for Corrective Measures

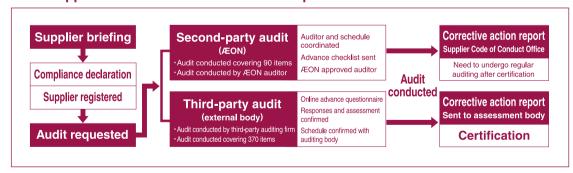
The ÆON Supplier Conduct of Conduct contains second-party audits by ÆON auditing staff and third-party audits performed by external specialist auditing bodies to ensure compliance with its requirements. Either second-party or third-party audits are implemented on an ongoing basis. As of February 28, 2009, the number of factories having undergone third-party audits numbered 943. Company briefing sessions for corrective measures are implemented continually to cover the areas requiring improvement, and a framework is in place where we work together with our business partners to establish accountability in our products, including providing business partners with support for making improvements.

Requirements of the ÆON	Child labor Illegal child labor is prohibited.	6. Discipline Employers must not impose harsh discipline on their employees.	11.Business dealings Suppliers are asked to observe laws and
Supplier Code of Conduct (Business code of conduct)	2. Forced labor Forced, prison or restricted labor is prohibited.	7. Working hours Laws and regulations on working hours must be observed.	regulations governing business dealings.
Suppliers are requested to comply with the statutory standards of social responsibility	3. Occupational safety, hygiene and health A safe and healthy workplace must be provided.	8. Wages and benefit packages Laws and regulations on wages and benefit packages must be observed.	12.Certification, auditing and monitoring Suppliers are asked to receive certification, auditing and
enacted in their respective countries.	Freedom of association and the right of collective bargaining	Management responsibility Suppliers are asked to sign a pledge to observe the ÆON Supplier Code of Conduct.	monitoring under the ÆON Supplier Code of Conduct.
Legal compliance Comply with laws and regulations of relevant countries	Employees' rights must be respected. 5. Discrimination Employers must not discriminate against employees on the basis of religious belief or birth attributes, such as race.	10.The environment Suppliers are asked to prevent and control environmental contamination and destruction.	13.Prohibition of gift giving Gift giving between ÆON employees and our suppliers is prohibited.

Cumulative Total Number of Code of Conduct-Certified Factories (the cumulative total of factories obtaining certification as a result of third-party audits)

FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
72 factories	211 factories	471 factories	732 factories

ÆON Supplier Code of Conduct-certification procedure





Scene of an audit

Individual Support Briefing Sessions

	Dates Held	Number of Attendees
Code of Conduct Individual Support Briefing Session (Japan)	March 2008 - January 2009 Held 9 times	Total of 108 companies

Product Department Staff Training

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	Staff Targeted	Dates Held	Number of Attendees
AEON Supplier Code of Conduct	AEON Business School	March 2008 –	Total of
(Business Code of Conduct) Training	Product Department Staff Course	September 2008	255 companies
Code of Conduct,	Product Department Staff	July 2008 –	Total of
SA8000 Training		October 2008	101 companies

^{*} Separate training that utilizes our intranet is also implemented on an ongoing basis (100 staff).



Product Department Staff Training

A Management System Urging Compliance

We at ÆON set out clear standards on work conditions and the working environment for our partner suppliers. In 2004, one year after the establishment of the ÆON Supplier Code of Conduct, ÆON Co., Ltd. became the first retail operator in Japan to be certified under SA8000, an international standard on social accountability covering areas such as human rights and work environments, with certification being granted to the head office of ÆON Co., Ltd. and Topvalu supplier management operations. The standard sets out a total of eight requirements, covering areas such as human rights and discrimination, and requires businesses to formulate a compliance management system, which should then be maintained and refined on an ongoing basis. We at ÆON will continue to uphold the ÆON Supplier Code of Conduct and SA8000 to fulfill our responsibilities in terms of social accountability throughout our business processes. In January 2008, we were subject to a triennial renewal audit, and received a renewal of our certification for SA8000.



In September 2008, SA8000 certifications were achieved for Topvalu supplier management systems and ÆON Co., Ltd. and ÆON Retail Co., Ltd. corporate operations.

ÆON SA8000 Purpose and Promotion Policy

ÆON SA8000 Purpose

- (1) Together with respecting the basic human rights of employees in the workplace, we will ensure their safety, security and health, and build a comfortable working environment.
- (2) Together with our partner suppliers, we will strive to build a company with a universal respect for human rights that makes improvements to working environments through compliance with laws and regulations concerning human rights and labor standards, and makes ongoing efforts to improve in those areas.

ÆON SA8000 Promotion Policy

- (1) We will comply with international conventions, laws and regulations concerning human rights and labor standards, and make ongoing efforts to improve those areas.
 - 1) Child labor: Prohibit child labor as well as take remedial measures,
 - 2) Forced labor: Eliminate all forms of forced labor.
 - 3) Health and safety: Ensure the health and safety of employees and provide a hygienic work environment.
 - 4) Freedom of association and the right of collective bargaining: Guarantee the right of association and the right of collective bargaining.
 - 5) Discrimination: No discrimination on the basis of nationality, race, gender, academic background, religion, physical handicap or age.
 - 6) Discipline: No physical punishment, mental or physical coercion, or verbal abuse of employees.
 - 7) Working hours: Observe laws, regulations and labor agreements on working hours, rests and holidays.
 - 8) Compensation: Observe laws and regulations on the payment of fair wages.
- (2) To embody these policies, and to familiarize all employees, we will undertake educational programs, periodic reviews of our activities and endeavor to make continuous improvements.
- (3) We will formulate a business code of conduct on human rights and labor standards for our supplier partners, encourage their compliance, and work together with them in efforts to bring about continuous improvements.
- (4) We will endeavor to widely disclose these policies and provide appropriate information to fulfill our social responsibility.

United Nations Global Compact

In September 2004, ÆON Co., Ltd. became the first Japanese retail operator to announce that it had signed up to the United Nations Global Compact. The Global Compact is an initiative to encourage businesses worldwide to support and implement ten principles established on a global basis covering the four areas of human rights, labor standards, environment and anti-corruption. We at ÆON will continue to face up to the requirements imposed by society and promote the ÆON Supplier Code of Conduct and SA8000. In 2008 ÆON participated in the Supply Chain Sub-Committee in the Global Compact Japan Network, and has continued to discuss respective supply chain management initiatives with participating companies.

The Ten Principles of the Global Compact

The Global Compact asks companies to support and enact, within their sphere of influence, a set of internationally-recognized standards in the areas of human rights, labor standards, the environment, and anti-corruption. By having each company conform to and enact these standards in the course of their business activities, the Global Compact aims to bring about positive change in the world. The principles of the Global Compact are given below. (In June 2004, a principle dealing with anti-corruption was added, making the current number of ten principles.)

Human Rights

Principle 1: Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights.

Principle 2: Ensure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.

Labor Standards

Principle 3: Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining.

Principle 4: Eliminate all forms of forced and compulsory labor.

Principle 5: Effectively abolish child labor.

Principle 6: Eliminate discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

Environment

Principle 7: Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges.

Principle 8: Undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility.

Principle 9: Encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.

Anti-Corruption

Principle 10: Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.

(Japanese translation revised July 2008)

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The Global Compact marks the first time the United Nations has called directly upon companies, and it is a "voluntary initiative" through which companies fulfill their role as members of civil society.

Aimed at addressing corporate strategy and governance and resolving issues through cooperation and partnership between our diverse stakeholders, we introduced mechanisms of the Global Compact and formulated the ÆON Supplier Code of Conduct (Business Code of Conduct) in 2003 based in part on the contents of the SA8000 international standard.

This Supplier Code of Conduct (Business Code of Conduct) introduces an auditing and assessment system which, through the outsourced manufacturers of our private brand products, allows us to achieve ongoing improvements in the areas of human rights, labor standards, the environment and anti-corruption



by working together with outsourced manufacturing factories engaged in the global manufacturing process all over the world. In FY2008, the number of outsourced manufacturing factories having obtained Code of Conduct certification as a result of third party auditing and assessment surpassed 700, and improvement efforts are advancing in a steady and ongoing fashion. In FY2009, we will strive to achieve our goal of having 900 Code of Conduct-certified factories.

In addition, in 2008 ÆON participated in Supply Chain Sub-Committee Activities through the Global Compact Local Network. Held monthly, activities include the implementation of the Ten Principles of the Global Compact, information exchanges and mutual learning, on which ÆON has worked together with the 11 member companies.

Moving forward, we will continue to utilize the goals of the Global Compact and the mechanisms for their achievement, exhibit responsible and creative leadership, and act as a good member of society.

Operating Officer and Group Chief Environmental Officer

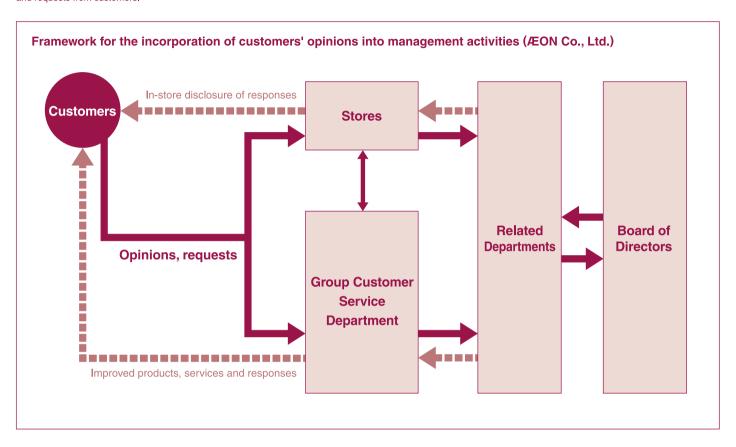


Efforts to Incorporate Customers' Opinions into Management Activities

We strive to utilize customers' opinions in management.

The Group Customer Service Department at ÆON Co., Ltd. accepts opinions and requests from customers regarding our products, services and other matters by telephone, internet and in writing. When we can't answer something immediately, we contact the department concerned and depending on circumstances, reply to customers after meeting with personnel from the department concerned.

In FY2008 we received 57,000 valuable opinions and requests. Accepting customers' opinions in a broad and far-reaching fashion and establishing a system to provide feedback to management daily allows us to make changes rapidly. In addition, we have established a system for each of the ÆON Group companies to accept opinions and requests from customers.



Opinion Box

We believe that management should be based on customers' feedback and, for this reason, we value our customers' opinions. We have established an environment where our customers can easily express their opinions, and where quick and detailed responses will be provided. We have set up opinion boxes and bulletin boards in our stores, and store managers post prompt replies in response to opinions received from customers. We have received many opinions concerning aspects that were not noticeable in the stores and difficult for the staff members to notice. We have responded to these opinions to improve our products and services, and to increase our activities to protect the environment. We look forward to more valuable opinions and request in the future.



Opinion card



Opinions received from customers together with responses from the store are disclosed through an in-store bulletin board.

Balloon Shelters

Balloon shelter installation sites

(as of February 28, 2009)

Location	Installation Site	Location	Installation Site
Sapporo City, Hokkaido	ÆON Sapporo Hassamu SC	Kahoku City, Ishikawa Prefecture	ÆON Kahoku SC
Kushiro City, Hokkaido	ÆON Kushiroshowa SC	Sunto-gun, Shizuoka Prefecture	Maxvalu Tokai Co., Ltd. Headquarters
Kamikita-gun, Aomori Prefecture	Shimoda Town Co., Ltd.	Fukuroi City, Shizuoka Prefecture	Jusco Fukuroi Store
Morioka City, Iwate Prefecture	Amount donated to Morioka City	Hamamatsu City, Shizuoka	ÆON Mall Hamamatsushitoro
Akita City, Akita Prefecture	ÆON Mall Akita	Okazaki City, Aichi Prefecture	ÆON Mall Okazaki
Sendai City, Miyagi Prefecture	Jusco Sendainakayama Store	Yokkaichi City, Mie Prefecture	Jusco Yokkaichiobira Store
Natori City, Miyagi Prefecture	ÆON Mall Natori-Airy	Kakamigahara City, Gifu Prefecture	ÆON Kakamigahara SC
Saitama City, Saitama Prefecture	ÆON Urawamisono SC	Kusatsu City, Shiga Prefecture	ÆON Mall Kusatsu
Koshigaya City, Saitama Prefecture	ÆON Laketown	Sennan City, Osaka	ÆON Mall Rinkusennan
Kamagaya City, Chiba Prefecture	Jusco Kamagaya Store	Ibaraki City, Osaka	Mycal Ibaraki
Nishitama-gun, Tokyo	ÆON Mall Hinode	Kobe City, Hyogo Prefecture	ÆON Mall Kobekita
Ebina City, Kanagawa Prefecture	Ebina Saty	Saihaku-gun, Tottori Prefecture	ÆON Hiezu SC
Yamato City, Kanagawa Prefecture	Amount donated to Yamato City	Takamatsu City, Kagawa Prefecture	ÆON Takamatsu SC
Niigata City, Niigata Prefecture	ÆON Niigataminami SC	Fukuoka City, Fukuoka Prefecture	ÆON Kashiihama SC

Personnel System (Introducing the ÆON Retail Co., Ltd. personnel system by way of example)

Embracing Diversity

Human resource management that caters to each employee's working style

With globalization and an aging population combined with a declining birthrate, ÆON's approach is based on catering to the diverse working styles of ÆON people. We undertake our personnel operations in line with two key policies, namely "human resource management that rewards skills and results rather than discriminating based on nationality, age, gender or rank," and "creating a corporate environment that is conducive to long-term employment of constantly evolving personnel."

Four career paths for employees to select from and strive for

ÆON Retail Co., Ltd. offers four career paths for its employees: [1] national (N) staff, [2] regional (R) staff, [3] community-based staff and [4] contract workers, who are mostly employed on short-term contracts.. N staff can essentially be transferred anywhere in Japan or overseas. R staff can be transferred anywhere within their regional block*. Community-based staff and contract workers are not required to undergo transfer requiring relocation. While N staff and R staff can work full-time, community-based staff can choose whether they work full-time or part-time, while contract workers can only work part-time. More than 70% of our workforce consists of community-based staff, and part-time and female employees account for a large percentage, playing a central part in each store. There is no difference in qualifications or recruitment between different career paths and it is also possible to change career paths. Anyone can undertake various educational courses regardless of their career paths.

* As the foundation of its operations, ÆON Retail Co., Ltd. has adopted a company system in which Japan is divided into four regional blocks.

Free to choose the work pattern until 65

ÆON Retail Co., Ltd. has adopted a system of retirement at the age of 65. Anyone can continue working until the age of 65, and they can also select their desired career path when they reach 60. For instance, they can continue working as an N staff, or if they want to live their newfound "second life" at a slow pace in their home town, they can choose a career path that requires no relocation in line with their individual lifestyle.

Special-needs employment

As of the June 2008 statutory reporting date, people with special needs accounted for 1.81% of our workforce. Additionally, as of the June 2008 statutory reporting date, people with special needs accounted for 1.90% of the workforce across the sum of ÆON Co., Ltd. consolidated subsidiaries.

We also operate a company called Abilities Jusco Co., Ltd., a joint venture designed to enable disabled people to make the most of their potential. As part of this venture, we currently operate a total of eight Scrum CD stores, where disabled and able-bodied employees work side by side, in the Hokkaido and Tohoku regions (as of February, 2009).

The four career paths available to ÆON Retail Co., Ltd. employees

National (N) staff	Can essentially be transferred anywhere in Japan or overseas
Regional (R) staff	Can be transferred anywhere within their regional block
Community-based staff	No transfer requiring relocation. Option of working full or part-time
Contract workers	No transfer requiring relocation. Part-time only

Work-Life Balance

Working in line with different stages in each individual life

In order to retain our workforce, we believe that it is crucial for ÆON people to lead a balanced lifestyle between work and their private life. We continuously revise our system to enable employees to alter their working patterns in line with the various stages in their lives, and make ÆON people's work as rewarding as possible.

Childcare and nursing care support systems

At ÆON Retail Co., Ltd., our working parent regulations run until April 20 of the year in which an employee's child graduates from elementary school. Although the common assumption is that raising children becomes easier after they start at elementary school, we assume that the strain that childcare has on parents does not abate when their children reach school age. As a rule, assuming that employees live with a partner, they will not be transferred anywhere that requires relocation during the working parent period when they are raising their children. Additionally, if employees want to live with a partner who has a job, they can continue working in the same career path for up to six years while living with their partner.

The AEON Good Life Club

The ÆON Good Life Club, ÆON's mutual-aid organization, we offer a diverse range of welfare programs such as support for our employees so that they feel peace of mind, enjoy their work and are able to prepare for the future over the medium and long term.

Supporting HR Growth

Support for career development

We offer an education system that is open to motivated employees who wish to improve their skills. All of our employees are eligible for basic education courses, and there is also an ÆON Business School for staff to develop their careers themselves regardless of their career paths. We also have various systems supporting human resource development, such as an internal recruitment system whereby we actively assign highly motivated personnel to new projects. ÆON's founding spirit that "education is the most important part of social welfare" remains – and will remain – unchanged.

Education through specific work activities

To attain customer satisfaction, we aim to improve the ability of the employees to conduct business through on-the-job training, or OJT, where their superiors and senior staff members systematically and continuously teach them the necessary knowledge, techniques, skills and attitudes while they work so that they learn basic business practices.

ÆON Business School

This is the core in-house education system for developing ÆON's key human resources. Based on the idea that ÆON people will develop in their own career themselves, this is a place for those who have a willingness to take on the challenge of gaining the necessary knowledge and skills for their desired position, and eventually become productive individuals,

In-house qualifications

To deliver safer and more secure commodities and services, ÆON has established diverse in-house certified qualifications in line with our businesses. Eight of our in-house qualifications are authorized by the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, indicating that ÆON in-house qualifications have high standards and are nationally recognized. The knowledge and skills of the qualification holders are handed on to their colleagues on the sales floor through daily business, bringing greater customer satisfaction.

Internal recruitment system

ÆON operates an internal recruitment system whereby new projects and other ventures are advertised to its employees. With the constantly shifting corporate environment these days, this system gives employees the chance to secure the job or position they want through their own efforts rather than relying on the company to map out their careers. Opportunities advertised in-house in 2008 included overseas training personnel, as positions with ÆON Bakery Systems Co., Ltd., ÆON GLOBAL SCM CO., LTD., and in the My Basket Division. We continue to actively assign highly motivated personnel to ÆON's constantly evolving range of projects.

ÆON's in-house qualifications

(as of February 2009)

In-house qualifications	Number of qualification holders*	In-house qualifications	Number of qualification holders*
○Fresh fish master (grade 1)	9	Liquor advisor	74
○Fresh fish master (grade 2)	868	Fish advisor	139
○Fresh fish master (grade 3)	1,643	Digital advisor	353
○Hot deli master	1,706	Home appliance advisor	40
⊘Sushi master	1,763	General appliance advisor	42
⊘Greenery master	301	©Cycle advisor	557
○Farm product master	574	Beauty advisor	171
Checkout certification (grade 2)	124	Handcraft advisor	73
Baby advisor	404		

Odenotes qualifications accredited by the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare.

^{*} Total for ÆON Retail Co., Ltd., ÆON Kyushu Co., Ltd., Ryukyu JUSCO Co., Ltd., MYCAL Corporation and ÆON Supercenter Co., Ltd.

Chronology of ÆON's Environmental Conservation and Social Contribution Activities

Primary environmental conservation and social contribution activities

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1993 Started development of organic and other agricultural produce as the Green Eye (now known as TOPVALU Green Eye) private label.	
Sales of the TOPVALU private label commence.	
Formulated the independent ÆON Heart Building Design Standards based on the Heart Building Law (the Barrier Free New Law from December 2006). Opened JUSCO Minamikata Store as the first building in Japan certified under	r the Heart Building Law.
1995 Introduced returnable food container and reusable hanger systems.	
Launched the Environment Committee.	
Founded the JUSCO Children's Eco Club (now known as the ÆON Cheers Club).	
1998 Established the ÆON Group Environment Foundation and conducted the 1st tree planting in the Great Wall Forest Rejuvenation Project	
Launched the My Basket and My Bag campaigns.	
Started sales of TOPVALU Kyokan Sengen products.	
Commenced development of SELF + SERVICE ecology shops.	
Acquired ISO 14001 certification across the entire company.	
Changed company name to ÆON Co., Ltd. and started the AEON Day.	
2001 Started the ÆON Happy Yellow Receipt Campaign.	
ÆON 1% Club starts support for the construction of schools in Cambodia (total of 149 schools from 2001 to 2003).	
2002 Started ÆON Clean Road Activities in partnership with the Volunteer Support Program of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism.	
Began use of biomass packaging materials.	
Formulated the ÆON Supplier Code of Conduct.	
Commenced deployment of balloon shelters.	
Formulated the Basic Policy for the Prevention of Global Warming. Announced participation in the Global Compact advocated by the United Nations.	
2004 Achieved SA8000 certification for ÆON Co., Ltd., TOPVALU supplier management systems and ÆON corporate operations.	
Commenced sales of TOPVALU Fair Trade Coffee under the TOPVALU label.	
ÆON 1% Club starts support for the construction of schools in Nepal (total of 57 schools from 2004 to 2005).	
2005 First eco store, ÆON Chikusa SC, opens.	
Second eco store, ÆON Kashiwa SC, opens.	
Third eco store, ÆON Dainichi SC, opens.	
2006 Commenced sales of MSC-certified seafood products under the TOPVALU label.	
Commenced sales of FSC-accredited paper products under the TOPVALU label.	
ÆON 1% Club starts support for the construction of schools in Laos (2006 onwards).	
Review of the process of issuing plastic shopping bags (discontinuing the free provision of plastic shopping bags in food departments) begins with the JUSCO Higashi	yamanijou Store.
ÆON Co., Ltd. becomes the first company in the general retailing industry to sign an agreement on initiatives towards the establishment of a recycling-oriented society with the Japanese Ministry	of the Environment.
Fourth eco store, ÆON Kagoshima SC, opens.	
PET bottle cap collection campaign started.	
ÆON formulates the ÆON Manifesto on the Prevention of Global Warming, becoming the first retailer in Japan to name a specific goal for reducing output of Co	O ₂ .
"ÆON Clean Japan" campaign started as an initiative to mark ÆON's 250th anniversary.	
Ran a carbon offsetting campaign for the CO₂ produced when delivering year-end gifts.	
2008 Fifth eco store, Taki Crystal Town SC, opens.	
Sixth eco store, ÆON Tomakomai SC, opens.	
Seventh eco store, ÆON Laketown, opens.	
Eighth eco store, ÆON Mall Kusatsu, opens.	
2009 Trial sales of "Carbon Footprint" product labeling for nine varieties across seven TOPVALU products.	

Third-Party Evaluation



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Thoughts on the ÆON Environmental and Social Report 2009

Reading the report, I once again felt that a number of programs were steadily being carried out by "working with our customers, now and in the future," just as the subtitle of the report says. When it comes to social or environmental issues, there is a limit to what can be achieved through the efforts of just one company, and so the cooperation of numerous stakeholders, such as consumers, employees and business connections, is indispensable. Perhaps the subtitle should really have been "Working with all stakeholders," rather than just "Working with our customers."

For the "Challenge 2008" carbon footprint initiative, for example, it would not have been possible to determine CO₂ emissions without the full cooperation of producers. Similarly, the key to energy-efficiency initiatives is the enthusiasm of employees, and customer cooperation is absolutely essential in the program to reduce shopping bags as well.

Even further, I am very impressed with the increase in the number of stores discontinuing the free provision of plastic bags from 22 to 447 stores in just one year. We must be bold enough to do what is necessary to protect the environment, even at the slight expense of shopper convenience, and so I have great respect for ÆON's

firm resolve to end the free provision of shopping bags.

Implementing new measures before other companies do is a bold move, and I think it will require real effort to continue these measures over the long term. I admire the way that the report clearly lists the status of various programs, such as tree planting activities, ÆON Day, and recycling efforts, as well as the results of these activities. However, it seems as though only some companies in the group are engaged in recycling food and reusing cooking oil as fuel, and I would like to see these initiatives spread throughout all group companies.

Finally, I think that the Eco Stores are a wonderful initiative, but I am not sure what to think about the social and environmental problems associated with having massive super-stores in the outer suburbs. There is the problem of how to promote a car-free society that takes into account the environment and the aging population, as well as the problem of the "doughnut effect" taking place in regional cities, where the shops are all moving to the peripheries. I would like to see ÆON rise to the challenge of trying to solve these problems as well, to improve the environment and contribute to regional economies.

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Thoughts on the ÆON Environmental and Social Report 2009

Reassessing just how big we are

ÆON has more than 10,000 stores, with 4 million customers visiting its shopping centers weekdays and 10 million on Saturdays and Sundays. That's pretty big. So, what does it mean to be so large? Here, I'd like to think about the potential and responsibility that come with such great size, in terms of three perspectives that are important to ÆON.

Always working with customers

ÆON's "Everyday Eco" project includes an initiative called "Together with our customers." The goal of this initiative, which started last year, is to work together with customers to reach the ambitious target of a 30% reduction in CO₂ emissions. It would be easy to think that since this is a voluntary target, ÆON can achieve the target through its own efforts, but I don't think this is true. I think that there is great significance in everyone coming together to strive for reductions, including the people that buy and sell products, and of course including the people that make the products in the first place. By appealing to a large number of customers rather than just taking internal measures, ÆON is promoting greater awareness of these issues in society, which will lead to further change. This process of reassessing its own size and projecting that potential beyond the confines of the company is precisely what society expects of a major company like ÆON.

Constantly taking on new challenges

I recently visited ÆON Lake Town. ÆON's enthusiasm for new challenges has resulted in some outstanding initiatives. The battle to stop global warming has moved from the education phase to the action phase. There is an urgent need for specific initiatives. But there are still a lot of consumers who have little idea what action to take, and even less opportunity to encounter new experiments. Under these circumstances, organizations that implement cutting-edge practices, such as ÆON shopping centers, which are visited by a vast number of customers every day, play a significant guiding role for society. ÆON's constantly evolving Eco Stores provide customers with an opportunity to learn about these vital issues, take action, and have fun in the process. Creating more and more places like this is surely one aspect of the social responsibility that a large company like ÆON has.

Continuing efforts going forward

The tree-planting program that started in 1991 will plant a million trees in Beijing during 2009, bringing the global total to nine million. The program for recycling containers which also started in 1991 recycled 250 million food trays in 2008 alone. Since the "ÆON Happy Yellow Receipt Campaign" started in 2001, it has made 95,790 donations of goods and items equivalent to ¥800 million to organizations. These are truly splendid illustrations of just how big a project can grow if we keep it going—no matter how small it may be at the beginning.

These examples also remind us of the endless possibilities we create by taking advantage of ÆON's size. These are the truly significant results we can achieve when we add the support of a large number of customers to the tireless and consistent efforts that ÆON continues to make. By continuing such diligent efforts over time, ÆON has conveyed the importance of protecting the global environment to a large number of customers, workers, and society as a whole. I would certainly like to see ÆON continue to do so going forward as well.

Thus we can see that ÆON is a huge company that has huge potential as well. ÆON, that is, bears a huge responsibility to consumers and society. ÆON is not only required to deliver the things that customers want quickly, cheaply, and in large quantities, but also to work together with its customers to create the important things that Japan and the rest of the world need in the age of global warming. In other words, ÆON needs to create a relationship in which Aeon and its customers learn from each other.

The people working at ÆON should reassess just how big they are and realize the magnitude of their potential as well as their responsibility once again. This will be the beginning of a new journey for ÆON, and it will lead to even further growth.

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