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Improvement of Environmental Problems

The Aisin Group regards protection of the global environment as one of its most important management priorities and has established an Environmental Committee to promote group activities in this area. Aisin Seiki has developed its own environmental policy and is strongly committed to recycling and energy conservation. Its efforts in this area are described in its *Environmental Report* published in September 1999. In October 1999 all Aisin Seiki establishments in Japan gained ISO14001 certification, the international standard for environmental management. Other Group companies in Japan and overseas are also involved in environmental protection activities. All group companies plan to gain ISO14001 certification by 2003.



An Aisin plant is inspected in preparation for ISO 14001 certification



Aisin's Environment Report published in September 1999

The Y2K Issue

The Aisin Group recognized the Y2K problem as an important issue that needed to be addressed across the entire breadth of its management activities in view of customer service and operational continuity. Thanks to group-wide efforts, there were no problems or incidents that impacted on business performance.

New Products Relating to Home Care and Welfare

The Japanese government has introduced public care insurance system in response to changes in Japan's social structure, especially the growth of the aged population. The Aisin Group has started to market a range of related products under the concept of "Providing total support for independence and home-care." These include the "Tao lite" light motorized wheelchair and the "Bellgrand" home-care-use bed.



The Bellgrand home-care-use bed manufactured by Aisin

Global Reputation for Product Development and Planning Capabilities

The Aisin Group displayed products at the 1999 Frankfurt Motor Show (IAA '99) in September 1999, at the Tokyo Motor Show in October 1999, and at SAE 2000, which was held in Detroit in March 2000. The aim of these displays was to demonstrate the total capabilities of the Aisin Group, and to promote sales and technical cooperation.



At the IAA '99 Frankfurt Motor Show.

Corporate Citizenship

The Aisin Group believes that enterprises should exist in harmony and cooperation with local communities. In October 1999, 13 Aisin Group companies formed the All Aisin NPO Activity Support Fund. Donations collected at All Aisin Charity Concerts are used to support the activities of NPO and voluntary groups in local communities.



The All Aisin Charity Concert