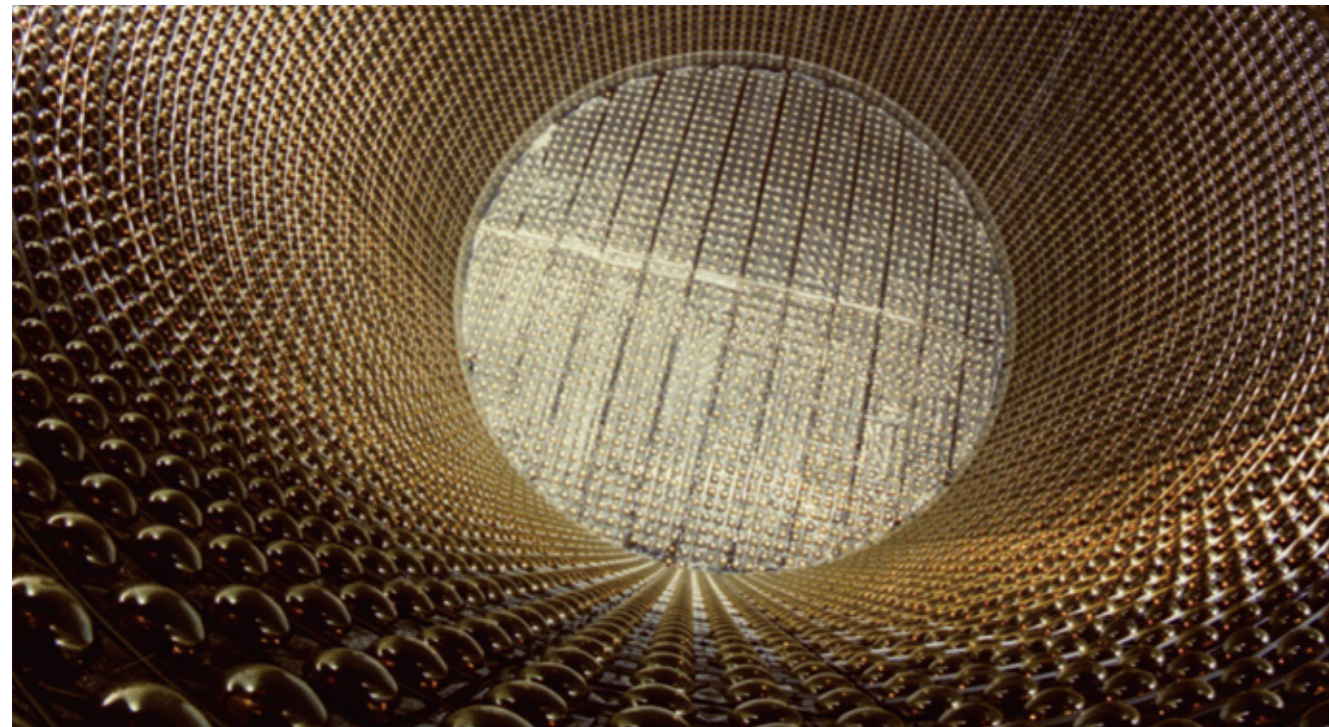


# Social Contributions

MES carries out a wide variety of social contribution activities, in addition to its business activities, in line with our Company Philosophy, which calls on us "to continue working as a company trusted by society and individuals through products and services we offer."



Super-Kamiokande, a neutrino detector facility that was constructed at 1,000 meters underground in Kamioka Mine

## Science

**Professor Takaaki Kajita was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics for his research based on results of observations made by using the Super-Kamiokande.**

In 2015, Takaaki Kajita, the Director of Institute for Cosmic Ray Research and Professor at the University of Tokyo, was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics for discovering neutrino oscillations. The Super-Kamiokande is the neutrino detector facility that supported this research project, which has succeeded in expanding the intellectual frontiers of humankind. MES was involved in the construction of this facility from the schematic plan phase. In 2001 a chain reaction of implosions destroyed the original facility. Following this major accident, MES worked together with researchers to determine the cause of the chain reaction. A lecture meeting to commemorate Professor Kajita's winning the Nobel Prize was held in March 2016. The meeting was hosted by the Asahi Shimbun Company and co-sponsored by MES. High school and university students were invited to the meeting, and Professor Kajita sent a message to the young people. In addition to the Super-Kamiokande, MES has participated in the construction of the Japan Microgravity Center located in Kamisunagawa Town, Hokkaido, and KamLAND, a neutrino detector owned by Tohoku University. We will continue to provide technological support to researchers who enthusiastically take on new challenges.



Professor Takaaki Kajita talking about his research



High school and university students who dream of becoming scientists asked Professor Kajita many questions.

## Sports

**Activities of Showa Aircraft Industry Co., Ltd. to support top athletes**

Showa Aircraft Industry Co., Ltd. runs businesses that range from the development and operation of real estate such as MoriTown, a shopping facility, to the manufacture of special-purpose vehicles such as tankers and aircraft components in honey-comb structures, in Akishima City, Tokyo. As of February 1, 2015, this company employed Ms. Aki Yazawa, a top canoe slalom athlete, in cooperation with Athnavi, a Japanese Olympic Committee (JOC) program that provides support for top athletes looking for jobs. In addition, the company is an official partner for fiscal 2017 of the Japan Canoe Federation, and aims to help further the development of canoeing as a sport. Under the corporate philosophy of "helping to create a wealthy society and lifestyles," the company opened the MORIPARK Outdoor Village, a new type of outdoor shopping facility, in March 2015. Aiming to expose people to outdoor sports, this facility provides hands-on experiences that allow people to discover the fun of outdoor sports. The company will continue furthering the development of outdoor sports by supporting the canoeing sporting events and the activities of Ms. Yazawa.



Profile of Ms. Aki Yazawa

- Sporting event / Canoe slalom
- Career / March 2014: Graduated from Surugadai University  
February 2015: Joined Showa Aircraft Industry Co., Ltd.
- Hometown / Iida City, Nagano Prefecture
- Qualification / Granted the name of Nishikawa Namiha in the Nishikawa School of Nihon Buyo (Japanese classical dance)
- Major achievements
- 2015 May: Ranked 3rd in Bratislava Open (Slovakia)  
June: Ranked 27th in WPC World Cup 2015 -- Prague  
August: Ranked 29th in 2015 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup in France  
September: Ranked 25th in 2015 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships in London (result of the national team: 15th) (first qualifying round of Rio 2016 Olympics)  
October: Ranked 1st in 2015 Japan Cup Final Round  
November: Ranked 18th in Rio Olympic Test Event
- 2016 April: Ranked 1st in 2016 Japan Cup First Round  
Ranked 1st in 2016 NHK Cup Canoe Slalom All Japan Championships

## Culture

**Support for the activities of the Fureai Trio**

Children and people with disabilities have few opportunities to be exposed to classical music. The activities of Fureai Trio started with a desire to expose these people to live classical music and spiritually enrich their lives. The trio has given 410 public performances for more than 95,000 people. Since the activities of the Fureai Trio started in 2003, MES has not only co-sponsored its events, but has also provided volunteer services to support its concert activities.



We hold full-scale classical music concerts for people in local communities.

**Activities of the Mitsui Public Relations Committee**

MES has co-sponsored various cultural activities as a member company of the Mitsui Public Relations Committee. MES carries out various activities aimed at "enriching society by cherishing people and respecting diverse personal characteristics," working in line with the characteristics of the Mitsui Group described as "Mitsui is People." One example is the MITSUI Golden Glove Award, an award that stresses the importance of fielding in professional baseball. In 2015, the committee created the MITSUI Golden Takumi Award. Japanese traditional crafts face a number of problems, such as the lack of people to carry on these traditions. Through this award program, the committee provides opportunities for people to gain attention and praise for successfully carrying on traditional techniques and styles and combining them with innovative ideas, thereby helping to further the development of traditional crafts.



We held a memorable first award presentation ceremony.