

energy saving is the most important action for combating global warming and that energy-saving home appliances and electrical facilities are important. But people are not aware that copper is always associated with energy saving. We could say that copper plays a vital role in the background of a society using electricity. I believe Furukawa Electric needs to spotlight the roles that copper can play in an energy-saving society, to present them in a way that is easy to understand, and to encourage greater public understanding. If the Company then discloses its environmentally friendly product lines and its strategy, it will not only bolster its competitiveness but also clarify its role in society.

Finally, I would like to write about personnel strategy. The report explains diverse work patterns and work-life balance support schemes. I hope the Company will disclose data on users of the scheme as a global company. Data on human resources from Japanese companies tends to focus on Japanese employees. But as production bases are expanding into China, Southeast Asia, and other regions, hiring excellent local human resources becomes an important challenge not only for CSR but also for management. It was mentioned that the Company is considering human resources development programs and a global personnel utilization strategy to secure excellent human resources irrespective of nationality. I hope Furukawa Electric will develop and institute strategies from the perspective of a global Japanese company.

History of Furukawa Electric's CSR Activities

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| 1972 | • Companywide Rules for Pollution Prevention formulated | 2003 | • Operating Officer System introduced • Furukawa Electric Basic Environmental Policy revised • Medium-Term Plan for Environment Preservation Activities 2005 formulated (2003-2005) • Green Procurement Executive Committee established • Liaison Meeting of Consolidated Environmental Management established |
| 1974 | • Environmental Control Department established • Energy Conservation Team established | 2004 | • Medium-Term Plan for Environment Preservation Activities 2005 revised • Compliance Committee established • Furukawa Electric Group Action Guidelines formulated • Furukawa New Leaf established as a special subsidiary offering employment of people with disabilities |
| 1976 | • Central Quality Control Committee established | 2005 | • Green Product Management Committee established • Compliance Handbook Version I published |
| 1989 | • Team for Reduction in Use of Specified CFCs established | 2006 | • Medium-Term Plan for Environment Preservation Activities 2009 formulated (2006-2009) • Risk Management Committee established • Report published under the revised title "Environmental and Social Report" • Compliance Handbook Version II published |
| 1993 | • Basic Framework for Protecting the Global Environment formulated (Furukawa Electric's voluntary environmental preservation plan) | 2007 | • CSR Division established • Chief Social Responsibility Officer (CSRO) appointed • Safety, Environment and Quality Promotion Department split into the Safety and Environment Promotion Department and the Quality Promotion Department • CSR and Risk Management Committee established • Furukawa Electric Group Action Guidelines partially revised • Report published under the revised title "CSR Report" • Corporate philosophy and corporate message of the Furukawa Electric Group formulated • Corporate Philosophy Handbook of the Furukawa Electric Group issued |
| 1994 | • Committee for Companywide Promotion of Energy Conservation established | 2008 | • Furukawa Electric Basic Environmental Policy formulated • Furukawa Electric joined Team Minus 6% • Furukawa Electric Group Basic CSR Policy formulated • Furukawa Electric Group Action Guidelines partially revised • CSR Compliance Handbook Version III published |
| 1996 | • Use of specified CFCs and trichloroethane discontinued | | |
| 1997 | • Team for Promotion of Reduction in Industrial Waste established | | |
| 1998 | • Furukawa Electric Basic Environmental Policy formulated • Central Committee for Environmental Management established • Committee for the Development of Environmentally Friendly Products established • Acquisition of ISO14001 certification commenced • Companywide Regulations for Pollution Prevention revised to create the Companywide Regulations for Environmental Management | | |
| 1999 | • Central Safety and Health Committee established | | |
| 2000 | • Liaison Meeting with Affiliated Companies established • First Environmental Report published • Meeting of Environmental Personnel established | | |
| 2001 | • Medium-Term Plan for Environmental Preservation Activities 2002 formulated (for 2001-2002) • Environmental accounting started | | |
| 2002 | • Green Procurement Preparation Committee established | | |

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<http://www.furukawa.co.jp/english/>