

1976–March 2003

The Ricoh Group's Major Activities

1976	Establishes Environmental Promotion Section
1990 December	Sets up Environmental Administration Office
1992 February March	Establishes Ricoh General Principles on the Environment FT5570 copier awarded the BAM (initial version)
1993 March	Ricoh achieves total elimination of ozone-depleting substances (specific chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), specific types of halon, carbon tetrachloride, etc.).
May	Announces the recycled product design basic policy and implements recyclable design level 1
May December	Launches materials labeling on plastic parts The Ricoh Group achieves total elimination of ozone-depleting substances (specific chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), specific types of halon, carbon tetrachloride, etc.).
1994 August November	Completes the Comet Circle concept Implements labeling of materials and grade on plastic parts
1995 February October December	Holds First Ricoh Company Environment Conference Announces International Energy Star certified products Ricoh Gotemba Plant acquires ISO 14001 certification (the first certification given by a Japanese certification organization).
1996 July	Ricoh UK Products acquires BS 7750/ISO 14001 certification.
1997 March	Sets management of 79 types of chemical substances
1998 April May October	Ricoh establishes the Recycling Division. Issues the <i>Ricoh Group Green Procurement Guidelines</i> Ricoh Fukui Plant achieves a 100% resource recovery rate (Zero-Waste-to-Landfill).
1999 January September	Issues the <i>Ricoh Group Environmental Report 1998</i> Ricoh announces results of its first environmental accounting.
2000 January February March	Ricoh acquires Eco-Mark certification for 28 copier models. Ricoh's digital multifunctional copier, the imagio MF6550, acquires Type III Environmental Impact Disclosure from BVQI (Sweden). Holds the 1st Global Recycling Conference
2001 July December	Ricoh announces its participation in e-mission 55. imagio MF6550RC, an environmentally conscious digital copier, is marketed for rental use.
2002 January March April September November December	The first Ricoh Green Procurement Meeting is held. The Ricoh Group's main production sites in the world achieve a 100% resource recovery rate (Zero-Waste-to-Landfill). Ricoh announces its participation in the UN Global Compact. Ricoh system acquires Type III Eco-Label certification from the Japan Environmental Management Association for Industry (JEMAI). The Noise Testing Center of Ricoh Omori Plant acquires ISO/IEC17025 certification from the NIST (the U.S.). The Ricoh Group implements the first commendation of the Ricoh Sustainable Development Award.
2003 January	Ricoh establishes the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Division.

Society's Recognition of the Ricoh Group's Major Activities

1993 May	Ricoh UK Products' copier photosensitive drum recycling technology receives the Queen's Award in the U.K.
September	Ricoh UK Products' power consumption reduction activities receive Business Energy Awards Grand Prize.
1994 May	Ricoh UK Products' copier photoconductor drum recycling technology receives the European Better Environment Award for Industry.
1995 March	Ricoh receives the Minister of International Trade and Industry Prize in resource-recovery development projects for its efforts in environment-conscious product assessment and recyclable designs.
1997 March	Ricoh Corporation (the U.S.A.) wins Energy Star Copier Prize.
1998 December	Ricoh ranked number one in the Second Corporate Environmental Management Level Survey by the <i>Nihon Keizai Shimbun</i> newspaper.
1999 November	Ricoh wins the IEA Demand-Side Management Award of Excellence in the recently created Copier of the Future Division for its energy-saving technology.
2000 March	Ricoh Corporation receives three awards from the Energy Star Program: 1) 2000 Energy Star Excellence in Consumer Education Award, 2) Labeling Partners of the Year Award, and 3) Office Equipment Partner of the Year Award (for the fifth consecutive year, the Energy Star Award).
June	Ricoh wins Grand Prize in the 10th Corporate Contribution to Society Awards organized by the Asahi Shimbun Foundation.
December	Ricoh ranks first for the third year in a row in the 4th Corporate Environmental Management Level Survey organized by the <i>Nihon Keizai Shimbun</i> .
2001 July	Ricoh receives the highest eco-rating of AAA in the photographic and office equipment categories from Innovest Strategic Value Advisors, a U.S.A. investment research company, and ranked first among nominees.
December	In a survey conducted by the Financial Times, a U.K. business newspaper, Ricoh is chosen by global CEOs as the world's seventh most respected company in the "most environment-conscious" category.
2002 February	Ricoh President Masamitsu Sakurai receives the 22nd Mainichi Economic Management Award.
May	Ricoh ranks first in the world in environmental and social/cultural aspects for office equipment and home appliances in the corporate responsibility rating conducted by Ökom GmbH (Germany).
August	Ricoh wins an award of excellence at the 18th Corporate Public Relations Awards.
2003 February	The imagio MF6550RC, a recycled digital copier, wins the award of excellence and the Nikkei Sangyo Shimbun Award from the 2002 Nikkei Superior Product and Service Awards.

Worldwide Trends

1971	Environment Agency set up
1977	Ramsar Convention adopted
United Nations Conference on Desertification held	
UNEP Conference held	
1987	Montreal Protocol adopted
1990	London meeting (set phaseout of CFCs and HCFCs)
1991	Recovered Resource Use Promotion Law enacted
1992	UN Conference on Environment and Development (Earth Summit) held
1993	Energy Saving Law revised
1995	The First Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP1) held
Law for Promotion of Sorted Collection and Recycling of Containers and Packaging enforced	
International Energy Star Program started	
1996	ISO Environmental Auditing Standards of Environmental Management System established
International Energy Star Award launched by EPA	
1997	COP3 (Kyoto Conference) held
Kyoto Protocol adopted	
1998	Eco Partnership Tokyo Conference held
Law concerning the Promotion of Measures to Cope with Global Warming enacted	
1999	Revised Energy Saving Law enforced
PRTR Law enacted	
2000	Law Concerning the Promotion of the Procurement of Eco-Friendly Goods and Services by the State and Other Entities promulgated
Basic Law for Establishing a Recycling-Based Society enacted	
Waste Management and Public Cleansing Law revised	
Law for the Promotion of Utilization of Recyclable Resources enacted	
Law Concerning the Promotion of the Procurement of Eco-Friendly Goods and Services by the State and Other Entities enacted	
2001	Ministry of the Environment (Japan) established
The first Conference on the Creation of Wa no Kuni held	
Law for Recycling of Specified Kinds of Home Appliances enacted	
Law Concerning the Promotion of the Procurement of Eco-Friendly Goods and Services by the State and Other Entities enforced in full scale	
COP7 held	
2002	The World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Summit) held
2003	The EU Directive on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) comes into effect.
The EU Directive on the Restriction of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (RoHS) comes into effect.	

* For details, see Ricoh's web site. (<http://www.ricoh.com/environment/global/index.html>)

■ Fiscal 2003 (from April 2003 to March 2004)

The Ricoh Group's Activities

2003 April	Holds the 13th Ricoh Nature Seminar
April	Yokohama Training Center, Ricoh Human Creates Co., Ltd. acquires ISO 14001 certification.
April	Lanier Espana S.A.U. acquires ISO 14001 certification.
April	Ricoh installs a neon sign fully powered by natural energy in Osaka.
May	Kakegawa office of Shizuoka Ricoh Co., Ltd. and Kakegawa Service Station of Ricoh Technosystems Shizuoka service station are recognized as No.1 and No.2 advanced establishments, respectively, in the field of waste reduction and recycling by Kakegawa, Shizuoka Prefecture.
June	Ricoh Group's second parent-child nature school held
June	Ricoh establishes environmental regulations for paper products.
June	The third environment month commemorative seminar held
June	The Ricoh Group issues <i>Sustainability Report 2003</i> .
July	The first Global Recycle Technical Meeting held
July	Eight Nagoya city establishments of the Chubu Branch of Ricoh Technosystems CO., Ltd. are recognized as "eco establishments" by Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture.
August	The imagio Neo 352/452/221/271 series equipped with QSU energy conservation technology introduced
August	The 12th Ricoh Company Meetings for Environmental Volunteer Leaders held
August	Ricoh Group holds the third parent-child nature school
August	Ricoh holds Green Procurement Fair 2003.
August	Aficio 2035/2045 wins Hungary's first Type I Eco-Label for office equipment.
September	The Ricoh Group issues the English version of the <i>Sustainability Report 2003</i> .
September	The second Ricoh Forest Seminar (Nature Seminar) held
September	Nagano Ricoh wins Nagano Eco Circle gold rating from Nagano city under their ecology certification system.
September	Ricoh and IBM Japan co-sponsor the Asia-Pacific round of 2003 WEC IEF, organized by the World Environmental Center (WEC).
September	Ricoh Engineering acquires ISO 14001 certification.
October	The 3rd Ricoh Nature Seminar Intermediary Course held
October	The 14th Ricoh Nature Seminar held
November	Eco Collaboration Web Access application package introduced
November	Ricoh co-sponsors G-ForSE2003, jointly organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Global Sports Alliance (GSA).
November	imagio MF5570RC/MF7070RC environmentally conscious multifunctional digital copiers introduced
November	The 2nd Environmental Site Report Information Exchange Meeting held
December	Participates in Eco Products 2003
December	The 13th Ricoh Company Meetings for Environmental Volunteer Leaders held
2004 January	Ricoh implements Ricoh Group's Code of Conduct and Ricoh Group's CSR Charter.
January	Ricoh Asia Pacific Pte Ltd. (Singapore) acquires ISO 14001 certification.
January	Suzuka local office attached to Yokkaichi office of Ricoh Technosystems' Chubu Branch is recognized as "eco establishment" by Suzuka, Mie Prefecture.
January	The 15th Ricoh Nature Seminar held
February	imagio Neo 752 equipped with energy conservation technology HYBRID QSU and imagio Neo 602 equipped with QSU energy conservation technology introduced
February	Toyama office of Ricoh Technosystems CO., Ltd.'s Chubu Branch is recognized as "eco establishment" by Toyama Prefecture.
February	The 10th Ricoh Group Environmental Conference held
February	Saga Ricoh is recognized as "eco shop" by Saga Prefecture.
February	The 3rd Ricoh Group Green Procurement Conference held
February	IPSIO G707/G505 GEL JET Printer equipped with high-speed duplex function introduced
March	The 9th International Procurement Conference held
March	The 14th Ricoh Company Meetings for Environmental Volunteer Leaders held
March	Ricoh Group's fourth parent-child nature school held

Society's Recognition of the Ricoh Group's Activities

2003 April	Ricoh receives the Grand Prize of the 12th Global Environment Awards.
May	Ricoh receives the 2003 WEC Gold Medal.
May	Ricoh receives the Grand Prize and Sustainable Web Site Prize of the 3rd Annual ECO-Web Awards from Ecology Symphony.
May	Ricoh Elemex Corporation's Okazaki Plant receives a letter of appreciation from Okazaki, Aichi Prefecture for its social contribution.
June	Ricoh's Research and Development Division wins a superiority award from the 30th Environmental Awards, which is sponsored jointly by the Hitachi Environment Foundation and the Nikkan Kogyo Shimbun, Ltd. and assisted by the Ministry of the Environment.
June	The Ricoh Group's <i>Sustainability Report 2002</i> receives the Consistent Performance Prize at the 6th Green Reporting Awards in 2003.
June	Ricoh Fukui Plant's fiscal 2002 environmental report wins the Prize for Site Reports at the 6th Green Reporting Awards 2003.
October	Ricoh UK Products receives the Grand Prize in the UK Excellence Awards CSR Division.
October	Ricoh's neon sign powered by natural energy receives the fiscal 2003 Good Design Prize.
October	NRG Italia receives the Special Prize from the 6th Eco High-Tech Awards, sponsored by the Italian Ministry of Environment and other organizations.
November	Ricoh receives Minister for Economy, Trade and Industry Award in the 6th Green Purchasing Awards.
November	"ECO TODAY" environmental web site for children receives an Award of Excellence in the 2003 Environment Goo Awards.
2004 February	imagio Neo 752/602 series receives the Energy Conservation Center Chairman's Prize in the 14th Energy-Saving Awards.
February	Ricoh Unitechno receives the "Director-General of the Agency of Natural Resources and Energy Award for Excellent Energy Management Plant" for electric divisions at the fiscal 2003 Energy Conservation Month Commendation Ceremony.
February	Ricoh Chubu Sales Group receives the Nice Assistance Award (Aichi Prefecture) in the One More Life Employee Volunteer Awards from the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare for its "Green Promotion" local environmental conservation project.
March	The Ricoh Group wins "AA" for environment rating from the Tohmatsumi Evaluation and Certification Organization.
March	Ricoh receives the Amateur Judge Prize in the 4th Annual ECO-Web Awards from Ecology Symphony.

Subsequent Events

May	The Ricoh Group's <i>Sustainability Report 2003</i> receives the Consistent Performance Prize at the Seventh Green Reporting Awards 2004 (three years in a row).
May	Ricoh Fukui Plant's fiscal 2003 environmental report wins the Prize for Site Reports at the Seventh Green Reporting Awards 2004 (four years in a row).