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First in retail industry, energy-saving efforts at our stores received high recognition

## AEON's Energy Advisor Program Received Energy Conservation Grand Prize

Aeon's energy-saving efforts through Energy Advisor Program at about 340 of its general merchandise stores in Japan was highly recognized and received Director General Prize of Agency of Natural Resources and Energy at Energy Conservation Grand Prize for excellent energy conservation equipment held by The Energy Conservation Center (supported by Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry)

Energy Conservation Grand Prize recognizes and commends activities by business entities in their effort of energy-saving promotion or development of energy-saving products. Below are the major points recognized for the prize.



- Energy Advisor Program conducted systematically at a wide scale (at about 340 stores\*nation-wide)
- 2. Efforts in nurturing in-house specialists since the launch of the Program.
- Incorporating Energy Management Training sessions in the Program
  prescribed by Law Concerning the Rational Use of Energy issued by the
  Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry.

Energy Advisor Program is a qualification adopted by Aeon Retail Co., Ltd. in 2012 as part of its efforts towards achieving group's environmental target of Aeon ECO Project, which aims to enhance the company's energy management system. The Program aims to nurture experts who can take initiative in planning and promoting efficient energy use as well as supervising energy use at stores. As of March 2014, 383 employees, most of who belong to general affairs department, have been certified as Energy Advisors. Aeon is working to train and certify over 100 employees every year. In addition, Aeon, as the first retail company in Japan, obtained certification of ISO 50001, an international standards of energy management system in 2013.

After initiating Energy Advisor Program, more measures on energy-saving by employees have been implemented, and cooperation with Aeon Delight Co., Ltd., a Group company in charge of facility management has strengthened. As a result, three percent reduction in energy consumption was achieved compared with the fiscal year 2010 and so was one percent of yearly reduction.

In order to realize sustainable society, Aeon will endeavor to work on various projects for promoting energy consumption reduction and for training in-house specialists on energy management.