

MRJ Newsletter

Special Edition



Working together

to make the MRJ project a success

A message from the president of Mitsubishi Aircraft

My name is Hisakazu Mizutani, and I am the new president of Mitsubishi Aircraft. I will succeed Mr. Morimoto, the former president of our company. Having completed the ferry flight of flight test aircraft No. 3 to the Moses Lake Flight Test Center on March 31, we now have a four-aircraft test capability in the United States. We will now move into an accelerated, full-fledged program of test flights to obtain type certification. Moving forward with this complex, large-scale development project will require all of us to work together as one so that we can take full advantage of our teamwork. I fully realize the weight of responsibility I bear, having been appointed President during this crucial time for the MRJ project. I will do my utmost to meet the expectations you all have for me in my capacity as president, and we look forward to working together with you in a spirit of mutual support as we move forward.

Closer look

Q. What were you most enthusiastic about during your student days?

A. I practiced the martial art of kendo for the ten years from junior high school through university. The friendships I formed through kendo are something irreplaceable that I will always treasure, as is kendo itself. These relationships continue to this day.

Q. Tell us about work experience that gave you a true sense of growth.

A. I worked in 18 sections during my 42 years with Mitsubishi Heavy Industries. By simple arithmetic, I was with each section an average of 2 years, 4 months. The experience of engaging in such diverse sections was enormously positive in terms of company life-- from labor and personnel to business operations, procurement and management auditing.

Q. What attitude do you feel is most important?

A. Above all, never give up. I've never lost sight of the sense that, as long as you've got hold of the merest thread, you can always find your way to the river's edge.

Q. How do you relax?

A. This may sound strange, but I take a shower and wash my hair. When I wash my hair, I feel like I can face the next morning with a refreshed spirit.

Q. How do you spend your holidays?

A. I cherish my time with my family. I also like walking. During my job assignment in Tokyo, I spent eight to nine hours walking the full circuit of the Yamanote Line railway on several occasions.

Q. Finally, could you please once again give us a brief message as the newly appointed president?

A. Development projects come with a range of difficulties. But when everyone involved in the MRJ project pulls together, I am sure that we will make a success of it.

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President

Hisakazu Mizutani

Profile (Date of Birth: August 12, 1951)

April 1975	Joined Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. (MHI)
April 2006	Deputy Head of Nagoya Guidance & Propulsion System Works, MHI
June 2007	Senior General Manager, Internal Audit Department, MHI
April 2010	Senior Vice President, Deputy Head of Aerospace Headquarters, MHI
April 2011	Senior Vice President, Senior General Manager, Management Audit Department, MHI
June 2011	Member of the Board, Senior Vice President, Senior General Manager, Management Audit Department, MHI
April 2013	Member of the Board, Executive Vice President, MHI (In charge of Management Audit, General Affairs, Legal and Personnel)
April 2014	Member of the Board, Executive Vice President, President and CEO, Integrated Defense & Space Systems, MHI
June 2016	Executive Vice President, President and CEO, Integrated Defense & Space Systems, MHI
March 2017	Retired from Executive Vice President, President and CEO, Integrated Defense & Space Systems, MHI
April 2017	President, Mitsubishi Aircraft Corporation