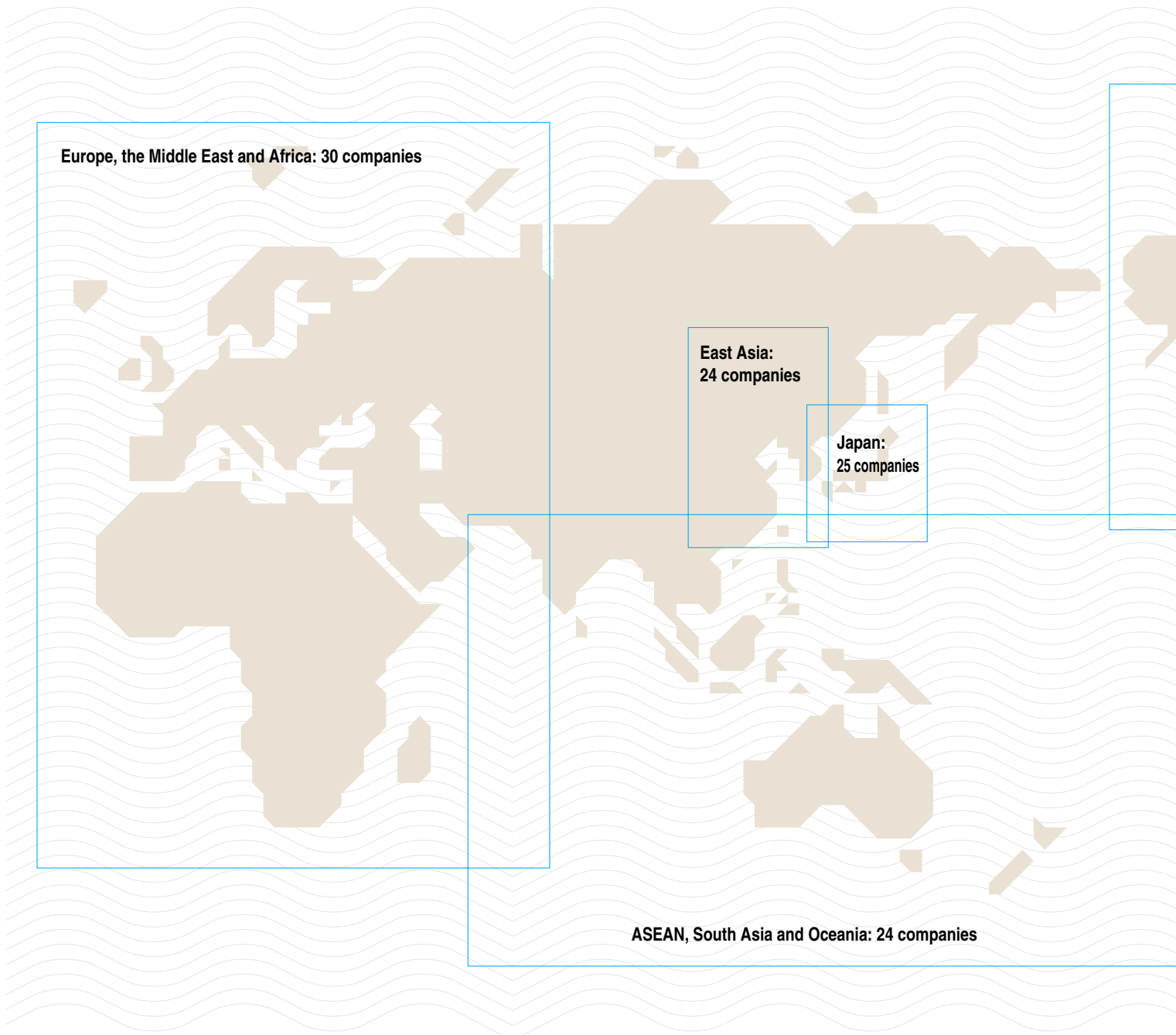


Continuing to be a business that is loved by people, loved by society and loved by the earth.

Since our first expansion abroad in 1959, the YKK Group has pursued its business activities as one member of local society by thoroughly adapting to local methods, from the hiring of employees and the procurement of raw materials to the sales of products and the return of profits.

In addition, we are active in various local efforts, including education and community revitalization and the promotion of international exchange.



123 companies in 70 countries/regions
(25 companies in Japan, 98 companies in other countries)

Business areas and relations with society

YKK Group principles in the global expansion of business

The YKK Group has been advancing internationalization for nearly half a century and we have been lauded as one of most successful Japanese businesses abroad. We have built our overseas businesses by overcoming culture and language differences and upholding the YKK Group principles in every foreign endeavor.

Our first principle is "localism." Return local profits to the community. Hire local people, train them, promote them and entrust management of the business to them. These practices are why we have been accepted in every country where we have established businesses.

Our second principle is "quality first" on a global level. The YKK Group's total vertically integrated manufacturing system is not limited to Japanese domestic operations. Our manufacturing system is transplanted every time we establish a new local plant abroad. One of the YKK Group's great strengths is our ability to produce and provide products of the same high quality all around the world.

Our third principle is "solve environmental problems from a global perspective." Coping with the environmental problems of the borderless societies of the modern age requires that our group as a whole has a unified direction and makes coordinated efforts. We identify the issues facing each region and make efforts to solve them while enhancing the entire group's capability to respond to environmental problems by sharing these measures with every region and promoting parallel progress.

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YKK Corporation Representative Director and Vice Chairman
Kiyoshi Taie

