

Overseas Operations for Fiscal 2001

During the fiscal year under review, despite relatively robust European economic growth, the American economy entered a period of slow growth. In Asia, the Chinese economy experienced generally favorable growth, despite subdued activity in other economies of this region, such as Singapore and Korea due to the negative influence of the American economic slowdown.

Under such conditions, a large increase in our injection molding machines and semiconductor equipment sales more than compensated for a decrease in our machine tools resulted in a total ¥55,139 million (US\$ 445 million) in consolidated overseas sales, an increase of 19.8% compared to the previous year and comprising approximately 43.3% of total sales.

As in previous years, the North American region accounted for 31% of our total export amount, with our other principal markets being Korea, Taiwan, China, Europe, Thailand and Singapore.

By machinery type, the greatest share of our injection molding machines, die cast machines and machine tools were exported to the North American and Asian regions.

In the future, implementation of a further enhanced overseas sales and service network for even quicker response to our customers' needs, along with the providing of unexcelled quality products and after-sales is planned.

