Internal controls

The Ricoh Group aims for continuous improvement based on the values embodied in The Ricoh Way. This includes operating an internal control system designed to strengthen competitiveness while maintaining transparency based on principles of corporate ethics and legal compliance. Ricoh has established the Ricoh Group Corporate Management Principles as a set of guidelines for corporate activities, and follows the Internal Control Principles included therein.

- The GMC was established to oversee the Group’s overall business operations and to enable quick analysis and decision making to ensure the best results for the Group as a whole.
- The Internal Control Committee was established within the GMC to determine action policies, report incidents, and evaluate and correct the control system regarding internal controls, risk management and compliance, in particular.
- Corporate Management Regulations for Ricoh Affiliates stipulate the establishment of a supervising organization to oversee risk at all Ricoh Group companies.
- The Ricoh Group Standards (RGS) have been established as a set of common rules for all Ricoh Group employees to follow, and adherence to these rules across the Group is ensured.
- A basic disclosure policy ensures that corporate disclosure is accurate, timely and comprehensive. The CFO also oversees disclosure and chairs the Disclosure Committee, which determines the importance and need for disclosure and the information to be disclosed.
- Integrated internal audits (J-SOX audit, financial audit, operational audit, etc.) are conducted to ensure the reliability of our financial reports, improve operational efficiency, confirm compliance with laws and regulations, and confirm that risk management measures are being implemented properly.
- The Fraud Risk Management (FRM) program of the Ricoh Group has been deployed to prevent fraud risk. The FRM utilizes a check sheet and tools to detect anomalies within large volumes of data in the integrated internal audit.

Compliance

We believe that it is important for every employee to adhere strictly to laws, company regulations and corporate ethics in their daily activities.

All Ricoh Group executives and employees in Japan receive annual training via e-learning on the Ricoh Group Code of Conduct, which provides principles of conduct in daily activities. Equivalent training is given to all overseas Ricoh Group companies.

An integrated internal audit checks the status of compliance in every organization.

Anti-corruption initiatives

The Ricoh Group stipulates its basic anti-corruption policy in the Ricoh Group Code of Conduct and promotes it across the Group through Code of Conduct education. In 2013, the Ricoh Group Standard for Bribery Prevention became a part of the RGS to help ensure total compliance with laws and regulations that prevent illegal transactions, such as the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of the United States and the Bribery Act (2010) of the United Kingdom. In addition, the Ricoh Group Bribery Prevention Guidelines for third parties has been enacted as a means to prevent corruption among Ricoh Group business partners.

Hotline system

The Ricoh Group Hotline has been in operation since April 2003 in Japan as a contact point for all directors and employees wishing to report incidents or seek advice. Independent contact points have also been established externally as the first point of contact. To make the Hotline easier for employees to use, we continuously review its hours of operation and procedures.