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Ichigo Receives Highest CASBEE Environmental Certification

Ichigo today received the S rank, the highest CASBEE (Comprehensive Assessment System for Built Environment Efficiency) certification, for its Kakyoin Plaza building in Sendai.

1. Certification Overview



Name	Kakyoin Plaza
Address	2-1-65 Kakyoin, Aoba-ku, Sendai, Miyagi
Total Floor Area	10,795m ²
Structure	Steel 14 Floors
Completion Date	March 1, 2008

Rank: S



2. CASBEE Assessment

In awarding this certification, the CASBEE assessment cited the following:

- (1) Kakyoin Plaza's design makes extensive natural light available to its tenants, with wide openings to natural light on three of the building's sides.
- (2) Seismic dampers mounted in Kakyoin Plaza's internal structure increase its earthquake and wind resistance.
- (3) Kakyoin Plaza is close to and encourages the use of public transportation.

3. CASBEE Overview

CASBEE evaluates and rates buildings' environmental performance based on their energy and resource efficiency, recycling activity, environmental load, and aesthetic appeal.

CASBEE-certified buildings are scored for their environmental performance in five categories and receive a total environmental performance ranking (from highest to lowest): S, A, B+, B-, C.

CASBEE Environmental Performance Evaluation Categories

- a. Energy/greenhouse gas
- b. Water
- c. Materials
- d. Biodiversity/sustainable site
- e. Indoor environment

For a list of CASBEE-certified buildings in Japan, please refer to the URL below (Japanese only):

www.ibec.or.jp/CASBEE/MP_certification/CASBEE_MP_certified_buld_list.htm

4. Outlook

Ichigo will continue to work to promote environmental and energy efficiency, reducing the environmental impact of its real estate assets.