## Foreword



We are pleased to present to you the Fiscal Year 2004 Interim Financial Report, summarizing our activities and results in the first half of fiscal 2004.

Our core priorities are providing greater value-added products and services that meet the diversified and increasingly sophisticated needs of our customers, and strengthening our financial base and profitability to further improve our financial results. Through the accomplishment of these priorities, we aim to further solidify the trust of our customers and the market.

We look forward to your continued support and encouragement as we take steps toward the next stage of our development.

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Akishige Okada Chairman of the Board

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