

# Corporate Citizenship

**Tokyo Gas touches the lives of just about everyone living in the greater Tokyo area, the company's service area, on a daily basis. Our growth is dependent on deepening this symbiotic relationship with our customers. Based on this fact, we are taking an active—and visible—role in the communities we serve.**

Our disparate activities fall into three categories: environmental protection, philanthropic, and cultural and sports. Programs are tailored to our service areas. Activities range from tree planting and seminars to raise environmental awareness and recycling programs to sponsorship of chorus festivals and soccer clinics. In this section, some of the major activities undertaken during the year under review are profiled.

## Earth Vision Film Festival

Tokyo Gas has been a special sponsor of the Earth Vision Film Festival since 1992. The event aims to raise environmental awareness through movies. Submissions are solicited in Japan, Asia and Oceania. The best films are selected for public showing at the festival. At the 7th festival held on March 4 and 5, 1999, 9 films were shown from the 127 entries received. Around 3,300 people attended over the festival's two days. This festival is gaining wider international recognition, having also been held for the first time in Paris on March 12 and 13, 1999, attracting 300 people.

## Leave System Encourages Volunteerism

Believing that we must remove as many internal obstacles to volunteerism as possible, we have a Volunteer Leave System. Employees are given up to 5 days a year of paid leave to participate in volunteer activities. In the 1998 calendar year, 119 employees took advantage of the system, spending an aggregate of 212.5 days helping the community.

## Promoting Tokyo's First Professional Soccer Team

We have long been associated with soccer organizations in the Tokyo area. Taking this community involvement one step further, we played a leading role in the formation of FC Tokyo in October 1998—Tokyo's first J League professional soccer team; we are also one of the team's major sponsors. Long awaited by soccer fans in Tokyo, FC Tokyo took over from the Tokyo Gas Football Club, which traces its roots back to 1935. The club is competing in the recently inaugurated J League Division 2 (J2) competition.



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*The new FC Tokyo eleven.*

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*Tokyo Gas' "Gas Science Center"*

**RIGHT**

*Poster for "Earth Vision '98"*

