

Social responsibility

Guide runner for visually handicapped marathoners, Korea

We believe we have a unique opportunity and responsibility to make a difference in our local communities. In 2016, we invested over KRW 1.1 billion in community service and welfare, education and scholarships, and culture and the arts to do a world of good.

Inspiring interest in science

In 2011, we launched the Solar School project to donate and install 5 kW solar PV systems at a total of 300 primary schools across Korea. Beyond providing the practical benefit of meeting a portion of each school's power needs, the project aims to teach students the principles and process of solar PV power generation to increase awareness of renewable energy and help inspire the next generation of creative engineers and scientists. In 2016, we installed solar PV systems at a total of 10 primary schools on Jeju Island, our first installations in that region. We have now installed systems at 249 schools to date.

In recent years, there has also been an international component to our Solar School project. In 2014 and 2015, we visited the Annapurna region of Nepal to install solar PV systems at schools in several remote mountain villages and provide necessities to improve the educational environment in this underdeveloped region. Although we were unable to continue the program in 2016 due to the impact of recent earthquakes, we hope to visit again in the future when conditions improve.

Engaging our communities

Our Angel campaign and volunteer organization has led our community service initiatives since 2006. The organization gives our employees and their families practical opportunities to donate their money, time, and talents to make a difference in local communities.

The Angel campaign encourages employees to donate a small portion of their paychecks to benefit worthy charities and those in need such as low-income households, the disabled, and the elderly. These donations raised KRW 143,479,018 in 2016 to which the company added matching funds based on the participation rate at each worksite.

Angel volunteers—both employees and their families—also spent over 3,678 hours lending a helping hand during the year. They delivered rice to families in need. They visited senior nursing homes to visit with residents and improve the facilities. They helped serve meals to the needy and clean up trash. They sponsored math and English tutoring for middle-school students. They made and shared kimchi and delivered coal briquettes and heating oil to make winter a little warmer for the needy. They served as guide runners for the blind at two fun runs in the spring and fall. They helped athletes with intellectual disabilities participate in the Special Olympics. They also continued to support Save the Children's "Knit One, Save One" campaign to improve infant mortality in less-developed countries, knitting caps for infants in Tajikistan and Uganda.

In 2016, we launched the OCI Angel Awards to recognize and encourage exceptional dedication to community service. This year's awards honored three employees of our Pohang, Iksan, and Gunsan plants for their roles in operating an after-school study group, providing sign-language services, and serving as a guide runner.

Training the next generation

The Songam Foundation operates two scholarship programs to help worthy students pursue their educational dreams. In 2016, the Songam Foundation Scholarship presented awards to 36 middle school, 10 high school, and 57 university students selected for their outstanding academic performance. The Songam Multi-Cultural Family Scholarship separately presented awards to 16 high school and 7 university students from low-income, multi-cultural families during the year. Over 350 students have been supported since the scholarship's inception in 2011. Songdo Academy operates its namesake Songdo High School and Songdo Middle School, actively supporting each institution's development to ensure they are fully equipped to fulfill their mission of training the next generation.

Bringing art to new audiences

Since 2010, we have partnered with OCI Museum to sponsor "Shining Star Journey", a biennial touring exhibition that brings an uncommon modern art experience to the provincial cities where we have operations. In 2016, our fourth touring exhibition featured 30 works spanning paintings, sculptures, and installations from 18 artists who participated in the 2014 and 2015 Young Creatives and Residency programs. The tour welcomed 7,793 people during its run from March 29 through June 15 with stops in Seoul, Gunsan, Gwangyang, and Pohang.

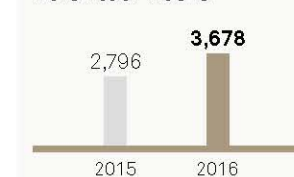
Bringing modern art to life

Opened in 2010, the OCI Museum of Art organizes and hosts exhibitions of established and up-and-coming Korean contemporary artists throughout the year. The museum operates two major programs—OCI Young Creatives and the OCI Residency Studio—to promote the arts. The OCI Young Creatives program launched in 2010 helps rising artists reach a wider audience, awarding grants of KRW 10 million and the opportunity for a solo exhibition at the museum. The OCI Residency Studio program launched in 2011 runs from April to the following March, providing studio and living space to eight talented artists each year. Since 2014, the museum has also run OCI Residency 1211, an international artist-in-residence exchange program. This year's two-month exchange program with the Kuandu Museum of Fine Arts in Taipei, Taiwan sent Yong-sung Heo of Korea to Taiwan and brought Wu Chuan-lun to Seoul.

Solar School Project, Korea



Volunteer hours



Donations

