

The SBIH Group's CSR Activities

CSR Initiatives

As a member of society, each company owes its own existence to the very existence of society. Consequently, no company can function as a going concern without contributing to the sustained development of society. The SBIH Group has a strong awareness of the "social nature of companies" and the need to be a "strong and respected company." With this in mind, the Group is aggressively conducting many corporate social responsibility (CSR) programs.

Strengthening CSR Activities Through The SBI Children's Hope Foundation

As a direct social contribution, the SBIH Group has established a fundamental policy of donating a reasonable portion of its earnings to support child welfare facilities. The SBI Children's Hope Foundation received authorization from the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare and was established in October 2005 to administer such donations. As our core CSR activities, the foundation is actively involved in child welfare issues in Japan.

■ Activities

1. Donations to Child Welfare Facilities

To improve conditions at facilities that care for abused children, the SBIH Group companies donated ¥44 million to 34 facilities in FY2008.

	Donations (Millions of yen)	Facilities
FY2008	44	34
FY2007	216	137
FY2006	259	174
FY2005	155	105
FY2004	167	173

Note: FY2004 donations are by the SBIH Group. All subsequent donations are by the Foundation.

2. Training for Child Care Personnel

The Foundation sponsors training for about 50 specially selected care workers at child care facilities, conducting separate programs in eastern and western Japan. The objective is to provide on-the-job training programs that give personnel at facilities the knowledge and skills required to help abused children heal their emotional scars. In FY2008, there were two seminars in eastern Japan and four in western Japan, for a total of six.

3. Support for Self-Reliance

The foundation donated ¥28 million to seven facilities and four foundations for programs that assist children to live on their own after leaving a care facility.

4. Public Awareness Activities to Prevent Child Abuse

From FY2004, the foundation has supported the Orange Ribbon Campaign, which implements a nationwide child abuse prevention network to raise public awareness of this social problem. Every November, which is Child Abuse Prevention Month, SBI Holdings CEO Yoshitaka Kitao and other SBIH Group executives

and employees wear orange ribbons, raising awareness of this issue within the Group and elsewhere. In FY2008, the SBIH Group collected donations totaling ¥700,000 by distributing 2,064 orange ribbons, 715 orange ribbon badges, 621 name stickers and 86 magnets.



Major SBIH Group CSR Activities Associated with Business Operations

■ Operation of the Environment and Energy Fund

The SBIH Group established an Environment and Energy Fund in September 2007 with commitments for contributions totaling about ¥7.5 billion. The fund invests in Japanese and foreign companies that are associated with the environment and energy.

As one of Japan's largest venture capitalists, the SBIH Group has much experience in investing in and nurturing small companies. Information technology and biotechnology currently account for a large share of our investments. The SBIH Group plans to make environment and energy its third core investment sector, owing to its excellent prospects for future growth, and through these venture capital investments, the group plans to nurture the development of new industries and increase the value of portfolio companies.

■ The Morningstar Japan SRI Index

As of June 30, 2009, five SRI (socially responsible investing) funds utilizing Morningstar Japan data managed their funds whose net assets totaled approximately ¥5.3 billion. Morningstar Japan's SRI index encourages companies to promote their CSR activities. The index also creates an environment conducive to socially responsible investing by providing a benchmark for SRI funds and supplying information for investors.

■ CSR at SBI SECURITIES

Customers of SBI SECURITIES may use the points they accumulate under its points program for donations to the SBI Children's Hope Foundation, which supports facilities for abused children, and the Green Fund of the National Land Afforestation Promotion Organization, which promotes a tree-planting campaign. Offering these options for using points provides customers with further awareness of important social issues, such as child welfare and environmental problems.

In July 2008, SBI SECURITIES sold Eco-Link Bonds (bonds are linked to the price of emission futures). These bonds gave individuals an indirect means of participating in the emissions trading market, since direct participation is usually not practical. This provided another way for individuals to protect the environment.

In June 2009, SBI SECURITIES sold "Vaccine Bonds," which aim to save the lives of children in developing countries. Funds procured from Vaccine Bonds will be used to provide medical treatment and preventive vaccination services in over 70 developing countries.