## Message from the President

At the NTT Group, we recognize that the major global environmental disruptions of the 20th century have primarily been the result of economic activity, particularly mass production, mass consumption, and mass disposal, as well as the single-minded pursuit of convenience to the detriment of environment. If we ignore these issues, current conditions will soon lead to environmental damage that will take generations to repair, if they can be repaired at all. Prompted by a keen awareness of the Earth's limited resources and the responsibility of each company, individual, and public organization, the NTT Group established "The NTT Global Environment Charter" in 1991. Since then, we have systematically worked to promote global environment actions based on systematic environmental planning and through specific programs at each business unit.

Our activities have steadily yielded results, including more efficient use of paper resources, reduction of use of global warming substances and waste management. When NTT reorganized effective on July 1, 1999, we implemented more assertive steps to help to our part in the creation of a sustainable society. We reaffirmed our commitment to the NTT Group Global Environment Charter based on unified environmental protection policies adopted across the entire Group. We also adopted "NTT Group Ecology Program 21", a strategy for Group-wide global environment protection actions for the 21st century, which specifies the establishment and implementation of major environmental objectives, emphasizing more flexible and more creative community-centered environmental protection action and proactive research and development for environmental protection.

This booklet provides a summary of our environmental protection activities for fiscal 1998. We would appreciate your attention and welcome your opinions.

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