



Feature Article 3) Memorial Works for 88th Anniversary of NTN's Founding

NTN Hosts Various Activities Thinking of the Environment and Local People

Essay contest called for proposals on safeguarding the environment

NTN celebrated the 88th anniversary of its founding in March 2006. In Japan a special birthday celebration is held for a person who becomes 88. Then NTN developed various memorial works for the 88th anniversary throughout all groups.

As a part of this celebration, essays on specific environmental proposals were requested from group employees. Seventy were submitted. The President's Award, the most excellent, was given to Ms. Mika Kohara of the New Product Development Dept. for her essay entitled "A Proposal of Technology and Commodities which NTN Should Introduce to Preserve the Environment."



Mika Kohara
New Product Development Dept.

Thank you for giving me this award. Thinking of the environment and taking action to benefit it is very important not only to maintain our life right now but to maintain the lives of our children for the next generation.

I hope all essays submitted will foment environmental measures to be promoted by NTN and give an opportunity to think more deeply about the environment.



Photo of awardees

Themes of awarded internal essays

	Awardee	Title of essay
President Award	New Product Development R&D Center New Product Development Dept. Mika Kohara	A Proposal of Technology and Commodities which NTN Should Introduce to Preserve the Environment
Excellent Award	NTN USA Corporate Environmental, Health and Safety Kevin Bulatek	Protecting the Environment through "The Ichiro Principle"
	Production Engineering R&D Center Equipment Development Dept. Shozou Gotou	Contribution to Preventing Global Warming by Steel Dust Solidification Technology
Award	New Product Development R&D Center Mechatronics Research Dept. Hiroshi Isobe	New Technology for Hub Unit Bearings to Help Prevent Global Warming
	NBCA NTN Automotive Center, CVJ Business Unit Paul Tervo	Save Money and the Environment – Overseas Packaging Change
	Kuwana Works Personnel and General Affairs Dept. Masayuki Hiramatsu	The Concept of the "NTN Hometown Forest" and the Global Environment
	Environment Management Dept. Masayuki Yamazaki	On the Possibility of a Recycle-type Production System – The Future of NTN's "Environmentally-advanced Enterprise"
	Industrial Sales HQ Osaka Sales Office Koji Aoyama	Environmental Activity in the Sales Area: A Proposal on Evaluating the Environmental Contributions of Controlled Sales

Kuwana Works addressed activity rooted in local area

As a part of 88th anniversary memorial events, each location of our company held their own activities to contribute to local areas, such as planting vegetation.

NTN has also engaged in social exchanges with local groups and in social contribution activities, and will promote broader activities in the future in conjunction with local areas.

List of local contribution in 88th memorial works

Procurement HQ : Commemorative tree planting for affiliates
Kuwana Works : Phlox subulata planting and letters by 650 persons "NTN 88 Celebration"
 Practice of "clean operations"
 Presentation of grand piano to Kuwana City (planned)
 Wind-instrument contest for 88th Anniversary
 Concert at rest home for the aged
 Holding boys baseball tournament

Iwata Works : Donation of "cottage, tea stall and wood wall" to Mitsuke Square (planned) and sidewalk blocks to Futagoduka Park (planned)
Okayama Works : Joint tree planting with Bizen City
 Presenting care and welfare vehicle (planned)
Takarazuka Works : Presentation of hybrid solar street light
Nagano Works : Cherry tree planting Kayano Plateau
NTN Fukuroi Corp. : Planting of 88 cherry trees



Letters formed by persons celebrating 88th anniversary



Tree planting activity with affiliated companies

Examples of local contribution activity at Kuwana Works

Maintaining the local environment

Tree planting of Phlox subulata

As part of the 88th Anniversary in March 2007, Kuwana Works, which has been planting Phlox subulata for 3 year plans since 2006, presented 9,000 plants (300m²) of Phlox subulata, (twice that of 2006) to Kuwana City and 230 employee volunteers planted them in Harima Central Park.



Phlox subulata planting

Promoting sports and culture

Wind-instrument music contest

On March 22, 2007, a contest was held for wind-instrument music clubs in schools in Kuwana city. The chairman and adviser of the wind-instrument league was asked to be the judge and Kofu middle school won the award for the most excellent.

We will make further efforts to promote music in local areas.



Wind-instrument music contest



General explanation of bearings published for the development of industry

On May 25, 2007 "Understanding Bearings" was issued from Kogyo Chosakai Publishing, Inc. This is a general explanation of bearing technology, written by 10 employees of NTN putting their hearts and souls into it as a part of 88th anniversary.

Kogyo Chosakai issues many technical books and said, "There are many technical books on bearings, but no book is an easy explanation for new engineers. Please write such a primer." An editing team was organized and we expect it will contribute to the development of the bearing industry.

Social welfare

Concert at rest home for the aged

We planned a concert by the Kuwana String Orchestra in the "Heart" rest home for the aged and held it on March 2, 2007 with attendance by 140 tenants.

We also donated nursing utensils and received a letter of thanks from the head of the facility.



Concert at rest home

Boys baseball tournament

A boys memorial baseball tournament was held in July 2007, inviting hard rubber ball teams.

This tournament began with the wish of bringing-up sound youth and growing amateur sports. The 20th event was held this year with 16 teams. The number of teams was doubled as part of 88th memorial celebration.



Boys base ball match to compete for NTN Flag