

Message

Now that the seriousness of the problem of disposal of huge quantities of waste and global warming which threaten the continued existence of mankind have become obvious, in order to build the new society and economy of the 21st century, "environmental problems" have become a theme of urgent importance.

Various systems for forming a recycling-oriented society were started in 2001 such as establishment and reinforcement of recycling and green purchasing laws, primarily the Basic Law for Promoting Formation of Recycling-Oriented Society.

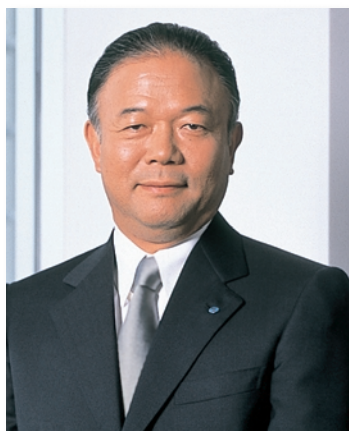
The themes provided to businesses by the 21st century are to what degree we can make industry recycling-oriented. We must weave "environmental problems" into our management concept in the future.

The YKK Group ranks environmental problems as an important theme of management. We hope to contribute to building a recycling-oriented society by continuing to improve efficiency of the "environmental" and "economic" aspects by establishing an environmental management plan that promotes our environmental policy systematically and strategically in accordance with so-called artery and vein systems in all fields of business activities.

For that reason, we are carrying out activities toward specific targets such as publishing our "contribution to construction of a recycling-oriented society" as our mid-term basic environmental policy, "promotion of development and provision of eco-products" to reduce environmental stress and the customer use and discard stages by development of environment-friendly products from the design stage, "more thorough environmental stress reduction management" by energy and resource conservation and reduction of waste, "construction and use of a global environmental management system" that takes environmental initiatives for the same targets for the entire group, and "promotion of environmental communication" for assuring customers of our accountability toward society.

Sustained improvement in environmental conservation will continue to be one of the most important themes for management in the future as well. We are currently doing our best to enhance our corporate value. We hope this report will serve to enlighten you concerning our activities and philosophy toward environmental conservation. If you have any opinions or advice, we'd love to hear from you.

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