

The Ricoh Group's Environmental Conservation Activities (April 1999–May 2000)

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1999 April	Constructs Kyushu Recycle Tech, the new Kyushu Recycling Center
May	Opens Green Cycle Systems, Northern Kanto Recycling Center
May	Ricoh starts training of internal environmental auditors at 11 nonproduction sites.
June	Implements recyclable design level 4
June	The Ricoh Group hosts the America Environmental Convention.
June	Ricoh introduces its environmental volunteer leader training program.
June	Holds the 1st Ricoh Nature Seminar
July	Ricoh completes training of internal environmental auditors at 11 nonproduction sites.
July	Ricoh Electronics (United States) establishes an environmental project group.
July	The Ricoh Group holds the Environmental Management System Screening Standards Seminar pursuant to green procurement guidelines.
August	Ricoh Aoyama Head Office is listed in the Eco-Improvement Office Tokyo Declaration (Type I).
August	Hasama Ricoh obtains ISO14001 certification.
September	Holds the 4th Global Warming Prevention Business Workshop, organized by WWF Japan, at Ricoh Aoyama Head Office
September	Ricoh announces environmental accounting.
September	Issues the <i>Ricoh Group Environmental Report 1999</i>
September	Works with environmental volunteer leaders to create a project in which volunteers can enjoy making sandcastles and help clean up a beach
September	Ricoh Ikeda switches to boilers that use city gas to reduce CO ₂ emissions.
September	Ricoh contributes all prize money won at the Global Environmental Awards to an NGO in Bangladesh.
September	Ricoh Ikeda participates in an environmental get-together for community residents and explains its corporate approaches to environmental conservation.
September	Ricoh Gotemba achieves a 100% resource recovery rate (level 2 zero waste).
October	Holds the 2nd Ricoh Nature Seminar
October	Ricoh Fukui cultivates and releases killifish into the park pond with the help of neighboring elementary school students.
October	Works with environmental volunteer leaders to create the Okutama: Colored Maple Leaves and Cleanup project.
October	Opens Northern Kansai and Southern Kansai recycling centers
October	Ricoh discloses information on the environmental impact of the imagio MF 6550 through Type III Environmental Labels.
November	Ricoh Unitechno achieves a 100% resource recovery rate (level 2 zero waste).
November	Ricoh Numazu constructs a cogeneration system.
December	Ricoh enters one of its machines in Eco-Products 1999, Japan's first comprehensive exhibition for environment-friendly products.
December	Holds the 1st Company Meeting for Environmental Volunteer Leaders
December	Ricoh employees and their families participate in the Caring for Mr. Seki's Forest activity in Chiba Prefecture.
December	Ricoh Optical Industries acquires ISO 14001 certification along with 23 production bases of the Ricoh Group.
December	Ricoh Hadano achieves a 100% resource recovery rate (level 2 zero waste), the fifth base in the Ricoh Group to do so.

Society's Recognition of Ricoh's Activities

1999 April	Ricoh Corporation receives the Energy Star award.
April	The <i>Ricoh Group Environmental Report 1998</i> receives the top Environmental Report Award.
May	Ricoh Fukui receives the Fukui Environmental Activity Promotion Council's Chairman Prize for environmental conservation promotion activities.
May	Receives the Environmental Protection Prize in the Ninth Corporate Contribution to the Society Survey held by the Asahi Shimbun Cultural Foundation
May	Receives the Minister of International Trade and Industry Prize at the Eighth Global Environmental Awards held by the Japan Industrial Journal
June	Ricoh is awarded grand prize at the Green Procurement Awards organized by the Green Procurement Networks.
July	Ricoh Hatano recognized by Kanagawa Prefecture as a superior plant in terms of its self-regulation activities in the area of pollution prevention.
August	Ricoh Fukui recognized for its contributions to the promotion of recycling by the Fukui Prefectural Governor for fiscal 1999
September	Ricoh Electronics declared WRAP Winner by the California state government
September	Ricoh Atsugi receives type 5 certification for its accident-free operations.
October	Ricoh Italy receives the Ecohitech Award (an environmental conservation award).
October	The spiro 5000RM copier receives the Fiscal 1999 G Mark for its ecological design.
October	Ricoh Numazu receives the Japan Recycling Promotion Council Chairman Award.
October	Taiwan Ricoh wins the 1999 Superior Plant in Equipment Operations Award for the Promotion of Pollution Prevention by the Taiwanese government.
October	Ricoh Numazu receives the 1999 Most Technologically Advanced Office Award.
November	Ricoh wins the IEA's Demand-Side Management Award of Excellence in the recently created Copier of the Future Division.
November	The <i>Ricoh Group Environmental Report 1999</i> wins the Environmental Report Award for Superior Reports.
December	Evaluated as number one in the Third Corporate Environmental Management Level Survey by the <i>Nippon Keizai Shimbun</i> newspaper for the second consecutive year

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2000 January	Ricoh acquires Eco-Mark certification for 28 copier models.
January	Ricoh Logistics starts improving and expanding collection and recycling activities.
February	Ricoh Numazu donates three wheelchairs, which were acquired through the plant's aluminum can collection activity, to Numazu City.
February	Carries out outdoor signboard project organized by environmental volunteer leaders
February	Holds the 3rd Ricoh Nature Seminar
February	Holds the 1st Nationwide Recycling Center Conference
February	Ricoh's digital hybrid machine, the imagio MF 6550, acquires Type III Environmental Impact Disclosure from BVQI (Sweden).
March	Holds the 6th Ricoh Company Environmental Competition
March	Environmental volunteer leaders at Ricoh Fukui engage in cleaning up the roads and parks in the neighboring area.
March	Part Component System's Sagamino Plant (PCS) achieves a 100% resource recovery rate (level 2 zero waste).
March	Holds the Five-Party Environment Meeting
March	Holds the 1st Global Recycling Conference
March	Ricoh Corporation announces the results of its energy conservation activities at the Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI) at the U.S. Congress.
April	Opens the Hokkaido Recycling Center
April	Ricoh president, Masamitsu Sakurai, gives a lecture on environmental management at the Nikkei BP Seminar.
April	Engages in afforestation activities organized by environmental volunteer leaders
April	Creates a biotope at Ricoh Fukui
April	Holds the 2nd Company Meeting for Environmental Volunteer Leaders
May	Works with environmental volunteer leaders on a program called Taking Care of Thickets and Outdoor Cooking (Elementary Course)
May	Ricoh begins overseas virgin forest restoration projects.
May	Ricoh Unitechno opens an academy of killifish study at the biotope
May	Holds the 4th Ricoh Nature Seminar

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2000 February	Awarded the Fiscal 1999 Kanto Trade and Industry Bureau Director's Prize for the plant's superiority in energy management
February	Ricoh Numazu receives the Minister of International Trade and Industry Prize for its energy conservation activities
February	Ricoh receives the Energy Conservation Center Chairman's Prize, specifically, the Energy Conservation Grand Prize and Special Corporate Prize.
February	Ricoh given a "B" by Ökom, making Ricoh the top ranking company in the IT & Appliance Division
February	Ricoh Optical Industries' "Sweet Pea Circle" receives Grand Prize in the Corporate Division of the Iwate Prefecture Recycling Competition.
March	Ricoh Corporation receives three awards from the Energy Star Program. They are 1) 2000 Energy Star Excellence in Consumer Education Award, 2) Labelling Partners of the Year Award, and 3) Office Equipment Partner of the Year Award (for the fifth consecutive year, the Energy Star Award).
April	Ricoh awarded the Keidanren Chairman's Prize at the 9th Global Environmental Awards
April	Ricoh's environmental advertisement receives the Nikkei Ecology Award at the Fiscal 1999 Nikkei BP Ecology Advertisement Awards.
April	The <i>Ricoh Group Environmental Report 1999</i> wins Best Report at the 3rd Environmental Report Awards.
May	Ricoh Unitechno receives the 1st Saitama Environment Award.
May	Ricoh, Tohoku Ricoh, and Fuji Research Institute Corporation work together to study an LCA case on the Quantitative Assessment of Environmental Impact Reduction Activities, which receives the Research and Development Prize in the Foundation Division of the 14th Japan MH Awards.
May	Ricoh ranked top among 39 companies worldwide by Ökom in the IT/Electronics Industry Division