

## II . Relationship of YKK Group business with the environment

### Helping to build a recycling-oriented society

YKK began its environmental conservation activities by strictly observing the system environmental laws and regulations focusing primarily on countermeasures against pollution. This was followed by activities for conserving energy and reducing the amount of industrial waste in response to the energy crisis. The company began to introduce the ISO14001 environmental management system in 1998, enabling systematic management of the environment.

Realization of a sustainable recycling socioeconomic system through a global effort to solve worsening problems of the global environment is still an indispensable theme for the twenty-first century.

The YKK Group hopes to help build a recycling economic society by establishing an environmental management system by promoting environmental policy in an organized and strategic manner. This will be accomplished by combining what we call our "artery system and vein system" in all fields of our business activities.

Amidst this backdrop, the YKK Group plans to pro-

vide people with recyclable products while doing our best to reduce stress placed on the environment by our business activities. To accomplish this, we plan to take new measures such as putting into practice Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) that covers from product development/design through procurement of materials, production, distribution, use and collection (disposal), green purchasing, building an environmental stress information system, introducing environmental accounting, and improvement of environmental efficiency.



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