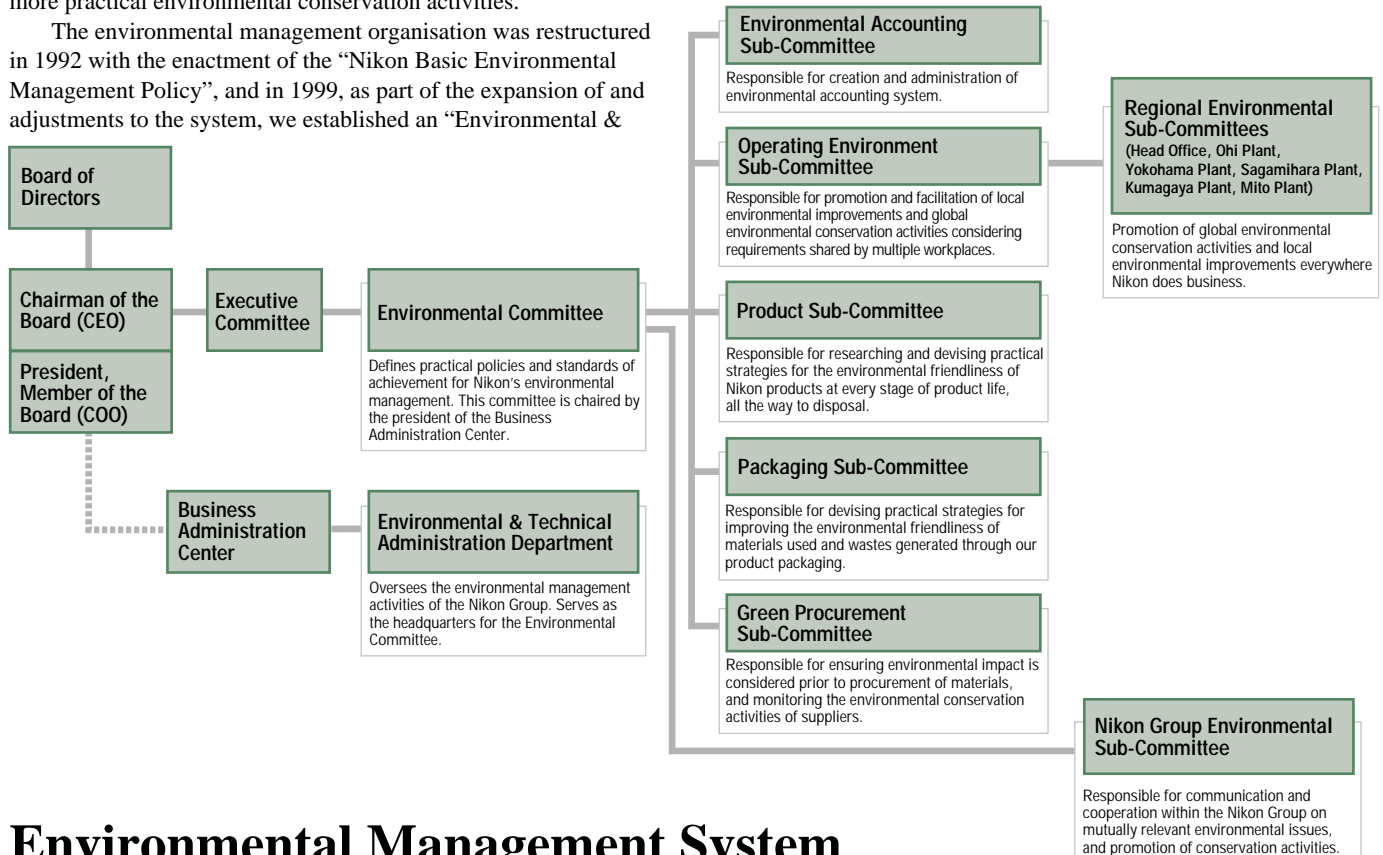


# Environmental Management Organisation

Nikon first entered into environmental protection activities in 1970, when it formed its “First Pollution Response Committee”. This committee was renamed the “Pollution Prevention Committee” in 1971, and again in 1973 to be known as the “Environmental Improvement Committee”. This gave birth to our programme of more practical environmental conservation activities.

The environmental management organisation was restructured in 1992 with the enactment of the “Nikon Basic Environmental Management Policy”, and in 1999, as part of the expansion of and adjustments to the system, we established an “Environmental &

Technical Administration Department” within the company. The current environmental management organisation ensures that we are constantly kept abreast of new domestic or international laws, treaties or regulations, or modifications to existing ones, as well as the ever-changing needs of society.



## Environmental Management System

In September 1996, an international standard on environmental management systems (ISO 14001) was officially introduced by the International Standards Organisation. The intention of the standard is to promote the self-improvement of environment-related aspects of corporate activities, with the United Nation’s policy for ensuring the sustainable development of the human race as its foundation.

The Nikon Group’s current environmental status and schedule for obtaining ISO certification are indicated below, along with each facility’s main activities. The facilities which have been recertified are identified by asterisks (\*).

Through earning this certification and our dedication to our

Location	Date of Approval	Primary Activities
Ohi Plant	July 1998*	Development of basic technology, development and design of Imaging Company products
Kumagaya Plant	August 1998*	Development, design and manufacture of IC steppers
Sagamihara Plant	August 1998*	Manufacture of optical glass, research and development of lenses
Yokohama Plant	October 1998*	Development, design and manufacture of Instruments Company products and LCD steppers
Mito Plant	April 1999*	Development of manufacturing technology, production of customised products
Sendai Nikon Corporation	March 1997*	Manufacture of cameras and LCD steppers
Zao Nikon Co., Ltd.	March 1999*	Manufacture of component devices for IC/LCD steppers, surveying instruments
Tochigi Nikon Corporation	September 1999*	Manufacture of IC/LCD steppers, various optical lenses
Nasu Nikon Co., Ltd.	December 1999*	Manufacture of ophthalmic lenses
Aichi Nikon Co., Ltd.	December 1999*	Manufacture of ophthalmic lenses
Kurobane Nikon Co., Ltd.	December 1999*	Manufacture of lenses for microscopes, profile projectors and surveying instruments
Mito Nikon Corporation	December 1999*	Manufacture of component devices for IC/LCD steppers, cameras
Hikari Glass Co., Ltd.	June 2000*	Research, development and manufacture of optical glass
Nikon Logistics Corporation	March 2002	Logistics
Okuma Shokai Co., Ltd.	May 2002	Sales of microscopes and measuring instruments
Kogaku Co., Ltd.	February 2003	Sales of microscopes and measuring instruments

environmental activities, we have not only achieved improved levels of environmental management, but have also become stricter in our classification of waste, significantly increased our recycling rate for paper, reduced our output of paper and other forms of refuse, and intensified our promotion of energy-conserving measures.

This Environmental Management System functions together with the quality standards set forth in ISO 9000 guidelines — for which each business unit has received certification — allowing us to meet our customers’ needs while showing consideration for the environment, and at the same time supplying high-quality products.