

Highlights of the Year

Start of operations at the Okayama Plant

The Okayama Plant, where construction work had been proceeding for some time, was completed, and on October 1, 1997, it began shipping components. The Okayama Plant is the Company's 13th. On a site covering 420,000 m², and with a floor space of 46,165 m², it is a central manufacturing base for components for single-family houses and apartment buildings. Located a mere 20 minutes from an expressway interchange, it supplies four surrounding plants, as well as carrying out centralized supply to construction sites. This plant will help the Company to further improve its quality and productivity.



Okayama Plant

3-story apartment building wins quasi- fireproof certification

Under deregulation measures that came into force in September 1997, 3-story apartment buildings can be built even in quasi fire-preventive districts, which are mostly in large cities, if they meet fire prevention standards. In response, the Company improved the fire-resistant properties of its existing 3-story apartment building "High Camour ST," which was subsequently



"High Camour ST"

granted quasi-fireproof construction certification, allowing it to be erected in quasi fire-preventive districts. This was the first-product in the prefabricated housing industry to be certified, and it is sure to help us increase orders for 3-story apartment buildings in large cities, where there are many quasi fire-preventive districts.

Shinshu Matsushiro Royal Hotel assists Nagano Olympics as an NOC hotel

The Nagano Winter Olympics was an event that produced many records and scenes of great emotion. The Company's Shinshu Matsushiro Royal Hotel played its part in the Olympics as the residential hotel for National Olympic Committees (NOCs) from many countries and regions, playing host to VIPs from all over the world, including the chairpersons and officials of each NOC. During the games, the hotel hosted receptions and parties almost every day, and the entire staff made an all-out effort to offer the highest-quality service, and the hotel fulfilled its important role as one more venue for the Olympics.



Shinshu Matsushiro Royal Hotel

ISO9001 certification for technical development divisions

In November 1997 the Company's technical development divisions (the development divisions of Technical Headquarters and the Central Research Laboratory) were awarded ISO9001 certification for quality assurance by the Japan Quality Assurance Organization. This certification came in recognition of the fact that planning and development of our industrialized single-family housing, apartment building, and systematized architecture products, and our basic technology research and development systems, meet international standards. We will use this as an opportunity to further strengthen our research and development system with a view to creating both world-class quality and high productivity.



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