Active Participation of a Diverse Workforce

Toyoda Gosei hires and trains a diverse workforce, including women, foreign nationals, mid-career hires, and people with disabilities. We provide fair and impartial training, evaluation, and promotion opportunities to all employees, so that everyone can display their abilities. We seek to energize the company by providing an environment where people can play active roles.

Encouraging the Active Roles of Women

To bring about a situation in which all employees, regardless of gender, can play active roles and grow, and to create new value by taking advantage of diversity, we are implementing the initiatives shown in the table below. Our focus is on training and support for the active roles of female employees, reforming the attitudes and behavior of superiors, and support for a work-life balance.

We aim to have more than 40 female managers by 2025 in order to create an environment where female employees can work long-term with assurance and continue to grow, as well as to incorporate more diverse values and new perspectives and ideas into our management.

For example, in training and support for the active roles of female employees, we are strengthening our training initiatives to encourage female employees who aspire to become leaders by providing training to improve their management skills and actively implementing training rotations to expand their range of experience and perspective.

In technical workplaces, we are also creating manufacturing floors where employees can play an active role regardless of gender or age by introducing innovations to minimize heavy labor, such as rethinking high-load work with the use of *karakuri kaizen* and the greater use of robots. This will encourage more active participation of female employees.

Number of Female Managers [Toyoda Gosei Co., Ltd.]



Training and support for the active roles of female employees	 Challenge Programs: Educational program in which female manager candidates provide "Acquisition of management skills through training," "Expanding range of experience with training rotation," and "Sharing and mutual advice of troubles or matters that are noticed through practice in the workplace." Tea Meetings: A place where female employees can take up troubles and opinions and strengthen personal networks
Reforming the attitudes and behaviors of superiors	 Workplace reform management class: A place to exchange opinions on voluntarily improving the management ability of those in managerial positions, and change atmospheres and attitudes
Support for work-life balance	 Enhancement of childcare leave, reduced working hours (systems exceed legal standards) Introduction of telework (for office and engineering work since January 2021)

Local Executive Training

With 61 companies in 16 countries and regions around the world, we want our operations to be rooted in the local communities that support sustainable growth. For such business operations, we believe the involvement of personnel who are familiar with local business practices and culture is essential, and we are actively promoting the appointment and training of local executives at our overseas locations. To accelerate active promotion to such positions in each region, we established a basic policy and targets for the promotion of local executives (vice presidents and above) in FY2020. Each business unit is working to achieve these targets.

With the aim of having 40% local executives by

2025, we are evaluating people with high potential in each region and formulating plans for their development. We are also promoting the development of local personnel by introducing an introductory education and mentoring system and conducting "problem-setting problem-solving" training to retain mid-career employees who are candidates for executive positions. In addition, Regional Succession Committee (RSC) meetings are held in the Americas, Southeast Asia, and China to share the status of activities and issues related to the development and recruitment of executive successor candidates. Annual reports are given at Global Succession Committee (GSC) meetings.