

III. Environmental pledge and guideline

YKK Group Environmental Pledge

Our fundamental understanding of the global environmental issue

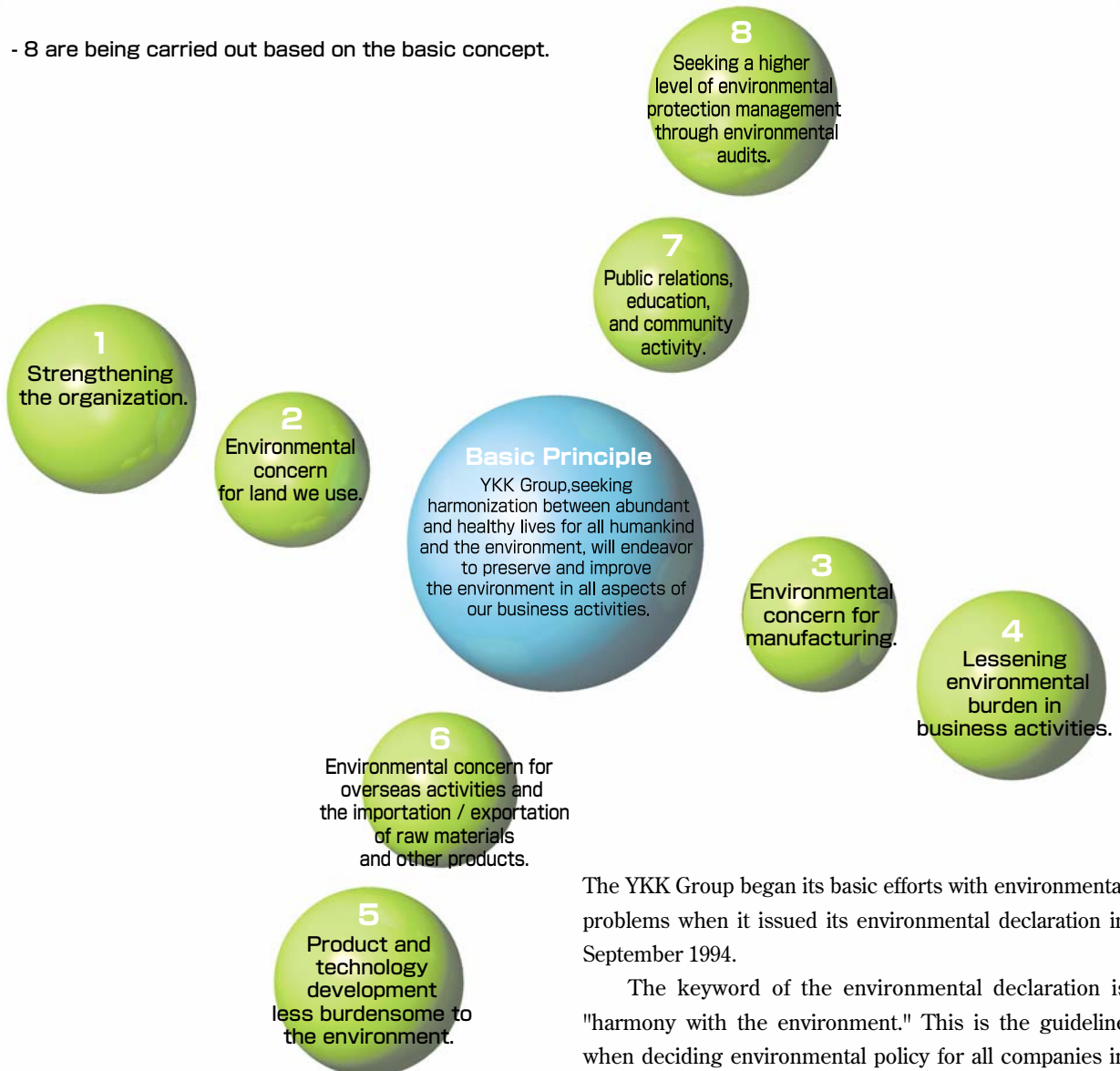
It is recognized today as being a most important duty for all humankind that we preserve the abundantly endowed global environment and that we transfer it to the next generation in sound condition.

Striving to be an earth friendly company, YKK Group proclaims that we will address and promote "harmony with the environment" as the highest priority of our business activity.

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1 - 8 are being carried out based on the basic concept.



The YKK Group began its basic efforts with environmental problems when it issued its environmental declaration in September 1994.

The keyword of the environmental declaration is "harmony with the environment." This is the guideline when deciding environmental policy for all companies in the group.

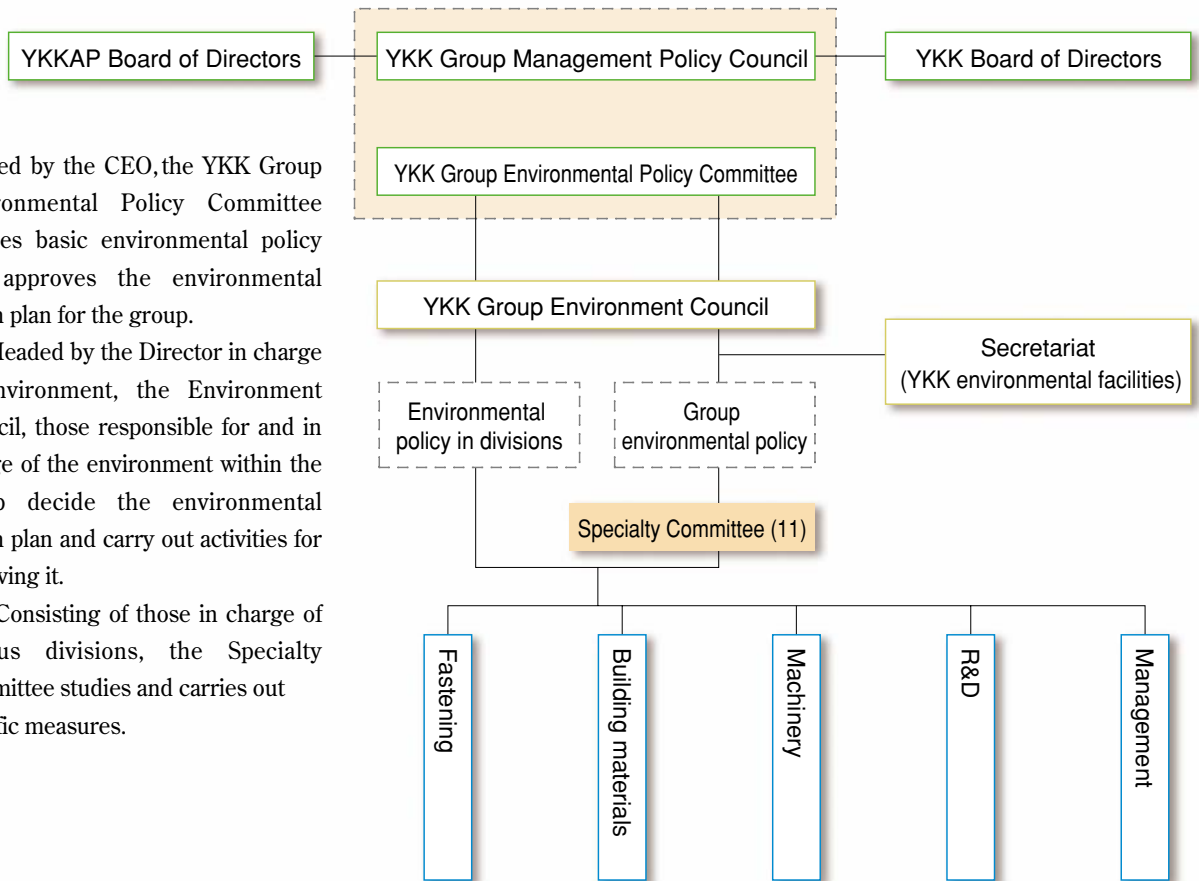
System

Organizational chart for YKK Group Environmental Policy Committee

Headed by the CEO, the YKK Group Environmental Policy Committee decides basic environmental policy and approves the environmental action plan for the group.

Headed by the Director in charge of environment, the Environment Council, those responsible for and in charge of the environment within the group decide the environmental action plan and carry out activities for achieving it.

Consisting of those in charge of various divisions, the Specialty Committee studies and carries out specific measures.



Keyword "Harmony with the environment"

Items	Environmental action targets
1. Ozone layer protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <CFC-11 refrigerant> May not be purchased after 1994; must stop being used by end of FY 2001 ● <HCFC-141b foaming agent> Must stop being used by end of FY 2000 ● <HCFC-225 cleaner> Must stop being used by end of FY 2010 ● <HCFC-22 refrigerant> Refrigerant to be recovered when updating or removing air-conditioner
2. Energy conservation (prevention of global warming)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● At main bases in Japan by end of FY 2005 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy unit requirement 10.4% reduction (compared with FY 1990 level) Energy amount 10.1% reduction (compared with FY 1990 level) CO₂ discharge 3.3% reduction (compared with FY 1990 level) ● Main overseas bases aim to achieve group targets ● Introduction of clean energy
3. Reduction of industrial waste and recycling of resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Aim to achieve zero emission at main bases of the world by end of FY 2005
4. Reduction of commonwaste and recycling of resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Achieve zero emission at main bases in Japan by end of FY 2002 ● Achieve zero emission at main bases overseas by end of FY 2005 ● 10% reduction of FY 1998 level for purchase of copy paper by end of FY 2003 ● Recycling of raw garbage
5. Reduction of packaging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7% reduction of FY 1998 level of packaging material unit requirement by end of FY 2003 ● Reduce amount of packaging and make packaging easier to recycle ● Achieve recyclable packaging by end of FY 2005
6. Transportation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Improvement of transportation efficiency ● Promotion of modal shift (modes of transport) ● Promotion of use of regional ports
7. Social activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cleaning Volunteer Activities (spring / fall)
8. Environmental conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sustainable reduction in use of toxic substances at world's main production bases ● Establishment of voluntary management standards ● Local environmental impact assessment (environmental assessment)
9. Disaster prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Establishment of disaster prevention system for emergencies ● Disaster prevention training and site diagnosis
10. Environmental ISO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Acquisition of ISO14001 certification at all business bases the world over completed by end of FY 2003 ● Internal environmental inspection at all business bases the world over ● "Self-appraisal of environmental conservation efforts" at all business bases the world over
11. Environmental business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Development of environment-friendly products ● Construction of product recycling system ● Publication of environmental reports and accounting ● Green purchase and procurement