Recognizing Social Issues

Securing a labor force is one of the challenges confronting developed countries, where the percentage of working-age population has been on the decline. On top of this, changing market circumstances as exemplified by globalization in recent years have caused numerous new uncertainties for companies and brought changes in their competitive environments. Companies are therefore required to accurately identify diversifying customer needs and innovate to seize new revenue-generating opportunities, while also needing flexibly respond to risks and making them into business opportunities.

In these circumstances, in order for companies to sustain growth, it is essential to secure a diverse range of human resources in accomplishing their management strategies. To this end, companies should pursue diversity management. Cultivating both a work climate and work-style frameworks that can motivate a diverse pool of employees, enables companies to assign the right person to the right position, and thus provide opportunities to individual employees to exercise their potential to the fullest. By doing so, diversity management aims to allow companies to achieve positive management results, including product innovation, process innovation, improvement in external evaluation and effects within the workplace.

Furthermore, companies must step up their efforts to continue to create corporate value over the medium and long term by leveraging the differences between diverse attributes to improve the company’s risk management capabilities and the supervisory function of the Board of Directors.

Mazda’s Approach to Resolving Issues

Reasons for Addressing Social Issues
Mazda recognizes that people are its most important resource and aims to be a company staffed by people who enjoy their work. In accordance with Mazda’s value of “our unique co-creation with others,” Mazda respects the diversity of its employees from various backgrounds, including race, nationality, faith, gender, social status, family origin, age, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, and gender identity. The Company also strives to promote flexible and diverse work styles and improve working conditions and environments, thereby enhancing employees’ motivation and increasing work efficiency from the viewpoint of total optimization.

Approach to Resolving Social Issues
The Company aims to foster a corporate climate in which every employee can express his/her individuality while working alongside others to contribute to the Company and society. Mazda promotes human resources training based on the Mazda Way principles that are shared throughout the entire Mazda Group worldwide. Also, the Company has established Group-wide human resources policies and measures along with promotion of various initiatives.

- New flexible work styles (remote work, satellite office)
- Reform company-wide operation system to support new work style
- Promote diversity and inclusion, etc.