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Participation in "Room to Read" education support program for developing countries

Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. ("TMNF," President: Shuzo Sumi) reached an agreement with "Room to Read," a San Francisco-based international NGO (founder: John Wood), to sponsor an education support program for Asian developing countries.

Under this agreement, TMNF will participate in the Girl's Education Program and Reading Room Support Program and donate approximately US\$ 100,000 annually in the next three years starting from 2010 in India and Bangladesh.

TMNF has continuously conducted the Mangrove Planting Project since 1999 to develop human resources and stimulate the economy while reducing environmental burdens. We at TMNF will endeavor to expand our social action programs for the region as well as the Mangrove Planting Project by participating in this program.

*TMNF will be the first Japanese company to participate in the girls' education program with a donation on the scale of a hundred thousand dollars.

1. Outline of "Room to Read's Education Support Program" that TMNF (Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire) is participating in

(1) Girls' Education Program

Room to Read provides holistic supports for girls to ensure access to a quality education through long-term scholarships that include life skills training to prepare them for life after school.*

*Ten years from the primary school entrance age to the age of completing junior high school, high school or equivalent level of schools.

(2) Reading Room Program

Room to Read establishes libraries and stocks them with local-language children's books, donated English-language books and furniture to create a child-friendly learning environment. Librarian trainings are also provided with a support from Room to Read.

(3) Partner countries and support activities

TMNF donates US\$ 105,000* a year for two hundred and ninety girls in India and Bangladesh as well as establishing libraries in both countries. Message plaque sent by TMNF will be displayed in reading rooms.

<Room to Read>

Room to Read is an NPO founded by John Wood a former Microsoft executive in 2000 for the purpose of providing education support in developing countries. "Room to Read" establishes schools, libraries, publishes children's books in local language, donates English-language books and supports girl's education in nine countries over Asia and Africa. The organization works in collaboration with local communities, partner organizations and governments, to develop literacy skills and a habit of reading among primary school children, and support girls to complete secondary school with the relevant life skills to succeed in school and beyond.

Supported countries: Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Laos, Nepal, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, South Africa and Zambia

Accomplishment by Room to Read:

Establishment of 10,000 libraries
Publication of 433 titles of children books in local languages (22 languages)
Distribution of 7,400,000 books
Girls Scholarships for 8,944 girls
Establishment of 1,128 schools

(As of end of April, 2010)

2. Mangrove Planting Project by TMNF

TMNF launched the Mangrove Planting Project in 1999 as part of Tokio Marine & Fire Insurance's 120th Anniversary Commemorative events. TMNF had planted mangroves in 6,293 hectares of new forest in six* countries across Asia and the nation of Fiji by the end of March 2010.

We started planting in India, one of the countries supported by Room to Read, in 2009. We are now considering whether to add Bangladesh to the scope of our afforestation activities.

* India, Indonesia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam

Mangrove trees in these regions are not only essential in helping to prevent global

warming by absorbing and stabilizing CO₂, but they also serve as a bulwark against tsunamis and other natural disasters. Mangrove planting also contributes to fishery and forestry resources, the local economy and human resource development in the region.

TMNF endeavors to tackle the global social action of "Fostering plants and people," aiming to reduce environmental burdens and develop human resources through education support programs and the Mangrove Planting Project.

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