



Message from the Management

Nearly half a century has passed since The Kansai Electric Power Company, Inc. (Kansai EP) took on a major challenge in a hidden, scenic spot called Kurobe Gorge and tunneled through an extremely difficult fracture zone to construct the Kurobegawa No.4 Hydro Power Plant, a project that begun shortly after Kansai EP was established in 1951.

Together with the changing times, the main source of electric power generation has shifted from hydro power to thermal power, and then to nuclear power. Recently due to the intense competition to acquire energy resources and global warming being a worldwide concern, the energy industry is undergoing a dramatic change in its surroundings.

Even though the times have changed, the mission of Kansai EP remains the same: to be a safe, stable and dependable provider of electricity, to support our customers' comfortable lives and economic activities, and to contribute to the development of society.

As an energy provider with the responsibility to support the all-important infrastructure of our society, we will continue in the future as well to combine the total strength of our Group to work actively toward achieving a society with low CO₂ emissions, while we join with our customers to continue our powerful forward progress toward the future.

We continue to take deeply to heart the lessons learned from the accident at the Mihama Power Plant Unit 3, and Kansai EP reaffirms its pledge to serve as a corporate model in order to achieve the highest level of safety.

By ensuring thorough compliance and taking other necessary steps, we will fulfill our social responsibilities as a corporation, while devoting our utmost efforts to becoming a Kansai Electric Power Company Group that can win even greater trust from our customers and communities.

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