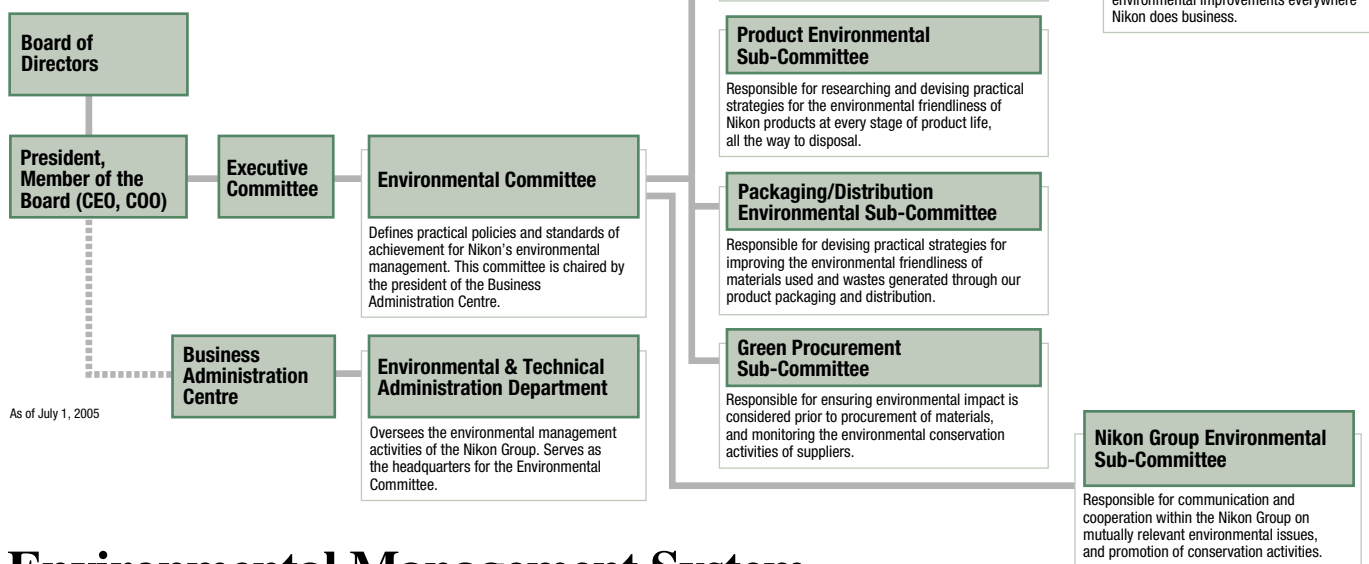


Environmental Management Organisation

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 Japanese 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 the main activities of each facility. We are integrating certification in order to expedite the “Nikon Environmental Action Plan” and more efficient overall operations. Facilities that have been recertified are identified by an asterisk (*).

Through earning this certification and our dedication to our 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.

Location	Date of Approval	Primary Activities	Location
Nikon Corporation	July 1998		Tokyo
Ohi Plant	*	Development of basic technology, development and design of Imaging Company products	Tokyo
Yokohama Plant	*	Development, design and manufacture of Instruments Company products and LCD steppers	Kanagawa
Mito Plant	*	Development of manufacturing technology, production of customised products	Ibaraki
Sagami-hara Plant	August 1998	Manufacture of optical glass, research and development of lenses	Kanagawa
Kumagaya Plant	August 1999	Development, design and manufacture of IC steppers	Saitama
Sendai Nikon Corporation	March 1997	Manufacture of cameras and LCD steppers	Miyagi
Zao Nikon Co., Ltd.	March 1999	Manufacture of component devices for IC/LCD steppers, surveying instruments	Miyagi
Tochigi Nikon Corporation	September 1999	Manufacture of IC/LCD steppers, various optical lenses	Tochigi
Nasu Nikon Co., Ltd.	December 1999	Manufacture of ophthalmic lenses	Tochigi
Aichi Nikon Co., Ltd.	December 1999	Manufacture of ophthalmic lenses	Aichi
Kurobane Nikon Co., Ltd.	December 1999	Manufacture of objective lenses for microscopes, measuring instruments, inspection equipment, and optical components	Tochigi
Mito Nikon Corporation	December 1999	Manufacture of component devices for IC/LCD steppers, cameras	Ibaraki
Hikari Glass Co., Ltd (Akita Plant)	June 2000	Manufacture of optical glass, moulded optical glass	Akita
Okuma Shokai Co., Ltd.	May 2002	Sales and maintenance of microscopes, measuring instruments, inspection equipment, etc.	Fukushima
Kogaku Co., Ltd.	February 2003	Sales and maintenance of microscopes, measuring instruments, inspection equipment, etc.	Osaka
Nikon Instech Co., Ltd.	March 2004	Sales and maintenance of microscopes, measuring instruments, inspection equipment, etc.	Kanagawa
Setagaya Industry Co., Ltd	November 2004	Processing and assembly of parts for interchangeable camera lenses	Yamagata