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About the Cover

We invited Sharp Group employees and their family members worldwide to send in their ideas for the cover design. From among the 312 entries received, we selected the work of Mr. Masaaki Higashinaka, Assistant Manager, Design Center, Audio-Visual Systems Group, Sharp Corporation.

Message from the Artist

A single flower flutters gently in the wind. Flowers can bloom so beautifully because of a balance of fresh air, clean water and plentiful soil.

For the cover design, I chose a photograph that depicts the theme of a flower in a beautiful environment. The font that I used for the title evokes both a human warmth and the efforts that Sharp is making towards the environment.

Masaaki Higashinaka

About This Report

Areas Covered

This report covers basic policy, fiscal 2003 achievements and future plans related to environmental and social aspects of the Sharp Group. It also includes basic information on our economic situation.

Outline of the Report

The main aims of this report are communication and disclosure.

The communication aspect consists of a Special Report on a photovoltaic power generation project in Mongolia and highlights on 7 major areas in the Sharp Group's environmental activities. These sections will give you an understanding of Sharp's main environmental message.

The disclosure aspect begins on page 25. Like last year's report, this section gives an overview of the Sharp Group's environmental activities with reference to various guidelines. Reading this section along with the Performance Data at the end of this report will give you a detailed understanding of each of our environmental efforts.

What the Report Covers

Period: Fiscal 2003 (April 2003 to March 2004)

There is also information on policies, objectives and efforts for fiscal 2004 and beyond.

Companies: Sharp Corporation, domestic and overseas subsidiaries and affiliates*.

Environmental performance data covers the following.

Sites Covered in Environmental Performance Data

Production sites	36 sites (16 domestic, 20 overseas)
Non-production sites	ISO-certified sites and sites with 300 or more employees (16 domestic, 12 overseas)

- * For details on sites covered in the data, see the list of major Sharp Group sites on page 73.
- * In this report, the Sharp Group is referred to as "Sharp Group," while Sharp Corporation is referred to as "Sharp" or "Sharp Corporation."

Guidelines Used as Reference

- Environmental Reporting Guidelines (fiscal 2000 and fiscal 2003 editions) published by the Ministry of the Environment
- Sustainability Reporting Guidelines 2002 published by the GRI (Global Reporting Initiative)