

ZEON Group (Japan)

Tohpe Corporation

Introduction to Tohpe Corporation

Since its establishment in 1915, Tohpe Corporation has been contributing to society as a general paint materials manufacturer. Having joined the ZEON Group in 2013, Tohpe has been able to further reinforce its foundations.

In the paints business, Tohpe produces and sells speciality and environmentally-friendly paint materials, and in the chemicals business, it produces and sells materials with high functionality, mainly focusing on acrylic rubber.



President Tadayuki Minami



Tohpe Head Office

Environmental and Safety Activities

1. Promoting MD activities

Tohpe has established MD (*muda-tori*, or “Waste Reduction” in English) committees in each of its offices to promote waste-reduction activities. Current initiatives include ecostations for recycling stationery, and green curtain tree planting activities.



MD committee office ecostations



On-site tree-planting activities headed by the MD committee (Green Curtain Growing)

2. Safety activities

Achieving 3,000 days without a loss-time incident

The target of 3,000 days without a loss-time incident has been established at each office, and each and every employee is operating with a heightened awareness of safety. The Kyushu Plant and Ibaraki Plant have achieved the target of 3,000 days, but some minor incidents and near-misses are still occurring. In the future, safety measures and safety training will be implemented more than ever.

5S Activities (Clean Time)

5S activities at the Mie Plant and the Ibaraki Plant included a 15-minute post-lunch break clean time.

The activities began with a focus on sorting, tidying and cleaning. Unused items were thrown away, and space was created. Things that were previously unseen became noticeable after cleaning, creating new perceptions.

We will continue to implement clean time as we strive to keep the plant clean.

(*Environment-related data will be reported from the next financial year.)



The Ibaraki Plant achieved 3,000 days without a loss-time incident on February 8, 2014



The Kyushu Plant achieved 3,000 days without a loss-time incident on October 28, 2013



Clean time

Activities with the Local Community

The Mie Plant has been conducting blood donation activities since 1982. These activities have been conducted a total of 54 times, most recently being held on November 28, 2013. Staff members at the Ibaraki Plant participate in the Koga City Fire Department fire hydrant usage event held every Fall. The fire hydrant usage event is a fire-fighting competition in which the participants compete by carrying out fire-fighting operations as quickly as possible in line with the established rules. Every year, staff from the Plant aim to win and, two years ago, we came third. By participating, our fire-fighting skills also improve year by year, which is also put to use in the on-site semi-annual fire-fighting training. The event also strengthens our ties with the local community, including local businesses, and it builds a relationship with the fire department where we can consult with them about anything without hesitation.

In June every year, staff from the Ibaraki Plant, along with the 16 companies in the Kitatone Industrial Park, in conjunction with the Koga City Environmental Office, patrol businesses affiliated with the industrial park to investigate the implementation of environmental counter-measures, and to exchange information with local businesses.



Blood-donation vehicle for on-site blood donation



Fire hydrant usage event