

The Ricoh Group's Social and Environmental Activities in Fiscal 2000 (April 2000–May 2001)



The Ricoh Group's Activities

2000 May	●	Ricoh begins overseas virgin forest restoration projects.
May	●	GR Advanced Materials (U.K.) obtains ISO 14001 certification.
May	●	Holds Fourth Ricoh Nature Seminar
June	●	Ricoh Keiki, Tohoku Ricoh, Ricoh Microelectronics, and Ricoh Industrie France achieve 100% resource recovery rate (zero waste).
July	●	Ibaraki Ricoh promotes the voluntary collection of aluminum cans and donates ¥500,000 to a cultural and welfare foundation established by <i>Ibaraki Shimbun</i> .
August	●	Hasama Ricoh achieves 100% resource recovery rate (zero waste).
September	●	Holds Fifth Ricoh Nature Seminar
September	●	<i>Ricoh Group Environmental Report 2000</i> published
September	●	Aoyama Office achieves 100% resource recovery rate (zero waste), the first of Ricoh's nonproduction sites achievement.
September	●	Ricoh Techno Systems obtains ISO 14001 certification, the first of the Ricoh Group's support and after-sales service division to do so.
September	●	Ricoh Elemex's Ena Plant and Ricoh Optical Industries achieve 100% resource recovery rate (zero waste).
October	●	Ricoh's 11 nonproduction sites obtain ISO 14001 certification.
October	●	Ricoh IR Website set up on Ricoh's Web site to promote public relations activities targeting investors.
October	●	Fukui Plant achieves 100% resource recovery rate (zero waste), the first of the Ricoh Group's general sales companies to do so.
November	●	Tohoku Recycling Center is opened, completing the Ricoh Group's recycling system in Japan.
November	●	Ricoh Unitechno holds Environmental Communication 2000 convention.
November	●	The Ichimura Idea Prize Awards Ceremony held for the 31st time
November	●	The Ricoh Minori Prize Awards Ceremony for fiscal 2000 held
December	●	The second European Environment Meeting held
December	●	The sixth Ricoh Nature Seminar is held and the number of Ricoh environmental volunteer leaders reaches 91 in total
December	●	Third American Environment Meeting held
December	●	Ricoh Electronics' (U.S.) Georgia Plant and Ricoh Electronic Devices' Ikeda Plant achieve 100% resource recovery rate (zero waste).
December	●	Gestetner Management obtains ISO 14001 certification.
December	●	Gestetner Büromaschinen Verkaufsges.m.b.H. (Austria) obtains ISO 14001 certification.
December	●	Ricoh Kids Workshop is held at Numazu Plant to encourage children to be imaginative.
December	●	Ricoh Logistics obtains ISO 14001 certification.
2001 January	●	Ricoh Logistics starts using recyclable eco-packages.
January	●	Holds Seventh Ricoh Company Environmental Competition
January	●	Minister of the Environment, Yoriko Kawaguchi, visits Numazu Plant.
January	●	Holds Second Five-Party Environment Meeting
January	●	Ricoh acquires Lanier Worldwide (U.S.) by a takeover bid.
February	●	Numazu Plant donates wheelchairs to Numazu City following the previous year.
February	●	Ricoh's social contribution club Free Will holds its first seminar.
March	●	Ricoh's President Sakurai attends the first meeting of the Conference on the Creation of Wa no Kuni.
March	●	Ricoh Elemex's Okazaki Plant, Ricoh Electronics plants in Mexico and California, and Yashiro Plant achieve 100% resource recovery rate (zero waste).
April	●	Ricoh's Corporate Environment Office reorganized into Corporate Environment Headquarters.
April	●	Ricoh holds a business workshop on the prevention of global warming, which is held by WWF Japan.
April	●	Ricoh Corporation (San Jose) obtains ISO 14001 certification.
April	●	Holds Seventh Ricoh Nature Seminar
May	●	Ricoh Hong Kong plants trees in a park located in Saikung, Hong Kong, as part of its greening activities.
May	●	Holds the Ricoh Nature Seminar's intermediary course for the first time

Society's Recognition of Ricoh Group's Activities

2000 April	Ricoh is awarded the Keidanren Chairman's Prize at the Ninth Global Environmental Awards.
April	Ricoh's environmental advertisement receives the Nikkei Ecology Award at the Nikkei BP Ecology Advertisement Awards.
April	<i>Ricoh Group Environmental Report 1999</i> wins First Prize at the third Green Reporting Awards.
May	Ricoh Unitechno receives the First 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 is ranked among the top of 39 companies worldwide by Ökom in the IT/Electronics Industry Division.
June	Ricoh receives the grand prize in the 10th Corporate Contribution to Society Survey held by the Asahi Shimbun Cultural Foundation.
June	Ricoh Corporation receives the Environmental Stewardship Award from the Council on Economic Priorities (CEP), the first Japanese-affiliated company in the U.S.
June	Ricoh is ranked No. 1 in a customer satisfaction survey conducted by J.D. Power on PPCs and facsimiles.
July	Numazu Plant is officially commended by the director general of the Fire-Defense Agency for the plant's promotion on safety.
October	Ricoh is ranked No. 1 in the First IT Management Level Survey.
October	Fukui Plant is officially commended by the Minister of Labour for its efforts to promote the health of its employees during the Fiscal 2000 National Labor Safety Week.
October	Ricoh Microelectronics is officially commended by the director of the Chugoku Bureau of International Trade and Industry for the company's superiority in promoting greenery.
October	Ricoh Unitechno receives the Fiscal 2000 Recycle Promotion Council Chairman's Award for its recycling promotion activities.
November	<i>Ricoh Group Environmental Report 2000</i> wins the Global Environmental Forum President's Prize at the Environmental Report Awards 2000.
November	Ricoh receives the Enterprise Activity Award for the 100% resource recovery rate of its copiers at the WASTEC Awards 2000.
December	Ricoh is evaluated as being No. 1 in the Fourth Corporate Environmental Management Level Survey by <i>Nihon Keizai Shimbun</i> for the third consecutive year.
December	Ricoh's environmental conservation Web site, ECO TODAY, wins first prize from ECO goo.
2001 February	Ricoh receives the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry's Award at the Energy-Saving Awards for its imagio Neo 350 series, the first for the Company's information devices.
February	Ricoh Elemex's Ena Plant is officially commended by the director of the Chubu Bureau of International Trade and Industry for the plant's superiority in efficient energy use.
February	Fukui Plant receives the Fukui Prefectural Governor's Prize and Hokuriku Electricity Association Chairman's Prize for its superiority in energy management.
March	Ricoh receives the Eco Reduce Award from Ecology Symphony.
March	Ricoh is selected as one of 43 companies having excellent IR Web sites.
May	<i>Ricoh Group Environmental Report 2000</i> receives the Third Prize at the Green Reporting Awards 2001.
May	Fukui Plant's fiscal 2000 environmental report wins the Prize for Site Reports at the Green Reporting Awards 2001.
May	Numazu Plant is officially commended by the governor of Shizuoka Prefecture for the plant's contributions to environmental conservation.