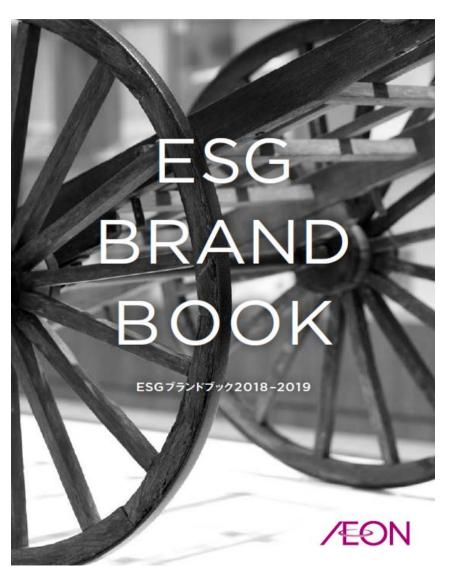
# Aeon Sustainable Management Briefing

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# AEON Report 2018



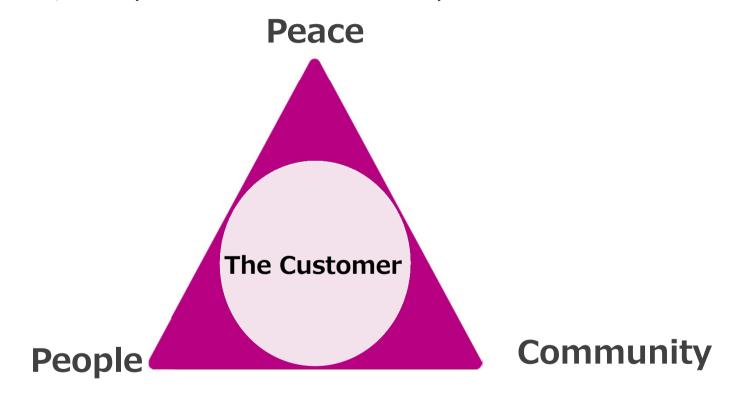
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## Aeon Basic Principles



Pursuing peace, respecting humanity, and contributing to local communities, always with the customer's point of view as its core.



On the basis of the Aeon Basic Principles, Aeon Practices its "Customer-First" philosophy with its ever-lasting innovative spirit.

#### Embodying the Aeon Basic Principles: Tree Planting



## "Aeon Hometown Forests Program"



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## Planting trees with local customers

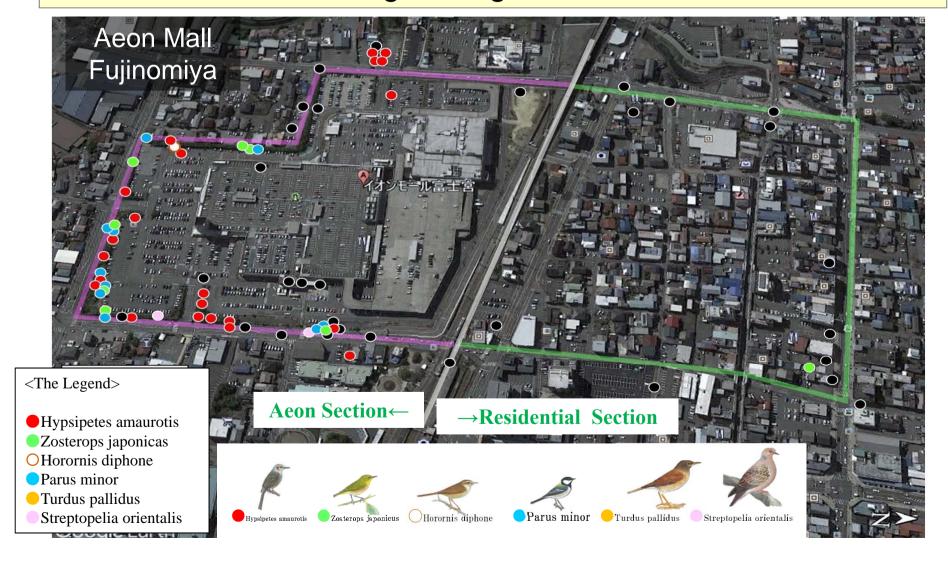
#### [Aeon's Tree Planting Activities]



### Embodying the Aeon Basic Principles: Tree Planting



Wild bird count at Aeon Mall Fujinomiya is as high as 7.5 times that of neighboring residential area.



## Embodying the Aeon Basic Principles: Tree Planting



#### Creating hometown forests with rich natural diversity

#### [Aeon's Hometown Forests become habitats for wild birds after 15 years]





## Aeon stores as platform Together with all stakeholders



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#### Aeon Stores as Platform: Aeon Cheers Club



Aeon Cheers Club is operated through Aeon stores across Japan, offering first- to ninth-grade students opportunities to learn about environmental issues and social expectations through group activities.

#### Provision of learning opportunities to children in local communities

Activities through Aeon stores across Japan

(Note) Aeon Cheers Club's activities are funded by the Aeon 1% Club, using some of the contributions it receives from key group companies (1% of their pre-tax income)

- Aeon store employees coordinate activities
- Activities are launched throughout the year and centered on an annual theme

#### **FY2017**

Participation by about 460 clubs across Japan, with about 7,700 members

FY2005-17

Participation by a total of about 71,700 students across Japan

Annual theme		
2018	Energy	
2019	Sun	
2020	Water	
2021	Plants	
2022	Animals	
2023	Waste & recycling	

#### Aeon Stores as Platform: Aeon Cheers Club



- Every year, members of the Aeon Cheers Club compile their activities into wall newspapers and submit them to the Wall Newspaper Contest. The top 50 clubs proceed to the nationallevel contest.
- The Aeon Cheers Club has been rolled out to China & Malaysia.



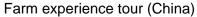


Wall Newspaper Contest (Hokkaido area)

Observing marine life (Okinawa area)

Shiribetsu River rafting (Hokkaido area)







Organic farm tour (Malaysia)

China 70 clubs with 2,716 members

(as of December 2018)

Malaysia 34 clubs with 2,476 members

(as of March 2018)

#### Aeon Stores as Platform: Aeon Cheers Club



- In FY2018, the Aeon Cheers Club implemented various activities across Japan. Activities are aligned with the year's theme: "energy."
- In cooperation with municipal governments, etc., the "Aeon Farmers Program," in which children can experience farm work, including planting, monitoring, harvesting and sales, was launched at nine locations in Japan. (689 participants in total in 2018)



A visit to a store power generation facility (Aeon Mall Mito Uchihara)



Class on power generation (Aeon Mall Tsugaru Kashiwa)



Windmill making using plastic bottles & class on wind power generation (Aeon Style Izumo)



Planting sweet potato seedlings (Aeon Oita Usuki Farm)



Rice harvesting experience at rice fields (Shibayama-machi, Sambu-gun, Chiba)



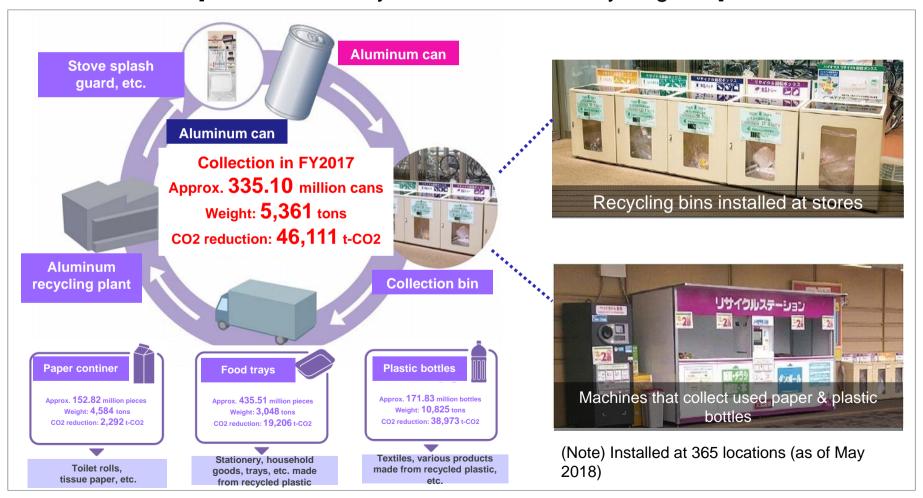
Experiencing sales of farm products (Romanesco broccoli) (Aeon Mall Tokushima)

## Aeon Stores as Platform: Collecting Recyclable Waste



## Aeon stores as recycling station in local communities

[Collection of recyclable waste and recycling flow]





## Aeon stores as platform Together with all stakeholders



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#### Through Shopping: "Bring Your Own Shopping Bag" Campaign



# Reducing the use of plastic carry bags in cooperation with local customers and governments

[Track record for reducing the use of plastic shopping bags]



## Through Shopping: Sustainable Procurement



#### Environmentally friendly shopping to conserve resources for the future

#### [Active sales of MSC- & ASC-certified products]



ASC-certified Raw Atlantic Salmon (Norway)

MSC-certified Mackerel (Norway)



## Through Shopping: Sustainable Procurement



#### Environmentally friendly shopping to conserve resources for the future

[World's first fishery improvement project for eels (publicly announced in June 2018)]

#### [Aeon's Eel handling Policy]

- Japanese eel and Indonesia shortfin eel are our two primary items.
- We will aim to sell 100% traceable eel by 2023.
- In order to ensure the sustainability of Indonesia shortfin eels, we will promote the "Indonesian Shortfin Eel Conservation Project".
- We will product development of "Kabayaki" using ingredients other than eel.



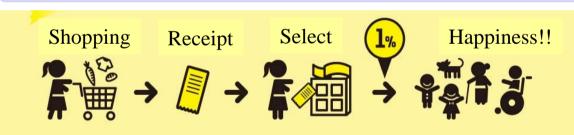
#### Through Shopping: Aeon Happy Yellow Receipt Campaign



Yellow receipts are issued on the 11th of each month. If customers put their receipts in a box indicating the name of the charitable organization they support. Aeon donates 1% of sum of the amounts shown on the receipts to the organization.

## Customers provide support to communities they live in

Customers can select local organizations that they wish to support



Yellow receipts are issued to customers on the 11th day of each month

Customers put receipts in boxes bearing names of charitable organizations that they wish to support

total sum of receipts to the organizations

Aeon will donate 1% of

In 2017

# of supported organizations: about 25,700 in total

Total amount of donations: 313,950,000 yen

From 2001 to the end of Feb 2018

# of supported organizations: about 293,600 in total

Total amount of donations: **3,429,350,000** 



#### Through Shopping: Aeon Happy Yellow Receipt Campaign



## Supporting activities of local charitable organizations, etc.

[Example: Chiba MD Econet, an NPO registered with Aeon Funabashi]

#### **Activities of Chiba MD Econet:**

Operation of a welfare facility that offers employment to people with disabilities; and

Operation of a community cafe where people both with and without disabilities work together

(Note) Opened in 2012, currently has 10 members with disabilities and 20 volunteer support workers



Variety of café equipment and fixtures have been donated via the campaign (tableware, toaster, storage baskets, umbrella stands, etc.)



Aeon Funabashi's employees and children from the Aeon Cheers Club visited the cafe and met with the staff.



Aeon stores offer PR opportunities for the NPO to explain activities (for illustration purposes only)

#### Through Shopping: Aeon Happy Yellow Receipt Campaign



■ The Happy Yellow Receipt Campaign has been rolled out to Aeon China, Thailand & Cambodia







Aeon China (2012-)

Aeon Thailand (2015-)

Aeon Cambodia (2015-)

(Reference: FY2017 breakdown of supported organizations by activity

Activity of supported organizations		Share based on no. of organizations (FY2017)
(i)	Enhancement of welfare	53%
(ii)	Promotion of environmental protection & education	10%
(iii)	Promotion of community building	5%
(iv)	Promotion of art and culture	6%
(v)	Promotion of health and safety of children	26%

## Through Shopping: Local WAON



■ Each Local WAON card (electric money) features a specific local community. When customers pay by Local WAON card, Aeon contributes part of the payment to the community featured on their card.

## **Customers can support distant communities**

Customers can select any place across Japan



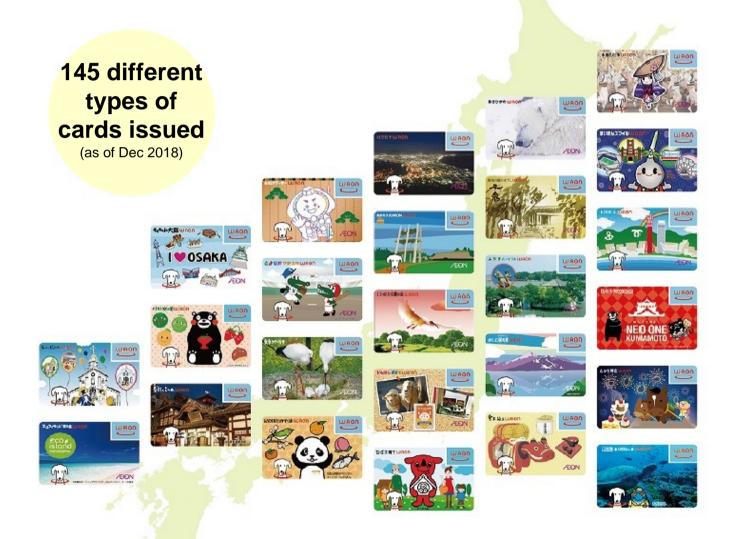
Contributions in FY2017: approx. JPY288.33 mn

From 2009 to the end of Feb 2018: approx. JPY1,272.47 mn

## Through Shopping: Local WAON



Local WAON cards (examples)



## Through Shopping: Local WAON



## Looking after local heritage for the next generation

[Example: Hokkaido Heritage WAON card]



Part of payments made using the Hokkaido Heritage Local WAON card are given, via a municipal government, to organizations that maintain Hokkaido's natural & cultural heritage, including the NPO Hokkaido Heritage Council, which endeavours to maintain the local heritage and pass it on to the next generation.

2011-2017: JPY76.27 mn<sup>(\*)</sup>

(\*) 2017: JPY12.47 mn

#### [Examples of funded activities in FY2017]



Giant butterbur



Japan's northernmost beech forest



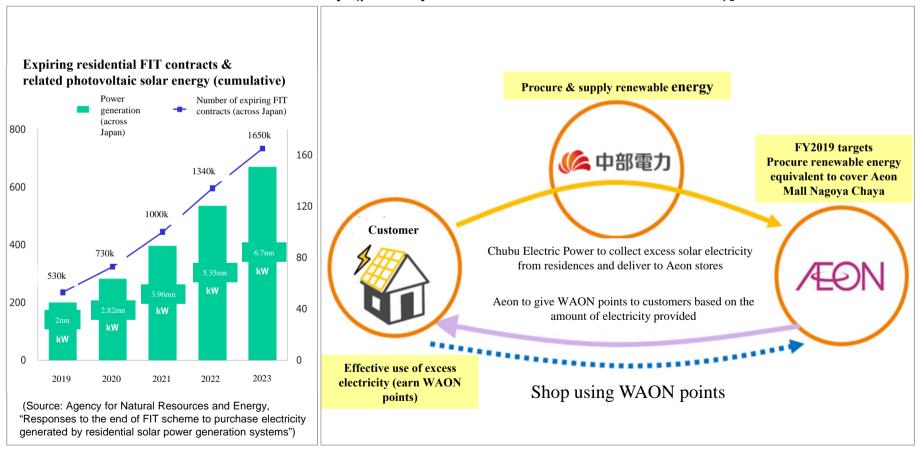
The Ubagami Daijingu Shrine Festival & Esashi-ojwake music

### Supporting Local Communities: Use of excess electricity of ex-FIT households



# Effective use of renewable energy generated by local households whose FIT agreements have ended

[Aeon & Chubu Electric Power Co., Inc. considering a new service using post-FIT households' excess electricity (publicly announced in November 2018)]



## Supporting Local Communities: Project Aeon Joining Hands



■ A 10-year project (2012-21) where all Aeon employees contribute to and facilitate the reconstruction of areas affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake, leveraging various resources gained through business operations.

Stage 1: Initial development (2012-14)

Stage 2: Building capacity to live independently (2015-17)

Stage 3: Organization & enhancement (2018-21)

Intensive recovery/restoration
Support for the restoration of daily
life, while meeting the disasteraffected area's specific needs

Restoration & revitalization
Interaction with people, and
proactive creation of activities that
can contribute to communities

Resolution of issues
Systematic use of knowledge &
experience gained through the support
activities

Realizing hopes for recovery from 3.11 disaster

"Nigiwai" or Vibrant Tohoku: Join hands & foster the hometown power

(i) Restoration of Tohoku: Aeon Hometown Forests Program (target: 300,000 trees)

296,379 trees planted

(ii) Volunteer activities at disaster affected areas

Achieved 3,575 volunteers in total

(iv) Aeon "Shaping the Future Program"

(iii) Volunteer activities by Aeon group companies (target: 300,000 volunteers)

Achieved 304,272 in total

(As of Dec 31, 2018)

## Supporting Local Communities: Project Aeon Joining Hands /



Example activity of the Aeon Shaping the Future Program

■ Commercialization of Kamaishi Wine, made purely from grapes harvested in Kamaishi, Iwate. Since 2014, Aeon has sourced and grown 1,050 grape vines in Kamaishi, a region devastated by the tsunami in 2011. In 2018, 350 bottles of 7 types of wine were showcased and sold at Aeon Town Kamaishi.



[Grape vine planting ceremony]



[Volunteers selecting/harvesting grapes]



[Harvested grapes]



[Tono Magokoro Net Winery]



[Kamaishi Wine showcase]



[Display & sales event at Aeon Town Kamaishi]



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## Supporting Local Communities: Project Aeon Joining Hands /



Example activity of the Aeon Shaping the Future Program

■ Supporting efforts for restoration by Otsuchi watercress grower
Last year, a group of women started watercress farming in the mountainous area of disaster-affected
Otsuchi in Iwate. After the development of recipes, 200 bunches of watercress were sold at a tasting sale event at Aeon Mall Morioka.



Jul-Sep 2018



[Feasibility study at a proposed growing site]

[Harvesting watercress]

[Recipe development]







[POP display]

[Local producers]

[Tasting sale at Aeon Mall Morioka]

## Creating Workplaces That Emphasize Human Rights & Diversity

Taking advantage of diverse backgrounds of employees, Aeon aims to foster a culture of each employee taking on challenges.













## **Aeon Basic Human Rights Policies**



## Aeon Basic Human Rights Policies (October 2018)

Aug 2001	Aeon Corporate Commitment	
	The Aeon Corporate Commitment articulates Aeon's direction for the future	
	[Aeon Commitment] Aeon will create a future of limitless promise by transforming daily life through an open, dynamic approach.	
Apr 2003	Aeon Code of Conduct	
·	The Aeon Code of Conduct provides guidelines and standards that "Aeon People" should follow to put into practice Aeon's philosophy of "everything we do, we do for our customers."	
Nov 2008	Aeon Basic Human Rights Policies	
	The policies were established to promote the Aeon Code of Conduct. Fundamental principles of the policies include: (1) respect human rights, (2) prevent discrimination, (3) establish a friendly working environment, (4) practice fair employment and (5) introduce human rights training.	
Sep 2014	Revision of the Aeon Basic Human Rights Policies     Stipulation of non-discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity	
Oct 2018	Comprehensive revision of the Aeon Basic Human Rights Policies  Convigate (C) 2019 #FON Co. Ltd. All Rights Reserved.	

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## **Aeon Basic Human Rights Policies**



# Outline of Revised Aeon Basic Human Rights Policies

- (i) Stipulation that Aeon supports and adheres to the UN's Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights
- (ii) Stipulation that the policies apply not only to Aeon People, but also to all stakeholders involved in Aeon's business activities, such as business partners
- (iii) Aeon will establish a human rights due diligence process to grasp the impact of its business activities from the aspect of human rights and ultimately create a society in which human rights are respected

## **Aeon Basic Human Rights Policies**



## **Aeon Basic Human Rights Policies**

Aeon will ensure that, based on these policies, all Aeon People (management and employees) deepen their understanding of human rights and work to realize a society in which human rights are respected.

The policies apply to all Aeon People and are shared with all of Aeon's business counterparties and partners.

#### (i) Basic approach to human rights

In accordance with the principles of the UN Global Compact, which we adopted in 2004, regarding any people who are affected by Aeon's business activities, Aeon not only adheres to Japanese laws related to human rights and labor, but also the human rights standards described in the "International Bill of Human Rights," the "ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work" and the UN's "Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights."

#### (ii) Respecting human rights through business activities

Aeon respects the diverse values, personalities and privacy of individuals and never discriminates against people on grounds of race, nationality, ethnicity, gender, age, place of birth, religion, educational background, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation or gender identity. Further, Aeon promotes a culture in which all employees are encouraged to view things from the points of view of others and to respect others as much as they respect themselves.

#### (ii) Human rights due diligence

Through its human rights due diligence process, Aeon confirms the impact of its business activities from a human rights perspective and pursues a society in which human rights are respected.

#### **Creating Workplaces That Emphasize Human Rights & Diversity**



The "lkiiki(\*) Aeon" initiative offers people with disabilities opportunities to work in a team and demonstrate their skills.

() "lkiiki" means "active" in Japanese.

Under the initiative, group companies jointly provide job opportunities and support and develop a comfortable work environment for people with disabilities.



Development of a comfortable working environment

Better understanding of tasks => expansion of scope of job

### HR Development: Aeon's HR Development Framework



Since its founding, Aeon has developed education programs that align with the philosophy of "education is the best form of welfare."

Programs for each business unit & company

**Group-wide programs** 

Senior

## Core employee training

Aeon Business School (Formerly Jusco University)

Middle

# Work-level employee training

Junior

Aeon Fundamental Training Internal Instructor Training

Aeon Code of Conduct & Human Rights Training

"Daimanzoku"(\*)
College

(\*) a coined word referring to satisfaction achieved through diversity

#### **Group executive training**

Aeon DNA University
Aeon Auditor Academy
President & director training
Basic management program

## Group strategy execution training

Skill enhancement program
Domestic study exchange
and overseas trainee
programs, etc.
Junior management program

#### **Group core training**

**Group-wide new employee** training

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## **HR Development:**

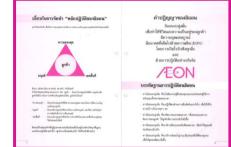
## **Aeon Code of Conduct & Human Rights Training**



**Aeon Code of Conduct & Human Rights Training started in** 2004 and is applicable to all employees.



"Aeon Code of Conduct" is available in 13 languages



Targeting 550,000 group employees

Taken by 3.57mn employees in 13 countries

## HR Development: Daimanzoku College



## Daimanzoku College opened in 2014.

Courses are offered based on job level, mainly to enhance the mindset of female and junior employees toward their career.



Daimanzoku College's Top Management Course develops our future top management.

#### **HR Development: Collaboration with Local Communities & Universities**



## Connecting with local communities & offering various learning opportunities

- ☑ Aeon developed programs jointly with Kanda University of International Studies and Chiba University as a business-academia collaboration.
- ☑ Seminars are held for trainees & visitors from outside Japan, and Aeon's corporate history, business profile, philosophy and HR development are explained.



Enhanced collaboration

Local communities & universities



Exchange activities with non-Japanese students at Kanda **University of International Studies** 



**Chiba University-Aeon Joint Seminar** 

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**Trainees from JICA Afghanistan** 



# Aeon Bank offers fair and high-quality financial education.

Aeon Bank runs a financial literacy education program to realize a sustainable society.

Held at 12 schools (11 universities & 1 high school)

with a total of 2,017 participants







**Snapshots of Aeon Bank's financial literacy seminar** 



## **Aeon Sustainability Principle**

Aeon aims to realize a sustainable society with stakeholders based on our basic principle of "pursuing peace, respecting humanity and contributing to local communities, always with the customer's point of view at its core."

With "realization of a low-carbon society,""conservation of biodiversity," "better use of resources" and "addressing social issues" as core principles, we will think globally and advance activities locally.

Please refer to pages 46-49 of the "Aeon Report 2018," which is published on the company website.

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