

The Ricoh Group's Environmental Conservation Activities

■ 1976–March 2005

	The Ricoh Group's Major Activities		Society's Recognition of the Ricoh Group's Major Activities		Worldwide Trends
1976	Establishes Environmental Promotion Section	1993 May	Ricoh UK Products' copier photosensitive drum recycling technology receives the Queen's Award in the U.K.	1971	Environment Agency setup in Japan Ramsar Convention adopted
1990 December	Sets up Environmental Administration Office	September	Ricoh UK Products' power consumption reduction activities receive Business Energy Awards Grand Prize.	1977	United Nations Conference on Desertification held UNEP Conference held
1992 February	Establishes Ricoh General Principles on the Environment		Ricoh UK Products' copier photoconductor drum recycling technology receives the European Better Environment Award for Industry.	1987	Montreal Protocol adopted
1993 March	Ricoh achieves total elimination of ozone-depleting substances (specific chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), specific types of halon, carbon tetrachloride, etc.).	1994 May	Ricoh receives the Minister of International Trade and Industry Prize in resource-recovery development projects for its efforts in environmentally-friendly product assessment and recyclable designs.	1990	London meeting (set phaseout of CFCs and HCFCs)
May	Announces the recycled product design basic policy and implements recyclable design level 1	1995 March	Ricoh ranks number one in the Second Corporate Environmental Management Level Survey by the <i>Nihon Keizai Shimbun</i> newspaper.	1991	Recovered Resource Use Promotion Law enacted
May	Launches materials labeling on plastic parts		Ricoh Corporation (the U.S.A.) wins Energy Star Copier Prize.	1992	UN Conference on Environment and Development (Earth Summit) held
December	The Ricoh Group achieves total elimination of ozone-depleting substances (specific chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), specific types of halon, carbon tetrachloride, etc.).	1997 March	Ricoh wins the IEA Demand-Side Management Award of Excellence in the recently created Copier of the Future Division for its energy-saving technology.	1993	Energy Saving Law revised
1994 August	Completes the Comet Circle concept		Ricoh Corporation receives three awards from the Energy Star Program: 1) 2000 Energy Star Excellence in Consumer Education Award, 2) Labeling Partners of the Year Award, and 3) Office Equipment Partner of the Year Award (for the fifth consecutive year, the Energy Star Award).	1995	The First Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP1) held
November	Implements labeling of materials and grade on plastic parts	1998 December	Ricoh ranks first for the third year in a row in the 4th Corporate Environmental Management Level Survey organized by the <i>Nihon Keizai Shimbun</i> newspaper.	1996	Law for Promotion of Sorted Collection and Recycling of Containers and Packaging enforced International Energy Star Program started
1995 February	Holds First Ricoh Company Environment Conference	1999 November	Ricoh receives the highest eco-rating of AAA in the photographic and office equipment categories from Innovest Strategic Value Advisors, a U.S.A. investment research company, and ranked first among nominees.		ISO Environmental Auditing Standards of Environmental Management System established International Energy Star Award launched by EPA
October	Announces International Energy Star certified products		Ricoh ranks first in the world in environmental and social/cultural aspects for office equipment and home appliances in the corporate responsibility rating conducted by oekom research AG (Germany).	1997	COP3 (Kyoto Conference) held Kyoto Protocol adopted
December	Ricoh Gotemba Plant acquires ISO 14001 certification (the first certification given by a Japanese certification organization).	2000 March	Ricoh ranks first in the world in environmental and social/cultural aspects for office equipment and home appliances in the corporate responsibility rating conducted by oekom research AG (Germany).	1998	Eco Partnership Tokyo Conference held Law concerning the Promotion of Measures to Cope with Global Warming enacted
1996 July	Ricoh UK Products acquires BS 7750/ISO 14001 certification.		Ricoh ranks first in the world in environmental and social/cultural aspects for office equipment and home appliances in the corporate responsibility rating conducted by oekom research AG (Germany).	1999	Revised Energy Saving Law enforced PRTR Law enacted
1997 March	Sets management of 79 types of chemical substances	June	Ricoh receives the highest eco-rating of AAA in the photographic and office equipment categories from Innovest Strategic Value Advisors, a U.S.A. investment research company, and ranked first among nominees.	2000	Law Concerning the Promotion of the Procurement of Eco-Friendly Goods and Services by the State and Other Entities promulgated Basic Law for Establishing a Recycling-Based Society enacted Waste Management and Public Cleansing Law revised Law for the Promotion of Utilization of Recyclable Resources enacted Law Concerning the Promotion of the Procurement of Eco-Friendly Goods and Services by the State and Other Entities enacted
1998 April	Ricoh establishes the Recycling Division.		Ricoh ranks first in the world in environmental and social/cultural aspects for office equipment and home appliances in the corporate responsibility rating conducted by oekom research AG (Germany).		Ministry of the Environment (Japan) established The first Conference on the Creation of Wa no Kuni held Law for Recycling of Specified Kinds of Home Appliances enacted Law Concerning the Promotion of the Procurement of Eco-Friendly Goods and Services by the State and Other Entities enforced in full scale
May	Issues the <i>Ricoh Group Green Procurement Guidelines</i>	December	Ricoh ranks first in the world in environmental and social/cultural aspects for office equipment and home appliances in the corporate responsibility rating conducted by oekom research AG (Germany).	2001	The World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Summit) held
October	Ricoh Fukui Plant achieves a 100% resource recovery rate (Zero-Waste-to-Landfill).		Ricoh ranks first in the world in environmental and social/cultural aspects for office equipment and home appliances in the corporate responsibility rating conducted by oekom research AG (Germany).		The EU Directive on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) comes into effect. The EU Directive on the Restriction of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (RoHS) comes into effect.
1999 January	Issues the <i>Ricoh Group Environmental Report 1998</i>	2001 July	Ricoh ranks first in the world in environmental and social/cultural aspects for office equipment and home appliances in the corporate responsibility rating conducted by oekom research AG (Germany).	2002	Tenth Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 10) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
September	Ricoh announces results of its first environmental accounting.		Ricoh ranks first in the world in environmental and social/cultural aspects for office equipment and home appliances in the corporate responsibility rating conducted by oekom research AG (Germany).		The Kyoto Protocol goes into force (February 16).
2000 January	Ricoh acquires Eco-Mark certification for 28 copier models.	2002 May	Ricoh ranks first in the world in environmental and social/cultural aspects for office equipment and home appliances in the corporate responsibility rating conducted by oekom research AG (Germany).	2003	
February	Ricoh's digital multifunctional copier, the imagio MF6550, acquires Type III Environmental Impact Disclosure from BVQI (Sweden).		Ricoh ranks first in the world in environmental and social/cultural aspects for office equipment and home appliances in the corporate responsibility rating conducted by oekom research AG (Germany).		
March	Holds the 1st Global Recycling Conference	2003 April	Ricoh ranks first in the world in environmental and social/cultural aspects for office equipment and home appliances in the corporate responsibility rating conducted by oekom research AG (Germany).	2004	
2001 July	Ricoh announces its participation in e-mission 55.		Ricoh ranks first in the world in environmental and social/cultural aspects for office equipment and home appliances in the corporate responsibility rating conducted by oekom research AG (Germany).		
December	imagio MF6550RC, an environmentally-friendly digital copier, is marketed for rental use.	May	Ricoh ranks first in the world in environmental and social/cultural aspects for office equipment and home appliances in the corporate responsibility rating conducted by oekom research AG (Germany).	2005	
2002 January	The first Ricoh Green Procurement Meeting is held.		Ricoh ranks first in the world in environmental and social/cultural aspects for office equipment and home appliances in the corporate responsibility rating conducted by oekom research AG (Germany).		
March	The Ricoh Group's main production sites in the world achieve a 100% resource recovery rate (Zero-Waste-to-Landfill).	November	Ricoh ranks first in the world in environmental and social/cultural aspects for office equipment and home appliances in the corporate responsibility rating conducted by oekom research AG (Germany).	2006	
April	Ricoh announces its participation in the UN Global Compact.		Ricoh ranks first in the world in environmental and social/cultural aspects for office equipment and home appliances in the corporate responsibility rating conducted by oekom research AG (Germany).		
September	Ricoh system acquires Type III Eco-Label certification from the Japan Environmental Management Association for Industry (JEMA).	2004 February	Ricoh ranks first in the world in environmental and social/cultural aspects for office equipment and home appliances in the corporate responsibility rating conducted by oekom research AG (Germany).	2007	
November	The Noise Testing Center of Ricoh Omori Plant acquires ISO/IEC17025 certification from the NIST (the U.S.A).		Ricoh ranks first in the world in environmental and social/cultural aspects for office equipment and home appliances in the corporate responsibility rating conducted by oekom research AG (Germany).		
December	The Ricoh Group implements the first commendation of the Ricoh Sustainable Development Award.	December	Ricoh ranks first in the world in environmental and social/cultural aspects for office equipment and home appliances in the corporate responsibility rating conducted by oekom research AG (Germany).	2008	
2003 January	Ricoh establishes the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Division.		Ricoh ranks first in the world in environmental and social/cultural aspects for office equipment and home appliances in the corporate responsibility rating conducted by oekom research AG (Germany).		
June	Ricoh establishes environmental regulations for paper products.	2005 January	Ricoh ranks first in the world in environmental and social/cultural aspects for office equipment and home appliances in the corporate responsibility rating conducted by oekom research AG (Germany).	2009	
2004 January	Ricoh implements Ricoh Group Code of Conduct and Ricoh Group CSR Charter.		Ricoh ranks first in the world in environmental and social/cultural aspects for office equipment and home appliances in the corporate responsibility rating conducted by oekom research AG (Germany).		
October	Ricoh Ohmori Office's VOC testing laboratory is certified by BAM in Germany, the first time such certification is given to a manufacturer in the world.				

* For details, see Ricoh's web site. (<http://www.ricoh.com/environment/global/index.html>)

■ Fiscal 2005 (from April 2005 to March 2006)

	The Ricoh Group's Activities		Society's Recognition of the Ricoh Group's Activities
2005 May	Ricoh presents the Ricoh Sustainable Development Award at a science contest at the International Science & Engineering Fair (ISEF), which is held for high school students all over the world.	2005 May	The Ricoh Group's 2004 sustainability reports (Environmental Report, Corporate Social Responsibility Report, and Annual Report) are given Continued Excellence Award for CSR Report and Sustainability Report Excellence Award at the 8th Environmental Report Award.
May	The 18th Ricoh Nature Seminar Elementary Course is held. The number of environmental volunteer leaders totals 296.	May	Ricoh Fukui Plant's 2004 Environmental Report is given a Continued Excellence Award for the Site Report at the 8th Environmental Report Award.
May	The Environmental Conference in Europe is held with no CO ₂ emissions (carbon neutral).	June	Ricoh's energy-saving fixation technology by capacitor is given the Technology Award at the 2004 Commendation by the Nihon Gazo Gakkai.
June	Ecoleaf labeling for the imagio Neo 350RC/450RC recycled copier is made public. It is the first time in the copier and printer industries that Ecoleaf labeling for reconditioned copiers is made public.	June	Ricoh's Fukui Plant receives the Excellent Sustainable Management Award of the Third Japan Sustainable Management Award.
June	An exhibition at Ecolife Fair 2005 is set up.	July	Ricoh is given the world's highest rating for corporate social responsibility in oekom research AG of Germany Environmental Ranking in the category of IT industry.
July	The cogeneration system at Ricoh Fukui Plant is completed.	August	Tochigi Ricoh is commended as a 2005 Road Conservation Group by the Kanto Regional Development Bureau of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport.
July	Ricoh RS Products Division is given the Eco Rail Mark.	September	Ricoh Printing Technologies' Yamagata Plant is presented with the Chairman's Award of Japan Greenery Research and Development Center at the 2005 Commendation for Excellent Factories in Greenery Development.
July	The fourth Ricoh parent-child nature school is held.	October	Ricoh receives the 2005 Director-General Prize for resource-recirculating technologies and systems from the Industrial Science and Technology and the Environment Bureau of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry for its used toner container recovery project.
August	Ricoh acquires China's Type I Environmental Label for the first time.	October	Sanai Logistics Co., Ltd. (Kansai) is awarded as an 2005 Excellent Automobile Transportation Company.
August	The 17th Ricoh Company Meeting for Environmental Volunteer Leaders is held.	November	Ricoh's environmental advertisements are given the gold prize in the magazine category of the 45th Advertisement Beneficial to Consumers Contest.
September	The fourth Ricoh Forest Seminar is held. The number of Ricoh forest conservation leaders totals 46.	December	A high-speed multifunctional copier equipped with HYBRID QSU energy-saving fixation technology wins fourth prize in the Innovators Category of the Low Carbon Leaders Awards.
October	The 19th Ricoh Nature Seminar Elementary Course is held. The number of Ricoh environmental volunteer leaders totals 316.	December	Ricoh receives the Excellence Award in the Corporate Performance Category at the 1st Environmental Efficiency Award 2005.
November	The 20th Ricoh Nature Seminar Elementary Course is held. The number of Ricoh environmental volunteer leaders totals 334.	December	Ricoh receives the Best E-com Award from students of Kobe University as the most excellent company in environmental communication.
December	Plant-based plastic is used in part of the housing for the imagio Neo 602ec/752ec, a high-speed multifunctional digital copier, which is the first time a plant-based plastic is used in the copier and printer industries.	2006 January	Ricoh's Numazu Plant receives the PRTR Excellence Award at the PRTR Awards 2005.
December	The Ricoh Group participates in Eco Products 2005.	January	Ricoh Group Sustainability Report 2005 receives the Environmental Report Excellent Award in the Environmental Report Category and the Environmental Reporting Meister Award at the 9th Environmental Communication Awards.
December	The 18th Ricoh Company Meeting for Environmental Volunteer Leaders is held.	January	Ricoh Fukui Plant's 2005 Environmental Report is awarded the Environmental Report Excellence Award at the 9th Environmental Communication Awards.
2006 January	The Tokushima Branch of Shikoku Ricoh is certified as a Tokushima 3R Business Site.	February	The Kyushu Branch of Ricoh Technosystems is presented with the Excellent Waste Reduction and Resource Recovery Company Award 2005.
January	The 12th Ricoh Group's Sustainability Environmental Conference is held.	February	Tohoku Ricoh is awarded the Tohoku Economy and Industry Bureau Director-General Prize 2005 as part of Energy-Conservation Month in the Tohoku area.
January	The Tokyo Office of Ricoh Elemex is certified as an Eco Clean Business Site by Shinagawa Ward.		
February	Tohoku Ricoh starts resource-recirculating eco-packing, using used PET bottles as cushioning material.		
February	The 5th Ricoh Group Green Procurement Meeting is held.		
February	The imagio MP C1500 series, which realizes a significant reduction in electricity consumption using GELJET technology, is introduced.		
March	The Ricoh Group in Japan establishes the Management System for Chemical Substances Contained in Products.		