Celebrating Our 100th Anniversary—Message from President Takenaka

On November 23, 2012, IBIDEN CO., LTD. (Head Office: Ogaki City, Gifu Prefecture; President and CEO: Hiroki Takenaka) held a commemorative party at Ogaki Forum Hotel to celebrate our 100th anniversary. The event was attended by many local people, including Gifu Prefecture Governor, Hajime Yoshida, with whom we have enjoyed a long-standing relationship over the years. Following President Takenaka’s speech, we were honored to receive a congratulatory address from Takashi Tsuchiya, the President of The Ogaki Kyoritsu Bank, Ltd. The party progressed in a friendly atmosphere, and not only were we able to celebrate our 100th anniversary but also we were able to express our gratitude through this event to all the people who have supported the Company throughout all these years.

President Takenaka’s Speech (Summary)

The IBIDEN Group was founded in 1912 originally as Ibigawa Electric Power Co., Ltd.—a power company aiming at stimulating the local economy. We then began engaging in the electrochemical industry utilizing off-grid power generation, followed by a transition to engaging in the housing materials, electronics and ceramics operations. In November, 2012, we are celebrating our 100th anniversary. We would like to express our deepest appreciation to all the people who have supported the Group through the Taisho, Showa and Heisei era.

Upon the occasion of the 100th anniversary, we renovated our hydropower plant which has supported the Group over the years. As a clean and renewable source of electricity generation, the importance of hydropower is increasing. We will continue to operate and utilize this renovated hydropower plant into the next generation as a valuable asset given to us by our predecessors.

On another note, aiming at strengthening our operating foundations, we have been undertaking the promoting and the establishing of an original self-improvement activity program named IPM (IBIDEN Profit Management). As a full participation, “Zero-Loss” activity, we are currently deploying this program throughout the Group including the production division and the technical/functional division. We will continue to vigorously promote and execute this “Zero-Loss” activity program to improve the earning capacity of the Group.
The Group has taken a first step forward toward the next 100 years. Leveraging the positively functioning DNA shared by all of our employees to unite together to overcome each and every problem, we will continue to strive to become an enduring and a perpetually developing corporate group. We will also steadily execute our Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) strategies in addition to contributing to realizing an abundant society by providing innovative technology. We look forward to our continued business relationship.