

## Relationship with Business Partners

From a long-term, international angle, Nikon is carrying out a wide range of procurement activities both in Japan and overseas.

### Fair, Honest Procurement

Nikon performs its procurement activities in line with the four basic policies of:

1. Open-door procurement
2. Procurement based on fair competition
3. Procurement based on the concept of partnership
4. Green procurement

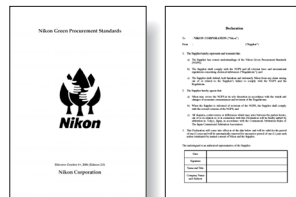
Based on the previous Quality Control Directive (QCD), Nikon conducts procurement honestly and fairly while rigorously promoting procurement activities with its business partners that pay the utmost attention to the global environment.

### Communication with Business Partners

With preservation of the global environment in mind, Nikon places priority on procuring items that have been produced taking into consideration the influence they have on the environment from the time they are used until disposal. We also give priority to suppliers who take proactive steps at the manufacturing stage to conserve the environment.

### Green Procurement Orientation for Suppliers

Following on from the establishment of the “Nikon Green Procurement Standards” in October 2005, we held six orientation sessions for vendors to deepen their understanding, which we are working towards consolidating with the “Nikon Green Procurement Standards Agreement”. Supervised by the Nikon CSR Committee, the business partner orientation sessions outline the Nikon Green Procurement Standards and provide explanations of Nikon’s Corporate Policy, the Nikon Basic Environmental Management Policy, the Nikon Basic Procurement Policy and the Nikon Basic Policy for Green Procurement.



### Supplier Quality Improvement Activities

When a quality problem arises, with the cooperation of the Development and Design Division, the Procurement Department and Quality Assurance Department verify the situation with the vendor and implement quality control measures based on ISO9001.

### Establishment of the Green Procurement Sub-Committee

This newly established committee, which is made up of department chiefs and Group company presidents, holds regular liaison meetings every quarter term to determine vital green procurement issues.

### Environmental Management Status Survey

Since 1999, Nikon has conducted an “Environmental Conservation Survey” using questionnaires to ascertain how well business partners are addressing environmental management. Our aim is to cooperate with them to raise their assessment levels. So far about 500 companies have participated in the survey.

\*For details concerning the Nikon Basic Policy for Green Procurement please visit:  
<http://www.nikon.co.jp/main/eng/portfolio/procurement/green.htm>

## Relationship with Local Communities

From its basic stance as a “corporate citizen contributing to society”, the Nikon Group continues to expand its social contribution activities.

### Activities in Diverse Fields

#### “Nikon Salon” Permanent Photo Galleries

With the aim of popularizing and advancing photographic culture, these spaces were opened in 1968 to exhibit outstanding photographic works by both amateurs and professionals in a wide range of fields. Various activities related to photography are conducted at the galleries in Ginza and Shinjuku in Tokyo, and in Osaka.



#### International Cooperation for Major Overseas Disasters

In response to the damage and suffering resulting from the tsunami caused by the Sumatra Earthquake in 2004, Nikon was quick to provide donations for relief operations by the Japan Red Cross Society. Elsewhere, in Thailand, another tsunami-damaged country, the overseas Group company Nikon (Thailand) Co., Ltd. gave contributions from employees and a donation from the company to the Thai Royal National Disaster Relief Fund. In recognition of the donation, His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej presented the company with a shield of gratitude in November 2005.



Nikon also offered donations at the time of the earthquake in northern Pakistan in October 2005.

#### Support for Groups Related to the United Nations

Nikon provides assistance for groups supporting the activities of the United Nations.

- Foundation: UNICEF Japan
- Approved specified nonprofit organization: Japan Association for the United Nations World Food Program

#### Support for Medical Care and Welfare Groups

Nikon also advocates medical aid and support for the disabled.

- Foundation: Japan Anti-Tuberculosis Association
- Foundation: Children’s Cancer Association of Japan
- Foundation: Japan Sports Association for the Disabled (International Wheelchair Basketball Tournament)
- Foundation: UNICEF Japan

### Support and Cooperation for Various Groups

#### Support for the Digital Camera Volunteer Association

Established to enable anyone to enjoy photography and experience new forms of expression, the Digital Camera Volunteer Association is operated by former Nikon employees, citizens of Shinagawa Ward, Tokyo, and other committee members. Nikon sponsors the activities of the association and provides support through the loan of camera equipment.

The above association has also provided courses enabling middle aged people to experience digital cameras first-hand, and has begun offering similar courses for elementary school students. As a first step, courses covering topics such as the role of photography in society, digital camera operation and learning how to print photos were conducted for fifth year students at an elementary school in Shinagawa Ward, Tokyo.

Digital camera workshops are scheduled for 40 other schools in the same ward.



### Interaction with Communities Around Production Sites

As a corporate citizen, Nikon promotes various regional activities to preserve the environment and improve safety.

#### ■ Kumagaya Plant (Kumagaya, Saitama Prefecture) Cleanup Activities at the south exit of Kagohara Station on the JR (Japan Railways) Takasaki Line

In November 2005, cleanup work was conducted in the square by the south exit of Kagohara Station, the nearest station to the Kumagaya Plant. The area, where bus stops for the courtesy buses of nearby companies are located, is also used by Nikon.



#### ■ Sagami-hara Plant (Sagami-hara, Kanagawa Prefecture) Participation in the Illegal Waste Elimination Campaign

In November of 2005, employees of the Sagami-hara Plant took part in the "Sagami-hara Illegal Waste Elimination Campaign" organized by the Sagami-hara City Beautification Movement Promotion Council. Various kinds of illegally dumped waste were removed from the city.



#### ■ Mito Plant (Mito, Ibaraki Prefecture) Participation in the Environment Fair

The Mito Plant set up a display booth at the "2005 Environment Fair" held in November as part of the "I Love Ibaraki Prefecture Festival". The display featured an observation corner where visitors could use the "Nikon Fieldmicroscope" to examine the hatchlings of freshwater corbiculas found in the area of Hinuma near Mito city. Also included in the display was the 80iTP-DPH phase contrast dispersion microscope for measuring asbestos, providing visitors with a first-hand view of asbestos.



### Supporting Global Environmental Conservation

As one response to global environmental problems, Nikon provides support for the Earthwatch Japan Institute, which dispatches volunteers to conduct global environmental research activities, as well as research institutes, foundations and other organizations. It also provides regional nature conservation groups and bird watching events with binoculars and other observation tools while supporting a wide range of other events to boost communication with nature lovers. Nikon firmly approves of the activities shown below.

Earthwatch Japan



Dispatching volunteers to participate in scientific field work and training, this is an international environmental NGO that conducts global environmental conservation.

The Nature Conservation Society of Japan



Through activities based on scientific research, together with regional NGOs and researchers, this nature conservation NGO strives to achieve a sustainable society in which people and nature can coexist in harmony.

Foundation for Global Peace and Environment



This foundation holds the annual worldwide International Children's Painting Competition on the Environment jointly organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

### Social Service Leave

Since April 1994, Nikon has authorized leave for employees involved in volunteer work that makes a large social contribution.

#### ■ Past Volunteer Activities

- Participation in the UNESCO World Terakoya Movement in India
- Participation in the Japan Mountain Accident Countermeasure Conference
- Participation in international goodwill conferences, etc.



#### Using Social Service Leave

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Taking advantage of social service leave, I participated in the "UNESCO Funds-in-Trust for Youth Exchange Youth Study Tour to India" for two weeks from March 26 through April 8 in 2006 under the UNESCO-NGO Youth Exchange Programme of the Japanese Funds-in-Trust for the Promotion of International Cooperation and Mutual Understanding. I was able to observe the situation regarding literacy education (UNESCO World Terakoya Movement) in India, which is supported by UNESCO associations in Japan, and deepen exchange with the local people.

In the future, I would like to further international understanding and cooperation through UNESCO's volunteer activities.

\*For details concerning the Nikon Group's responsibilities to society, please visit:  
<http://www.nikon.co.jp/main/eng/portfolio/environment/contribution/index.htm>