Suppliers

Fundamental approach to suppliers

A single Honda automobile is made of 20,000 to 30,000 parts. Manufacturing our automobiles and other products depends on close cooperation with business partners who supply the necessary parts and materials. As our manufacturing base has expanded globally, the trust-based relationships we have established with thousands of suppliers around the world have become crucial to maintaining stable production and fulfilling our commitment to the continuing enhancement of quality and advanced product performance.

Recognizing the importance of its relationship with suppliers, Honda is building long-term relationships and growing hand-in-hand with its business partners.

Enhancing partnerships

Recognizing 46 companies at the awards ceremony for suppliers

Honda holds New Year's awards ceremonies and celebrations for suppliers to share information about the direction of its business and purchasing policies with suppliers.

At the ceremony held in January 2010, which was attended by 326 suppliers, we shared our intention to become a leader in environmental technology and to continue to strive to offer customers high-quality products more quickly and at reasonable prices in the compact automobile and commuter motorcycle segments by getting back to the original foundation. We also presented awards to 46 suppliers who had exhibited exceptional performance throughout the year in quality, cost, development, parts, and special (outstanding quality and global quality) categories. F.C.C. Co., Ltd., received cost, quality, and development awards, winning the Grand Award for the first time in four years.

Building purchasing and procurement systems

Pursuing CSR with suppliers

Through its purchasing activities with suppliers, Honda works to pursue CSR through efforts to promote safety, disaster prevention, legal compliance, environmental conservation, and QCD. In addition to these initiatives, we plan to develop the Supplier CSR Guidelines that make clear our expectations in terms of human rights and labor from the CSR perspective, distribute them to suppliers, and encourage their understanding.

Procuring environmentally responsible materials and parts

The average automobile consists of 20,000 to 30,000 parts, and automakers purchase most of these parts from suppliers, making cooperation with suppliers an essential part of efforts to reduce environmental impact throughout the product lifecycle.

In addition to working to reduce the environmental impact of its own operations, Honda drew up the Honda Green Purchasing Guidelines in FY2002 with the goal of procuring environmentally friendly materials and parts. Today, we are considering new systems and techniques in the drive to further reduce environmental impact throughout the part lifecycle.

In the past, Honda has worked to manage chemical substances in products voluntarily in accordance with chemical substance guidelines. To comply with the expanding scope of chemical substance regulations, we abolished those guidelines and created a new Honda Product Chemical Substance Management Standard.

Honda is also working to bring its own internal environmental impact reduction measures to suppliers in an effort to reduce the environmental impact of their operations. We regularly hold information exchange meetings at Honda production facilities as a means of sharing information about policies with suppliers.