



Nikon has begun a programme of green procurement, beginning with the purchase of paper and office supplies, and extending to other activities to reduce the environmental impact of our products.

The Green Procurement Sub-Committee was established within the Environmental Committee in May 1998, and in August of the same year, issued the "Nikon Basic Policy for Green Procurement". The policy's purpose is:

- To give priority to the purchase of items that have been produced by taking environmental issues into consideration.
- To give priority to suppliers who are proactive in conserving the environment.

## Product Environment

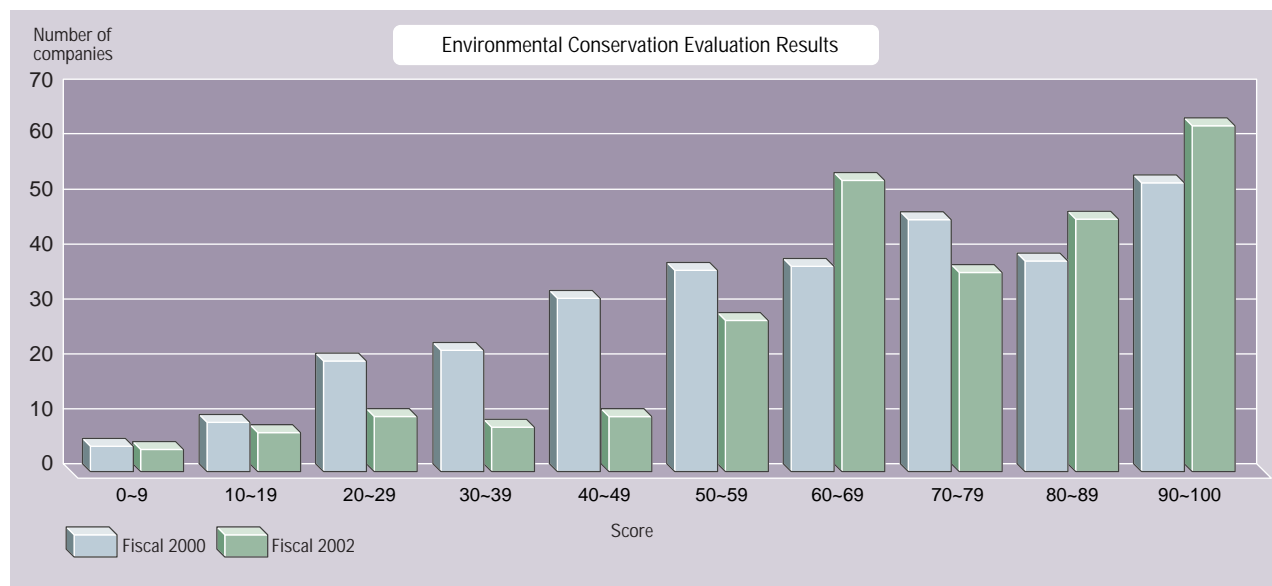
Regarding the procurement of items that will be passed on to our customers, either as Nikon products or services, we have produced a product survey for materials and parts, and another for assembled units. We use the results of these surveys in designing our products.

To promote greater efficiency in green procurement, Nikon prepared a survey that covered suppliers' environmental conservation, encouraging each company to increase its points rating. In fiscal 2002, three explanatory sessions on improving

In July 1999, the Nikon Green Procurement Guide was issued and distributed to about 500 major Japanese suppliers. After seeking and receiving their agreement to participate in a survey, comments were collected on the survey forms and an explanatory session held. A second survey, in two sections, was carried out in fiscal 2002. The first section, with 46 evaluation items, covered environmental conservation; the other section covered products.

environmental protection performance were given to 114 suppliers who did not achieve a sufficiently high point rating in the surveys, and as a result the average point rating rose seven points over the previous survey (fiscal 2000) to attain 71 points. These efforts will be strengthened further in fiscal 2003, as we work with our suppliers to attain our goals. We also plan to expand our green procurement activities to include major suppliers to companies within the Nikon Group.

## Green Procurement Evaluation Score Analysis



## Workplace Environment

Nikon is implementing the following types of activities in regard to procured items that are not supplied to our customers as products or services, in response to the product surveys:

- Shift to use of office supply products (e.g. writing instruments, binders) with the "Eco-mark", and increase the variety and number of such items used.
- Purchases of ecological office supplies by Nikon included 99 new products in fiscal 2001 and 160 new products in fiscal 2002, for a cumulative total of 426 new products since the programme began.