

**KOITO'S THREE PLANTS ACQUIRED
A QS-9000/ISO9001 CERTIFICATION**

Three major plants of KOITO MANUFACTURING CO., LTD. have received QS-9000/ISO9001, a certification on international standard for quality control and assurance registered by Underwriter Laboratories (UL) in the United States. The certification has been applied for designs, developments and productions of automotive lighting equipments, molds and related products for vehicles. It has been given to Shizuoka Plant (Shimizu-shi, Shizuoka Pref.), Kikkawa Plant (Shimizu-shi, Shizuoka Pref.) and Fujikawa Tooling Plant (Ihara-gun, Shizuoka Pref.) of the company on Jan. 19, 2001.

For years Koito has been encouraging various activities on quality control, since it is a key factor for companies to acquire customer's reliance and satisfaction. To extend this effort globally as a part of business strategy, Koito established "QS Promotion Committee" in Sep., 1999 and set its aim for every plant to receive QS-9000/ISO9001. Shizuoka, Kikkawa and Fujikawa Tooling Plant were the first three goals to get the certification.

Koito is now working on to let Haibara Plant (Haibara-gun, Shizuoka Pref.) and Sagara Plant (Haibara-gun, Shizuoka Pref.) acquire the certification, and is planning to achieve all its plants certified.

The Aircraft Equipment Division has already been certified on Mar. 27, 2000 for ISO9001. Six out of seven related companies in overseas has already acquired QS-9000/ISO9001, and Koito plans the rest company to be certified within this year.

Koito regards the acquisition this time as a milestone of its QS (Quality System) activity, and will strengthen its quality control much harder with the related companies in overseas, as one to make every process of production highly qualified.