

Message

The environmental problems that we face today, including global warming and the creation of waste and harmful substances, are the results of increased economic activity. The worsening of various aspects of the environment is the impact of our individual lifestyles and normal business activities. If we want to solve these environmental problems on a global scale, we must build a sustainable social and economic system that has low impact on the environment.

The YKK Group recognizes that our business activities have an impact on the environment at a global level. For this reason, we have made dealing with environmental problems one of our top management priorities and we are promoting environmental management at a global level.

In addition to the Cycle of Goodness philosophy that no one prospers unless he renders benefit to others as the foundation of YKK Group activities, we also follow the management principle of seeking corporate value of higher significance as we pursue our fastening, architectural products and other business activities in Japan and 65 other countries around the world.

The YKK Group maintains a unique identity through all of its global business, endeavoring to raise the value of the enterprise and maintain the image of a company that is fair and inspires trust, is truly international, and has the skills and technology to create new value.

I believe that manufacturing, while focusing on the satisfaction of individuals and making contributions to society, must develop a unified system that organically connects all aspects of our skills and technology. In concrete terms, these aspects are: production that links directly to manufacturing, materials, finishing, consideration of the impacts of manufacturing and products on the environment, function that concerns product realization and marketability, design, and implementation that includes satisfaction during use and consideration for recycling. The YKK Group takes responsibility for the entire lifecycle of its products from conception, development and manufacture to use and disposal. We are working actively on all kinds of issues, from appropriate use of resources to protection of the natural environment and formation of a sustainable society, in order to assist all of you in the creation of a more abundant society.

In this report, we include information on one of the YKK Group's important management issues, sustainable environmental protection reform efforts on a global level, as well as subjects related to the new social responsibility of enterprises. We will endeavor to keep raising the value of the enterprise and gain increased confidence from the public.

I would be delighted to hear your frank thoughts and suggestions.

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