

【Shizen Foundation decides its first subsidies】

Shizen Energy aims to expand “Kodomo Takushoku (Meal home delivery for family with children)” that saves parents and children in regions from crisis with utilizing the funds from renewable energy and Shizen Energy’s local network.

Shizen Foundation (Fukuoka city, Fukuoka / Representative Directors: Ken Isono, Kenji Kawado, Masaya Hasegawa, hereinafter “Shizen Foundation”) has decided its subsidies for “Kodomo Takushoku Supporter’s club” (Saga city, Saga / Representative Director: Hiroki Komazaki, hereinafter “Kodomo Takushoku Supporter’s club”) that works to spread the new safety net “Kodomo Takushoku” that prevents parents and children’s crisis.

About Shizen Foundation

Shizen Foundation was founded by 3 representative directors of Shizen Energy Inc. (Fukuoka-shi, Fukuoka/Representative Directors: Ken Isono, Kenji Kawado, Masaya Hasegawa, hereinafter “Shizen Energy”) in order to achieve the vision of Shizen Energy, “Changing the World with Energy”, with a different process from energy businesses.

Shizen Foundation is integrating the fund, and not only making donations without seeking any return but also investing to the eligible companies with the aim to support the companies which tackle the wide range of local and social issues. Whereas traditional investment has the concept of an “exit” which refers to financial returns through IPOs and sales, this foundation instead takes a different approach and identifies businesses and organizations who bring about systemic change (change in which initiatives grow and have an impact on social systems and policy) and provides support for the realization of such change. Shizen Foundation is not only providing with funds but also supporting through networks with nationwide companies and government that Shizen Energy Group acquired.

About Kodomo Takushoku

Kodomo Takushoku is the activities started in 2017 in Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo to deliver foods regularly to those child rearing families who are in difficult circumstances. Also, it makes the connection with families by taking the opportunities of delivering foods and links it to other activities other than foods while watching over those families. Kodomo Takushoku Supporter’s club is taking an approach to expand “Kodomo Takushoku” from Bunkyo-ku to all over Japan.

Transcending the relationship between people who subsidize and receive, Shizen Foundation

is building a relationship with eligible companies as a vision partner who shares vision and ideas for regions and societies. Not being as the one who subsidizes and another who receives it, this is the relationship which both parties set the common goal and work in a coordinated fashion that is making the most of their resources and strength in order to achieve it.

As a first step this time, Shizen Foundation will not only supply funds to the public relations activities but also maximize recognition of “Kodomo Takushoku” towards the key players in the region. Shizen Foundation introduces the activities of Kodomo Takushoku to the local government and relevant organizations in the areas with its business regions (A1) while utilizing the local network with Shizen Energy and it aims to lead to participate “Kodomo Takushoku Meetup (Provisional title. It will be held this autumn and hosted by Kodomo Takushoku Supporter’s club)” which organizations from all over Japan present activities reports and share their know-how. Through the aforementioned activities, Shizen Foundation aims to promote the implementation of Kodomo Takushoku in its business regions.

Message from Ken Isono, Representative Director of Shizen Foundation and Shizen Energy Inc.

With our vision "Changing the World with Energy," we have started to create a new local value domestically and globally through natural energy business in Shizen Energy Group. Moreover, we are aiming for better future with various approaches through energy which are created from the connection between people and people produced by Shizen Foundation.

Message from Hiroki Komazaki, Representative Director of Kodomo Takushoku Supporter’s club

Kodomo Takushoku is to create the connection with the families in economic difficulties by delivering foods to their home.

We aim to realize the society that notices parents and children’s difficult situations and delivers necessary support by incorporating the system into the society that never misses their hardships due to distress from child rearing or suffering from bad mental and health condition, and also delivers necessary support with cooperating the government and private sectors by connecting with them.

[About Shizen Energy Inc.]

Founded in June 2011 with the mission of “Changing the World with Energy,” Shizen Energy contributes to the generation of approximately 1 gigawatt (as of the end of February 2019) worth of renewable energy across Japan. It is engaged in all services required for the installation and operation of solar, wind power, small hydroelectric and other renewable energy power plants, such as development and EPC (engineering, procurement, construction), O&M (operation and maintenance), and asset management. The company has begun the constructions of the photovoltaic power plants around the world since 2018 starting from Asia and South American Region such as Indonesia and Brazil.

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- Representative Directors: Ken Isono, Kenji Kawado, Masaya Hasegawa
- Tel: 092-753-9834
- URL: <http://www.shizenenergy.net/en/>
- Business: Electricity generation (IPP) with solar, wind power, small hydroelectric and other renewable energy power plants, business development, funding procurement, asset management, electricity retail for individuals and businesses

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Founded in June 2016. Shizen Foundation is a product of Shizen Energy Inc.'s 1% for Community® initiative that has been utilized in full-scale operation and provides a platform to support region-led social reform. It integrates some part of profit from power plants that Shizen Energy Group is involved in, and it supports the companies who are dealing with wide range local issues.

- Location: Fukuoka Ohori Bldg. 3F/6F, 1-1-6 Arato, Chuo Ward, Fukuoka City, Fukuoka Prefecture
- Representative Directors: Ken Isono, Kenji Kawado, Masaya Hasegawa
- URL: <https://www.shizen-foundation.net>
- Description of business: Social impact investment and subsidizing business

<About Kodomo Takushoku Supporter's club>

Founded in October 2018 to expand "Kodomo Takushoku" nationwide which has been working in Bunkyo ku. Starting from Saga prefecture as home of its activities, it provides subsidizes and supports, offers know-how, forms a community and performs PR activities to set up the business of Kodomo Takushoku, and it aims to organize the environment that will have "Kodomo Takushoku" in each region in Japan.

- Location: Saga city Shimin Katsudo Plaza, Saga Shoko Bldg. 7F, Shirayama 2-1-12, Saga city, Saga
- Date of the founding: 15 October 2018
- Representative Director: Hiroki Komazaki (Representative Director, NPO Florence)
- Director: Yoshihiro Kamozaki (Deputy Secretary General, Japan Fundraising Association), Hideharu Kawai (President, Coconet Inc.), Retsu Fujisawa (Representative Director, RCF), Aya Murakami (Representative Director, The Murakami Family Foundation), Yumiko Watanabe (Representative Director, NPO Kid's Door)
- Description of business: Provide support for the people who would like to conduct "Kodomo Takushoku" model in Japan as well as grants to the organizations and PR/enlightenment activities.

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