

Overseas Operations 2000

Despite continued strong growth of the American economy and distinct signs of a recovery in the Asian economy during the latter half of the fiscal year, due to decreased north American demand for machine tools, total export orders received totaled ¥34,136 million (US\$ 322 million), an approximately 5% decrease compared to the previous fiscal year.

In regards to export sales, an increase in injection molding machine and semiconductor equipment sales more than compensated for decrease in machine tool sales resulting in a total of ¥39,171 million (US\$ 369 million), a 9% increase compared to the previous fiscal year, contributing to approximately 49% of total sales.

Although the north American region accounted for 36% of total export amount, other principal markets were China, South Korea, Taiwan, Europe, Malaysia and Singapore.

By machinery type, the major share of injection molding machines and die cast machinery were exported to north America and Asia, while north America, Asia, as well as Europe represented the largest market for our machine tools.

In the future, we plan to further improve our overseas sales and service network by quickly responding to our customers needs with the providing of quality products and after-sales service.

