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AEON CO., LTD.

## **In a First for the Retail Industry in Japan, Aeon Obtains ISO 50001 Energy Management Certification**

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Aeon Co., Ltd. acquired the ISO 50001 certification, an energy management certification defined by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), as part of the Aeon ECO Project, which was established to achieve the Aeon Group's environmental targets for FY2020. Aeon is the first to obtain this certification in the retail industry in Japan.

ISO 50001 is an international standard specification that defines the requirements to be met by business operators when they establish an energy management system. It is adopted around the world as a guideline to establish an energy management system based on PDCA ((Plan-Do-Check-Act) cycle).

In the Aeon ECO Project plan, we set specific targets to be achieved by FY2020 in three areas; specifically, reducing energy use, developing renewable energy, and protecting communities in disasters and emergencies. To achieve the targets, we are developing energy-efficient stores with low environmental impacts, including next generation eco-store Smart Aeon.

In a Group-wide effort to improve energy efficiency at its stores and other business sites, we established an energy management system that covers Aeon Group companies in Japan and abroad and received a third-party audit by the Japan Audit and Certification Organization for Environment and Quality (JACO) to obtain the ISO 50001 certification. The certification we acquired covers Aeon's comprehensive energy management efforts of the entire Aeon Group\*.

### **Aeon's Energy Management System**

Aeon has established an energy management system based on the PDCA cycle in accordance with ISO 50001.

- ◆ Plan: Aeon Co., Ltd. established principles regarding energy use for the entire Aeon Group.  
Eg.: Aeon Sustainability Principle, Aeon Eco Project
- ◆ Do: All Group companies improve energy efficiency and make investments in environmental protection.  
Eg.: Change of lighting in stores to LED lamps, Energy Advisor System, etc.
- ◆ Check: Each Group company periodically calculates its energy use.
- ◆ Act: Aeon and the Group companies review these principles and targets and improve measures.

Aeon's business continuity plan (BCP) has been selected as a model project of a corporate group that strengthened its competitiveness with the group-wide efforts by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan. Aeon's BCP defines measures to enhance the Group's entire energy management system as well as initiatives to use Aeon stores as local temporal shelters in the event of disasters. Aeon is the only corporate group in the retail business to be chosen as such.

The Aeon Group will continue to implement a variety of initiatives with a view to realizing a sustainable society.

\* A total of 48 consolidated subsidiaries in Japan and abroad that are designated as specified business operators under the Energy Saving Act.