

Good Corporate Citizens

Shin-Etsu Group companies strive to create new ways to help local communities worldwide achieve their goals. Wherever Shin-Etsu Group facilities are found, Shin-Etsu contributes by providing employment opportunities, stimulating regional economies and developing advanced technologies. As citizens of these communities, we participate in activities to help improve communities through both corporate policies and individual involvement.



Volunteers show they care for the needy
Shin-Etsu Handotai America, in Vancouver, WA, volunteers participated in United Way's "Day of Caring" on September 16, 2000. This is a day-long, community-based event that partners local volunteers with organizations and agencies in need of volunteers. Participants assist by working on the facilities of organizations and agencies that help people in need.



Shin-Etsu Malaysia employees give gift of life
At Shin-Etsu Malaysia, staff take part in blood donating sessions. Last year, employees were honored on April 21 when the Malaysian Ministry of Health invited them to receive recognition from the Malaysia Government for their blood donations. The company had the highest number of donors in the "factories" category in Malaysia.



CIRES assists community education
Companhia Industrial de Resinas Sinteticas (CIRES), in Lisbon, Portugal, has a commitment to local communities that goes beyond a mere business relationship. Since 1997 it has developed initiatives to strengthen the connection between educational institutions and the business community by fine-tuning the technological course curricula to the needs of local corporations and by inviting students to learn on site.



Simcoa presents Japanese garden
A traditional Japanese tea ceremony is performed at the Simcoa Tei-en Japanese garden, which Simcoa Operations presented to a hospital in the neighboring city of Bunbury in Western Australia, in December, 2000. The garden was created to provide a peaceful retreat for all who visit, and reflects the sister city relationship between Bunbury and Setagaya in Japan, in which Simcoa participates.