PEOPLE

CONTRIBUTION TO PEOPLE’S MENTAL WELLNESS

Recognizing Social Issues

The preamble to the Constitution of the World Health Organization (WHO) defines that “Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.” Here, health is expressed with the word “well-being.”

Gallup, Inc. of the United States has conducted an emotional health survey in more than 140 countries and areas. In this survey, Respondents’ emotional experiences serve as one of its key measurement indicators.

The survey results revealed that during the period between 2006 and 2021, Positive Experience Index scores (feeling well-rested, feeling treated with respect, laughing and smiling, enjoyment, and learning or doing something interesting) stayed about the same, whereas Negative Experience Index scores (physical pain, worry, sadness, stress, and anger) showed a deteriorating trend since 2015. Presumably, increasing the opportunities for positive experiences will lead to improvement in people’s emotional health in the future.

Meanwhile, the industrial world – the information technology industry in particular – has begun to see some companies incorporating the perspective of well-being, which encompasses not only physical health but also mental and social health, into the process of product and technology development.

Mazda’s Approach to Resolving Issues

Reasons for Addressing Social Issues

Around 2030, Mazda predicts that while people will benefit from the economic affluence achieved by mechanization and automation, they will be less associated with society due to weakening real-world human connections, with reduced opportunities to live spiritually rich lives, realize a society where all people harmoniously coexist, and feel the pleasure of ownership. Furthermore, people may be subject to high stress caused by the vulnerability of the social systems, which will have been optimized to seek higher efficiency.

Given these circumstances, the value of vehicles is expected to become more diversified, so people will select vehicles according to their purpose, e.g., for driving supported by vehicle-infrastructure cooperative systems, for enjoying driving, and for feeling the joy of ownership.

Mazda aims to enhance customers’ mental well-being with the satisfaction that comes from protecting the planet and contributing to society with a car that offers true driving pleasure.

Approach to Resolving Social Issues

Mazda hopes to enrich the lives of customers by offering new forms of car ownership and automobile culture through its unique human-centered approach.

- Further maturing Mazda’s Kodo design language, which is grounded in a philosophy of bringing cars to life and raises car design to the level of art to enrich people’s emotional lives
- Further pursuing a Jinba-ittai — or sense of oneness between driver and vehicle — driving feel, which unlocks people’s potential and revitalizes them mentally and physically
- Enhancing events and experiences for customers to build special bonds with Mazda by providing a comfortable space and through other means