

TO OUR STAKEHOLDERS

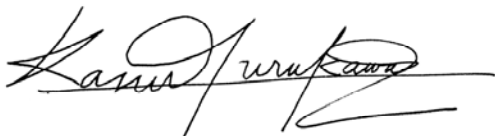
In 2010, Hitachi Ltd. will celebrate its 100th year since establishment. Based on the founding values of “harmony,” “sincerity,” and “pioneering spirit,” in the years to come we will strive to develop our corporate philosophy even further, which is “to contribute to society through technology.” With the approaching centennial, Hitachi will combine the “true collective strengths” of the wide range of technologies and expertise among Group companies to create added value, to meet the expectations of stakeholders including customers and shareholders, and to enhance shareholder value.

The creation of high added value requires research and development (R&D) and intellectual property, which is the fruit of R&D. Our efforts and achievements in these areas are presented here as the third R&D and Intellectual Property Report.

By reading this report, we hope that our diverse stakeholders will gain an understanding of Hitachi’s philosophy and focus on R&D and intellectual property.

June 2006

President and Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kazuo Furukawa". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.