

# With our Shareholders and Investors

## General Meeting of Shareholders

We consider our General Meeting of Shareholders held each year to be an important venue for receiving the decisions of every shareholder on important matters related to the operation of the company, as well as for all shareholders to hold direct talks with the company's management personnel. Therefore, for the holding of the General Meeting of Shareholders we set the schedule around the day when the meeting is convened so as to make it easy for shareholders to attend. Furthermore, for FY2007 notification of the convening of the meeting was sent out about three weeks before the legal term limit to allow the shareholders to sufficiently review the agenda items for the general meeting in advance.



## Top Management Executives Personally Work to Transmit Managerial Information

The top management executives at our company work to communicate with shareholders, investors, and analysts both in Japan and abroad. Various opinions which we receive as part of such discussions are then utilized in the management of the group. Top-level personnel personally handle accounting briefings and individual information gathering for institutional investors and analysts in Japan in striving to disseminate accurate management information. Furthermore, investors from mainly regions in Europe, North America, and Asia visited in FY2007, and we made every effort to proactively communicate with them. This included explanations of things like our business strategy and exchanges of opinions related to such matters.

## We Divide Up Profits with Consideration for Balance

Our basic philosophy with regard to the division of profits is to "measure up to the expectations of all of our shareholders through dividends and the like by striving to raise our corporate value through maintaining a stable earning capacity and further growth." At the same time, we also believe that "it is important to aim for ample retained earnings in order to provide for things like investment to growth sectors and new business development." As such, we have adopted Dividends on Equity (DOE) as indicators for returns to shareholders, which is multiplied Return on Equity (ROE) by the dividend payout ratio. Based upon this fundamental policy, with regard to shareholder dividends we will make strategic business investments to strengthen and grow our earnings structure, while also striving to continue effectively utilizing shareholders' equity.

## Initiatives for Social Responsibility Investment (SRI) and Eco-Funds

We have been increasing our momentum toward Social Responsibility Investment (SRI), which incorporates not only the company's economic aspects, but also the perspective of social responsibility in selecting the targets for equity investments. We have a track record of integrating our corporate stock into SRI funds such as the Asahi Life SRI Fund (Asunohane – Feather of the Future), as well as eco-funds like the Nomura Rainbow Fund (Global Environment Fund).



## List of Asahi Pretec Group Companies

The Asahi Pretec Group is comprised of the Asahi Pretec Corporation and eight of its subsidiaries (five in Japan and three overseas).

### Asahi Pretec Corporation

#### Nihon Chemitech Co., Ltd.

##### Environmental protection business

1. Using its proprietary detoxifying technology which is based on biological treatment, Nihon Chemitech conducts appropriate treatment of industrial waste that is discharged from manufacturers like semiconductor and electronic component makers.
2. Microbial treatment, dewatering, and reducing the volume of organic waste fluids and sludge generated by various food processors, grease traps from restaurants, and contaminants discharged from cleaning kitchen drainage or digestion tanks.
3. The aforementioned dewatered and reduced sludge is fermented to produce compost and then reused by cooperative farmers.
4. Cleaning of sewage facilities, etc.

#### Sansho Co., Ltd.

##### Environmental protection business

1. Efficiently separating and crushing various kinds of industrial waste discharged by different industries and treating it appropriately.
2. Cleaning up and appropriately processing hazardous waste that adheres to semiconductor manufacturing equipment and various research facilities.

#### Taiyo Chemical Co., Ltd.

##### Environmental protection business

1. Incinerating and appropriately processing waste oil and waste effluent generated from electronic component manufacturers.
2. Incinerating and appropriately processing infectious medical waste from hospitals and the like.
3. Recovering silver from photo-sensitive materials and processing waste effluent.

#### Shioiri Kenzai Co., Ltd.

##### Construction business

Engineering in public works for things like rivers, roads, bridges, and tunnels, as well as water services and sewage works. It also conducts contract work for building demolition.

##### Environmental protection business

Recycling waste, such as concrete blocks, which are specified as specific construction material waste, as well as waste timber or soil generated.

#### Iyotec Co., Ltd.

##### Temporary staffing service

Providing services involving the dispatch of personnel to work at mainly chemical and machinery plants.

#### Asahi G&S SDN. BHD (Malaysia)

##### Precious metal recycling business

Collecting precious metals from local electronic component manufacturers and jewelry manufacturers, the company recycles them at local recycling plants.

#### Shanghai Asahi Pretec Co., Ltd.

##### Precious metal recycling business

Collecting and recycling precious metals in local markets from mainly Japanese IT equipment manufacturers who are continuously setting up operations in China.

#### Asahi Pretec Korea Co., Ltd.

##### Precious metal recycling business

Collecting precious metals from Korean electronic component manufacturers, the company then processes them for recycling.

