

Promoting Diversity and Inclusion

Hitachi believes that building a corporate culture that fully draws on the diversity of human capital, in terms of gender, age, and values, not only offers employees an opportunity to approach their work with enthusiasm but also contributes to enhancing competitiveness through the provision of solutions that incorporate diverse perspectives. In recent years, with the growing interest among stakeholders for personnel policies enabling flexible work styles, we are taking a proactive stance toward implementing this approach. We are also establishing key performance indicators to help expand career options for female employees.

With the strong commitment of top management, we aim to promote diversity as part of our management strategy and become a company that makes full use of our diverse human capital.

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Diversity is the wellspring of our innovation and our growth engine. Hitachi regards personal differences—gender, nationality, work history, age, sexual orientation, and philosophy—as facets of people’s individuality. By respecting our employees’ individualities and positioning them as an advantage, Hitachi frames its diversity and inclusion as conducive to both the individual’s and the Company’s sustainable growth. With strong teamwork and broad experience in the global market, we will meet our customers’ needs.

Since the 1990s, we have been at the social forefront, supporting women and other members of our multifaceted workforce. This includes setting up systems to help balance work with child and nursing care. Entering Phase 3 of our diversity management roadmap, we are embracing diversity as a management strategy under the initiative slogan “Diversity for the Next 100.” This means creating an environment where women and other members of our varied workforce can use their skills in leadership and business management.

Development Structure of Diversity Management

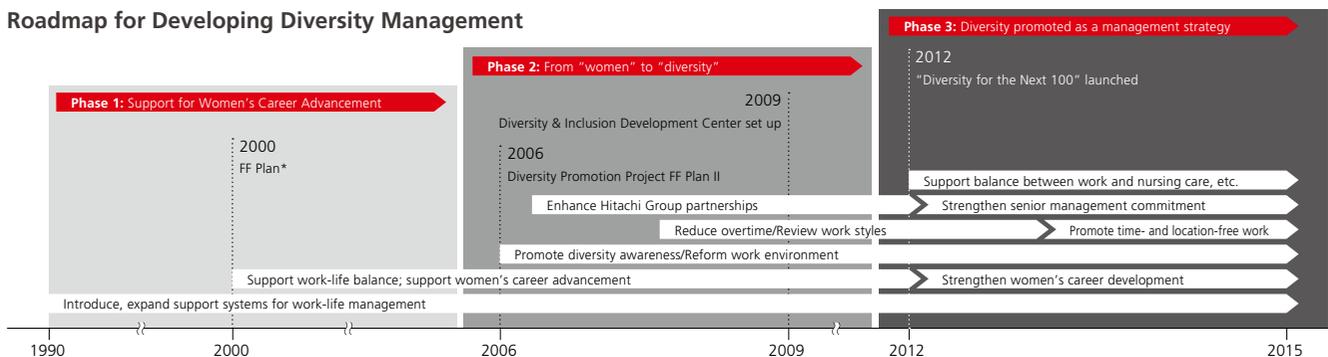
The Diversity Development Project, launched in fiscal 2006 under the president’s direct control, was replaced in fiscal 2009 with the Diversity & Inclusion Development Center, which currently operates under the direct supervision of the Human Capital Group.

Hitachi and 20 Group companies jointly operate the Advisory Committee and the Diversity Development Council to accelerate awareness across Hitachi as a whole, including support for diverse human resources and work-life management. The Advisory Committee ensures follow-through on our diversity management policy, while the Diversity Development Council discusses specific activities and shares best practices. Both meet every six months.

Group companies and business groups/sites have also set up their own diversity-promotion organizations and projects, such as those to help develop women’s careers, in order to enhance initiatives geared to the challenges faced by individual workplaces. We also hold regular meetings to exchange opinions on diversity with labor unions.

In Europe, too, we are accelerating the pace of our diversity and inclusion initiatives on the basis of establishing the D&I Steering Committee in January 2016. The committee, which convenes every quarter, is made up of executives from the seven main Hitachi Group companies in Europe, including Hitachi Europe Ltd., Hitachi Rail Europe Ltd., and Hitachi Data Systems Corporation. The three main areas addressed are “the creation of a diversity and inclusion framework,” “career development,” and “communication.” Members are assigned to each area and lively discussions are held in order to formulate and implement plans to promote diversity and inclusion.

Roadmap for Developing Diversity Management



* The Gender-Free and Family-Friendly (FF) Plan is an initiative to create a better work environment by supporting efforts to balance work and family life and supporting women in the workplace.