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AEON CO., LTD.

## **Aeon was awarded for its high sustainability performance**

### **Received Bronze Prize in RobecoSAM Sustainability Award 2015**

**Selected also as an Industry Mover for its largest proportional improvement**

Aeon Co., Ltd. (hereafter Aeon) received Bronze Prize in the Food and Staples Retailing sector of RobecoSAM Sustainability Award 2015 conducted by RobecoSAM (hereafter SAM), an international SRI assessment company based in Switzerland. Aeon is the only Japanese company receiving an award in the sector. Aeon was also selected as an Industry Mover, a prize given to a company in the sector with the largest proportional improvement compared to the previous year in its sustainability performance.

SAM analyzes approximately 3300 listed companies in the world on their sustainability from three aspects: environmental, social and governance (ESG), and ranks the top companies as Gold, Silver, and Bronze. In 2014, 830 companies in 42 countries that took SAM's questionnaires were assessed for this award. Among those companies, Aeon was evaluated highly for its environmental contribution, leading to this award.

Aeon is one of the index composites of the DJSI (Dow Jones Sustainability Indices) World and DJSI Asia Pacific of 2014 DJSI, an international stock market index presented by SAM and Dow Jones & Company in the U.S. Of the seven world's leading companies in the Food and Staples Retailing sector, Aeon is the only Japanese company.

Aeon established Aeon Sustainability Principle in 2011 to focus on the following: 1. Realization of a low carbon society; 2. Conservation of biodiversity; 3. Better use of resources; and 4. Addressing social issues. It has also established a Key Performance Indicator (KPI) for each target to measure its achievements quantitatively. Aeon reports its progress on Aeon Environmental and Social Report and other media and confirm their efficacy based on the social trend and the feedback from it. Aeon will endeavor to realize a sustainable society and to enhance corporate transparency and credibility.



\* SRI

Short for Socially Responsible Investment. Meaning to invest not only in the financial return of a company but also in its social responsibility, such as environmental protection activities and legal compliance.

\* RobecoSAM Home page

<http://yearbook.robecosam.com/home.html>

\* Information on Aeon's environmental and social activities

<http://www.aeon.info/environment/>