Two Plants of KOITO MANUFACTURING acquired an ISO14001 Certification

Jul. 25, 2000 -KOITO MANUFACTURING CO., LTD. acquired "ISO14001" certification, the international standard concerning environmental management, in its main manufacturing plants, Haibara Plant (Haibara-gun, Shizuoka Pref.) and Sagara Plant (Haibara-gun, Shizuoka Pref.), from the Examination and Register Center of the Foundational Entity, "Japan Automobile Research Institute".

Both plants are engaged in manufacturing automotive lighting equipment, with signalling lamps being the main product in Haibara Plant, and headlamps in Sagara Plant.

Koito Manufacturing has recognized the environmental issues as an important subject and engages in promoting activities for environmental preservation and recycling. An environment Committee was set up in Sep., 1998, in order to promote these activities within the whole company as one of the managerial strategies of the company, where three steps to be attained were established to realize and develop these policies.

In the first step, the basic target was to acquire ISO14001 certification in all the plants. This was acquired in Jan., 2000, in the three plants of Shizuoka, Kikkawa and Fujikawa. The first step target was perfectly attained this time, as the other two plants also acquired certification, this means all the manufacturing plants have achieved the target.

In the second step, the target is to acquire certification in the functional divisions (such as research, design and purchase, etc.), and then in the final third step, for all the group companies of KOITO MANUFACTURING CO., LTD. affiliated companies including those in overseas, and companies from which we are purchasing. Thus we now firmly intend to further develop environmental preservation activities.