

## IV. History of environmental conservation efforts

### YKK Group

- 1970 ● Pollution Council established
- 1972 ● Introduction of low-sulfur content fuel started  
Alkaline recovery equipment goes into operation
- 1974 ● Sulfuric acid recovery equipment goes into operation  
Production of sulfuric acid band from aluminum sludge started
- 1978 ● Energy conservation measures started
- 1984 ● Award for plant with best energy management (Kurobe plant)
- 1988 ● Co-generation goes into operation
- 1991 ● Environmental department established
- 1992 ● Used paper collection started  
Yoshida Kogyo Co.,Ltd. environmental charter established  
Environment Council Seven working group established  
Production of PET band from waste plastic started
- 1993 ● YKK environmental action plan study started  
Switch from certain CFCs and trichloroethane started  
Clean initiative started (cleanup around plant)  
YKK Group Environmental Facilities Committee established
- 1994 ● YKK Group Environment Council established  
YKK Corporation internal environmental inspection started  
YKK group environmental declaration (group charter established)  
YKK Group environmental action targets set
- 1996 ● Voluntary plan submitted to the Ministry of International Trade and Industry
- 1997 ● Green purchase started  
Recycle fastener "eco mark" acquired
- 1998 ● Solar power generating roof (Eco Roof) goes on sale  
ISO14001 certification acquired
  - Fastening Kurobe plant (August)
  - YKKAP Namerikawa division (December)
 Efforts to achieve zero emission
- 1999 ● Name changed to YKK Group Environmental Policy Committee  
Environmental leaflet published  
ISO14001 certification acquired
  - Kyushu plant (March)
  - Shanghai YKK Zipper Co., Ltd. (April)
  - Machinery Engineering Group Totizawa plant (October)
- 2000 ● ISO14001 certification acquired
  - Shikoku plant (March)

### Events

- 1967 ● Basic Law Concerning Measures to Cope with Pollution
- 1971 ● Environment Agency established
- 1972 ● Club of Rome "The limit to point" published  
United Nations Conference on Human Settlements held (Stockholm)  
Declaration on the Human Environment adopted
- 1987 ● Montreal Protocol (on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer) adopted
- 1988 ● Vienna Convention (for the Protection of the Ozone Layer) goes into effect in Japan
- 1989 ● Basel Convention (on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal) adopted
- 1990 ● Action plan for prevention of global warming settled upon
- 1991 ● Keidanren Global Environment Charter settled upon  
Law for Promotion of Use and Recycling of Resources enacted
- 1992 ● Earth Summit held (Rio de Janeiro)
- 1993 ● The Basic Environment Law enacted
- 1995 ● Containers and Packaging Recycling Law enacted  
The 1st Session of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP1, Berlin) held
- 1996 ● ISO14000 series issued  
JISQ14000 series issued  
The 2nd Session of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP2, Geneva) held
- 1997 ● Waste Management Law revised  
The 3rd Session of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP3, Kyoto) held
- 1998 ● Law Concerning the Rational Use of Energy revised  
Law Concerning the Promotion of Measures to Cope with Global Warming enacted  
The 4th Session of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP4, Buenos Aires) held
- 1999 ● ISO/TC207 7th Seoul General Assembly  
Law Concerning Special Measures against Dioxins enacted  
Law Concerning Reporting, etc. of Releases to the Environment of Specific Chemical Substances and Promoting Improvements in Their Management (PRTR Law) enacted  
The 5th Session of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP5, Bonn) held