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## **AGC Wins Special Award in Financing Employing Environmental Ratings from Development Bank of Japan**

**AGC** Asahi Glass Co., Ltd.

AGC (Asahi Glass Co., Ltd., Head Office: Tokyo, President & COO: Kazuhiko Ishimura) received the highest-level ranking in financing employing environmental ratings implemented by Development Bank of Japan (President : Minoru Murofushi, "DBJ environmental ratings") in recognition of its environmentally responsible management, winning a special award given to companies whose environmental initiatives are especially advanced.

DBJ environmental ratings is the first financing system in the world that has introduced a specialized method of environmental ratings. Under this environmental rating system, corporations are evaluated in terms of environmentally responsible management by a screening/rating system developed by Development Bank of Japan, excellent companies are selected, and three financing interest rate levels are set in accordance with the scored points of each company.

The AGC Group strives to be a company trusted by all its stakeholders, a company that meets the expectations of the world business community to grow and develop responsibility, and a company that significantly contributes to a healthier global society. In the recent evaluation by DBJ, the following four environmental initiatives of the AGC Group were rated particularly and the Group acquired the highest-level rating, "environmental initiatives are particularly advanced," and won a special award given only to model companies with outstanding ratings.

- (1) Significantly reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions through various efforts to improve glass production processes and other measures, including the introduction of the total oxygen combustion method in flat glass manufacturing for the first time in Japan (CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in 2008: down 36% from 1990);
- (2) Promoting the establishment of and the mechanisms for functional glass recycling technologies in cooperation with Flat Glass Manufacturers Association of Japan;
- (3) Contributing to the prevention of climate change, the protection of the ozone layer, and the effective use of resources by collecting used chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), which account for 20% (in 2007) of the total CFC processing volume in Japan, through the establishment of plants to destroy CFCs, and by promoting reuse of used CFCs in fluorite; and
- (4) Holding visiting classes for and donating disaster-resistant glass to elementary schools and junior high schools in order to widely popularize eco-glass, which has excellent energy-saving and disaster prevention effects, through its Glass Power Campaign.

In accordance with Delivering Technology Solutions for Climate Change, as stated in the *Grow Beyond* management policy, the AGC Group continues to aim to be a corporate group which is trusted, counted on and supported by the entire society through development of eco-friendly technologies and products.

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