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Human resource development

Human resource development policies and philosophy

We value a self-directed stance toward learning by employees, and are working to foster a corporate culture in which they can demonstrate their abilities and potential and in which both the company and employees can continue to grow together, as well as to develop human resources.

We encourage employees to take ownership of their own careers and promote skill development. We also promote active collaboration and teamwork with others, in addition to the development of team members by their supervisors in their respective workplaces. Specifically, the five values of the NISSAN WAY which evolved in fiscal 2020 as a symbol of the new Nissan, and the appraisal system, which emphasizes the development of human resources and promotion of collaboration, was revised in fiscal 2020 to ensure sustainable growth and development of the organization and human resources.

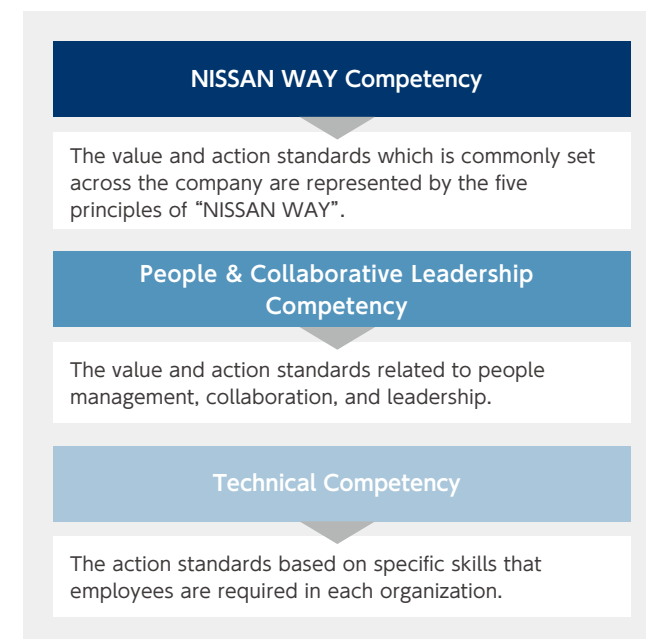
In addition, to provide employees with effective learning opportunities even in remote work environments, we provide over 20,000 types of e-learning content on a global basis and are also promoting the expansion of digital learning infrastructure by preparing an environment so that employees can take courses on their own mobile devices.

Human resource development management

Continually improving human resource systems

Nissan is working constantly to improve its human resource systems to achieve growth for its people and organization over the medium to long term. We updated these systems in fiscal 2020 and established three pillars of appraisal, namely appraisal metrics based on the evolved NISSAN WAY, People & Collaborative Leadership (metrics for leadership skills such as employee development and collaboration), and expertise required in each area.

Based on these systems, we have introduced "Competency Appraisal," which captures behavioral attributes based on each employee's skills and knowledge, and "Performance Appraisal," which reviews their results to determine how well tasks were accomplished. In the "Competency Appraisal," the degree of contribution the employee has made to the company is appropriately assessed to determine wages or annual compensation. In the "Performance Appraisal," results are linked to compensation in the form of bonuses or variable compensation (VC)*1. In addition, the company offers an employee stock ownership plan as part of its fringe benefits.



*1 Incentive compensation that fluctuates.

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Support for self-designed careers

At Nissan, all employees have an opportunity three times a year to discuss their own careers with their supervisors to support their career designs. Together with "Performance Appraisal" and "Competency Appraisal," employees and their supervisors reach a consensus through dialogue. Aiming to enhance measures for career development as well as growth in their dialogues, training programs are provided to improve supervisors' skills.

In addition, guides and e-learning are available for employees to voluntarily consider their own careers. We use dedicated tools for evaluation to keep track of evaluation records so that even a newly instated supervisor can immediately confirm employees' growth progress, which makes it possible to maintain consistency within the human resource development. We conduct surveys to gain employee input regarding the evaluation dialogues and to learn their level of understanding and satisfaction with the system. Based on the results, we implement necessary measures and make improvements. We monitor employee satisfaction regarding the dialogues with their supervisors, and there has been an improvement in employee understanding and acceptance of the evaluation system.

Employees in Japan have a chance to take on the challenge of a new position through the Shift Career System (SCS) and the Open Entry System (OES).

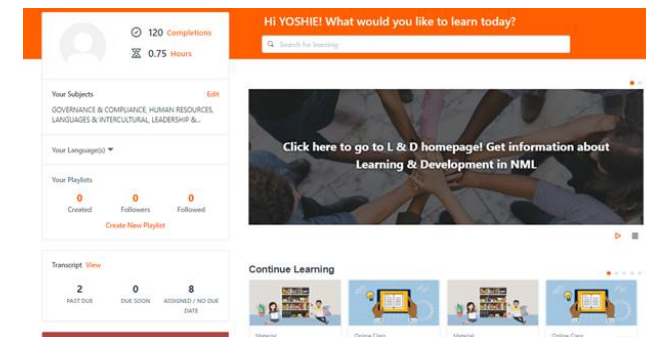
The SCS enables employees to apply for positions in other departments or areas in which they are motivated to work in, regardless of whether there is a position immediately available. The OES allows them to apply for all openly publicized positions. During fiscal 2022, a total of 301 employees applied for approximately 520 open posts, and 186 of them succeeded in getting the positions they applied for.

Support for the engagement of senior human resources

Following the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion, Nissan introduced the "Senior Partner System" in April 2013 as a career stage for senior employees with a high level of expertise and experience, enabling them to continue working regardless of their age. This system is designed to establish a flexible work style that balances the diverse needs of employees regarding their second careers with the needs of the company and provides employment opportunities after retirement at age 60 up to age 65. The number of senior partners has grown from over 200 when the program began to over 2,700 as of the end of 2022, and these partners are active in a variety of occupations and positions.

In April 2023, Nissan revamped its framework of compensation and periodic interviews and related matters. It has built an environment in which employees are highly motivated to do their work and foster their successors as a member of the organization by posting expectations more in line with each individual's duties and providing compensation in accordance with the level of their contribution. At the same time, the company introduced a system that allows senior partners who meet certain criteria to continue to be active beyond age 65 until age 70, thereby broadening the range of life plan options for senior employees.

Offering learning opportunities



Based on our firm belief that employees are our most important asset and that nurturing them is critical, we support them by providing a large number of learning opportunities. We have developed various programs to help employees improve their management and business skills, and to develop leadership skills. In these ways, employees are encouraged to enhance their skills, their knowledge, and their mindset in order to realize their career visions. Specifically, in addition to mandatory trainings for each career stage, we implement elective trainings which allow employees to choose what they want to learn. We also expand global common e-learning content to encourage self-learning. With these measures, we strive to foster a corporate culture of continuous learning and development. In response to changing times, we are actively shifting from face-to-face training conducted in groups to online training to build an effective learning environment that enables each individual to learn using their mobile devices under remote working conditions.

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Nissan Learning Center

In the automobile industry, in which technological innovation is rapidly advancing, in order to maintain and develop Japanese manufacturing that leads global competition, talents are required who not only understand advanced vehicle manufacturing and technology but also have management skills and maturity. We founded Nissan Learning Center with the aim of continuously developing capable leaders to play a central role in *monozukuri* and pass down our technologies and skills to future generations. This is another example of how we offer learning opportunities and promote activities to develop human resources. Nissan Learning Center consists of three organizations: Nissan Technical College, Genba Kanri (shop-floor management) School, and Engineering School. It offers a variety of programs aimed at developing engineers and technicians who carry forward the "Nissan DNA" and achieve continuous success through the implementation of the evolved NISSAN WAY.

In addition, Nissan Learning Center is responding to remote working by offering online technology training including AI and IoT for approximately 10,000 employees.

Nissan Software Training Center (STC)

In 2017, we established the Nissan Software Training Center (STC) within our Nissan Advanced Technology Center (NATC) and have been working on training engineers to develop skills for both cars and software development. As software holds the key to our competitiveness in an age where CASE is progressively expanding, we continue to develop talent who are well-adapted to digitalization through our STC programs in which we offer necessary knowledge and skills. To date, a total of 479 employees have graduated the program (completed reskilling) over a period of 15 semesters since the center's establishment in 2017.

Engineering and technical skill training around the world

To strengthen our efforts to expand our business globally, we must further improve the engineering skills of individual employees working across the globe. We offer opportunities for personal growth equally to all employees in both R&D and manufacturing, whether they work in Japan or elsewhere, to help them enhance their capabilities.

Training for engineers

Since 2012, we have implemented the Global Training Program (GTP), a common global basic training program for engineers at R&D sites worldwide. Furthermore, in recent years, we have moved forward with plans for more advanced and specialized training, including training in the areas of electric vehicles, autonomous driving technologies and connected car services, in order to develop talent that can lead R&D related to autonomous vehicles and connected cars.

Training for technicians

In order to improve the day-to-day management skills of foremen and general foremen in all of the plants operated by Nissan, Renault, and Mitsubishi around the world, a common production method known as the Alliance Production Way (APW) has been defined. We are also developing a shared Alliance framework for APW training, which we aim to implement worldwide.

Improving management quality

We are working to improve the quality of management at the global level. We have further emphasized strengthening human resource management within the organization by introducing values of the evolved NISSAN WAY and People & Collaborative Leadership into the appraisal system. In the introduction of the new system, corporate officers and general managers themselves acted with strong leadership, holding dialogues and workshops to promote understanding in their respective departments and to communicate the will to change. In fiscal 2021 and afterwards, we include the contents related to expected roles in companywide trainings by job level (for new employees, for newly promoted managers, etc.), and continue to promote understanding of the new appraisal system and encourage employees to take expected actions. In addition, we have revised the existing training program structure in line with the new NISSAN WAY and People & Collaborative Leadership, creating an environment where employees can take training that strengthens relevant skills and leadership. From 2023, we will introduce a common global framework called Nissan Charge to increase opportunities for learning and growth and improve the quality of management for all employees.

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Training future leaders

To continually foster future leaders and specialists who will lead the company, we take a strategic and systematic approach to training, job rotations, and recruitment. Specifically, we identify future business leader candidates at an early stage and implement various training programs by clarifying their strengths and development areas according to their growth stage, including young employees, middle managers, and corporate officers. Staff rotations beyond divisions and regions are strategically and systematically implemented to give candidates for future leaders opportunities to work in management posts or global functions so that they can acquire the experience needed to become a management member or a leader. Furthermore, we are in the midst of a period of transformation from the era of owning a car to the era of creating new mobility services, such as electrification, autonomous driving, car sharing, and connectivity with the internet. We are therefore working to develop leaders who can lead new businesses beyond the boundaries of the conventional automobile business. Furthermore, to cultivate a pipeline of future leader candidates, we provide the "Global Challenge Program," in which younger employees travel to Nissan's overseas sites for extended periods to work with local teams to solve problems. We also offer the "Venture Challenge Program," in which they learn work processes and know-how through operations at startup companies in Japan. Candidates are encouraged to apply for both programs through self-nomination from the viewpoint of supporting employees who take initiative.

We are reinforcing our human resources not only through the recruitment of new graduates but also by actively hiring

mid-career talent and mid-level management candidates from outside the company. To effectively operate these talent management schemes, meetings dedicated to human resources are regularly held with corporate officers. There, talents are identified, then development plans and succession plans are created. In addition, corporate officers have opportunities for direct dialogue with future leader candidates and actively participate in discussions on human resource development measures across divisions and regions. These strategic human resource management systems are also being actively discussed at the regional and departmental levels, with human resources and systems coordinated across regions under a common global framework.

Company-wide training system

Compulsory training

New general manager training	Customer First
New manager training	Orientation
	Personnel Evaluation
	Advanced Management
	Diversity Management/Cultural Inclusion
	Diversity Management / Inclusion
New assistant manager training	Harassment Prevention
	Customer First
	Role / Evaluation System / Management Basics
Leader training	Customer First
	Role
3rd year employee training	Career
New graduate induction training	Onboarding Training
Training for mid-career hires	Onboarding Training /e-Learning

Elective training *1

	General employees		Management-level employees	
	Leader	Assistant manager	Manager	General manager
Face-to-face/Online			Quality Management	
		Team Leadership		
		Building a Culture of Trust		
		Advanced Coaching for Managers		
	Coaching Training			
	Project Management			
			V-Expert Training *2	
			V-Pilot Training *2	
			i-Pilot Training *2	
		V-FAST Facilitator Training *2		

*1 In addition, we have prepared more than 100 in-person and e-learning courses for specialized knowledge and skill development.

*2 Training on "V-up" Program, the problem-solving program developed by Nissan.

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The Nissan Expert Leader System: Passing down Nissan's technologies and expertise

Helping employees develop specialized skills over the medium to long term is vital for a company to achieve sustainable growth. The Nissan Expert Leader System is a means of strengthening and fostering further development of specialized skills in a wide range of technical and nontechnical areas such as purchasing and accounting. In fiscal 2023, the system's 18th year, 46 Expert Leaders and one Fellow are playing an active role in a total of 80 fields of specialization. The Expert Leaders and Fellows make use of their specialized knowledge to contribute to Nissan's business endeavors overall. In addition to sharing their knowledge with others via the corporate intranet and other communication tools, they contribute to the fostering of the next generation of experts by passing on their expertise in seminars and training courses.

Human resource development achievements

Training program achievements at Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.

Performance indicators for training programs	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022
Number of learners	304,225	395,448	519,905
Total hours of training	250,251	328,783	392,294
Average hours per learner	11.1	14.3	16.5
Learner satisfaction (out of 5.0)	over 4.2	over 4.2	over 4.2
Investment per employee (¥)	64,000	67,000	75,000