Resource saving

As one step for resource saving, TEL is reducing paper consumption. TEL is taking other measures as well, for effective use of resources, such as saving water, not letting automobiles idle, and actively purchasing recycled products.

Stance on Resource Conservation

TEL is working to reduce to an absolute minimum the amount of resources used and is procuring environmentally-friendly resources.

TEL works to reduce the amount of water, copy paper and stationery that it buys and uses, actively purchases green products, and works with office supply manufacturers to collect discarded products, thereby promoting good resource conservation.

Efforts to Reduce Paper Usage

TEL sites especially those that are ISO14001-certified, are endeavoring to reduce the amount of paper used. All sites promote using both sides of copy paper and save by shrinking copy sizes.

In addition, sites try as often as possible to share information without using paper. Efforts are being made to switch to electronic information; for example, our circulating documents are shared in electronic formats. As a result, paper consumption in fiscal 2001 fell from the previous year’s level.

Our plan for the future is to continue revising how we do things and consolidate our records and forms to the minimum necessary. Furthermore, all sites are using recycled paper for all documents with the exception of certain applications.

TEL has also undertaken to help protect forest resources by introducing paper cups made of kenaf, a non-timber fiber source, in place of traditional wood-fiber paper cups. Finally, TEL has called on its employees to limit paper cup usage to one per person each day.

Efforts to Reduce Water Usage

TEL’s manufacturing plants are reducing water usage by implementing coolant water recirculating systems and reusing industrial water used in all stages of operations, such as production, development, assessment and shipping. Additionally, all workplaces are installing automatic faucets in lavatories and elsewhere to save water by avoiding cases where workers forget to turn off tap water or otherwise use water inefficiently.

Other Efforts

When leases on company cars expire, a number of sites, including the Osaka Branch Office, are switching over to hybrid cars and autos that benefit from the green tax system. According to a study by the Osaka Branch Office, hybrid cars consume just half the fuel of conventional gasoline-powered cars. Moreover, the group encourages drivers to refrain from leaving cars idling.

Besides these efforts, the group is also contributing to the effective use of resources by actively purchasing recycled products and recovering and returning printer toner cartridges to the manufacturer.