

Editing Policy

ITOCHU Corporation's Perspectives on CSR

ITOCHU Corporation believes that corporate social responsibility (CSR) lies in corporate thought and action on the question of how to play a role in building sustainable societies through business activities. This report presents the role we must discharge and our initiatives for it.

Highlight

ITOCHU Corporation regards "Climate change," "Sustainable use of resources," "Respect and consideration for human rights" and "Contribution to local communities" as CSR material issues. In Highlight, we will introduce our business activities that solve those issues.

① Pork Meat Business in Canada

Introducing HyLife business, which respects human rights and contribute to the local community.

② Industrial Park Business Growing with the Local Community

Introducing Karawang International Industrial City business which has been prospecting together with the society, by creating employment and contributing to the local community.

From the cover

A furoshiki wrapping cloth dyed to display the name of a store is, in one sense, an expression of a passion for trading, as well as a method of promotion. The cover photo shows a furoshiki with the actual "Itoh" store name on it, which is currently preserved at Shiga University.

In the past, as now, the starting point of trade has always been carrying a product to a buyer. ITOCHU traces its origins back to 1858, the year in which Chubei Itoh set out from Toyosato Village in Shiga Prefecture on a journey to Nagasaki as a traveling linen merchant.

Chubei Itoh I started out on his journey in trade at age 15, carrying on his back linen cloth wrapped in a furoshiki as he traversed a path crossing over mountain ranges. ITOCHU was able to develop until now, because it has cascaded the spirit of sampo yoshi, the philosophy of Ohmi merchant, for all those years.

We have used the photo of furoshiki for the cover of this year's sustainability report, as a symbol of our origin, sampo yoshi.



Disclosure of CSR-related Information

To make information on ITOCHU's CSR initiatives widely accessible, information is disclosed through the following media.



Corporate Website CSR Pages

Information is disclosed regarding ITOCHU Corporation's CSR activities in a format that provides detailed coverage across a wide range of themes. Moreover, information on activities conducted during the current year is disseminated on a timely basis.

www.itochu.co.jp/en/csr/



Sustainability Report

Wide-ranging information covered in detail on the website CSR pages is published in PDF format as an annual CSR report. The reports provide an ongoing perspective of ITOCHU's CSR activities.

www.itochu.co.jp/en/csr/report/



Annual Report

Aimed at investors and other stakeholders, we provide particularly important reporting on ITOCHU's CSR activities, along with information such as management results and future growth strategies, in a comprehensive manner from a perspective based on the characteristics of the business activities of a sogo shosha.

www.itochu.co.jp/en/ir/



Referenced guidelines

Sustainability Reporting Guidelines (G4) issued by Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)
Environmental Reporting Guidelines (2012 version) issued by the Ministry of the Environment of Japan
ISO 26000 (Guidance on social responsibility)



A side-by-side comparison of GRI guidelines and the UN Global Compact can be found at:<http://www.itochu.co.jp/en/csr/report/gri/>

* This report conforms with the GRI Sustainability Reporting Guidelines.

Reporting period

This report principally covers actual data for the fiscal year beginning on April 1, 2015, and ended on March 31, 2016 (FY2016).

However, some of the most recent information on our activities and initiatives are also included.

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