

CSR Report of Hiratsuka Factory (HP)

Business activities: Design, basic research, development and evaluation of aircraft parts, sporting equipment, adhesives and sealants, conveyor belts, marine hoses, fenders and other industrial products

Total site area: 285,794 m² (including Adhesives and Sealants Plant)

Number of employees: 2,346 (as of December 2017, including dispatched temporary employees)

Location: 2-1, Oiwake, Hiratsuka City, Kanagawa 254-8601, JAPAN

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Message from the General Manager



Shuichi Tsukada

Yokohama Rubber celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2017. In this same year, the Hiratsuka Factory completed the construction of the New Technology Building, which will serve as a base for the development and dissemination of the new technologies that will support Yokohama Rubber over the next 100 years.

While continuing to serve as a “base for the dissemination of technologies and monozukuri manufacturing expertise throughout the Yokohama Rubber Group,” the Hiratsuka Factory is also aiming to be a “factory that maintains the

affection and unwavering trust of both customers and the whole world,” in line with Yokohama Rubber’s CSR Vision. Within this strategic framework, in the environmental sphere the Hiratsuka Factory is focusing in particular on reducing leakage and noise pollution, which can have a pronounced negative impact on the local environment, to zero, while in regard to safety the Hiratsuka Factory will be striving to eliminate accidents that are serious enough to require employees to take time off work, by ensuring that everyone who works at the Hiratsuka Factory puts safety first; in addition, as a factory belonging to a company that plays a key role within the automotive industry, the Hiratsuka Factory will also be seeking to reduce road accidents in which people are injured to zero.

Furthermore, in every aspect of our business operations our actions will embody not only strict adherence to compliance-related regulations, but also an emphasis on enhancing disaster preparedness and on fostering a harmonious relationship with local communities and making a positive

contribution to the region in which we are located.

Once again, in fiscal 2017, by holding the Think Eco Hiratsuka Event with its emphasis on protecting the environment, the Hiratsuka Factory was able to foster communication and exchange with local communities, while also providing support for the disaster prevention drills of local residents and schools. Our employees also volunteered to conduct planting and cleanup activities, with seedlings being donated to local communities; we also held a Regional Communication Meeting.

The Yokohama Forever Forest Project, which was launched in 2007 with the aim of helping to safeguard the local environment and fostering a mutually-beneficial relationship with local communities, reached its 10th year of implementation last year. The approximately 30,000 tree seedlings that were planted within the Hiratsuka Factory’s grounds have grown into an impressive forest. We are continuing to cultivate tree seedlings, which we donate free of charge for use in local tree-planting activities and other environmental events, etc. Furthermore, we have conducted biodiversity impact research on the trees that have been planted around the factory; this research has focused mainly on birdlife. Additionally, from fiscal 2013 we commenced promoting the biodiverse protection of the Kaname River system, whose groundwater we are able to use for our production activities. Besides continuing with this work, starting from 2016 we have also been implementing Satoyama (traditional community-managed forest) conservation activities focusing on Yatoda (areas of rice fields in small valleys created by erosion) within Hiratsuka City.

By continuing with such activities in the future, we want to strengthen awareness of the Hiratsuka Factory as a business located within Hiratsuka City which seeks to make a positive contribution to regional development.

Organizational Governance

Publicizing and sharing policies and issues

In that it represents a combined location, the Hiratsuka Factory hosts multiple business departments, production plants and R&D facilities. Close attention is thus paid to thoroughly publicizing policies and issues that involve the entire factory. We also strive to improve communication. The publicizing of General Manager directives as well as safety and environment policies is done through factory-wide morning meetings. Meanwhile at factory meetings held each month, the General Manager personally shares factory issues and topics, etc. with all department managers.

Improved functionality through management systems

Concerning safety and environment issues involving the entire factory, both the Safety and Health Administration Office and the Environmental Management Administration Office coordinate with different factory units, and we are implementing effective operation of OSHMS and ISO 14001 management systems. Rather than relying solely on external audits, the Internal Audit Department executes our accounting audits, and we follow up on any stipulated exceptions or required improvements. Pursuing such actions can be linked to the strengthening of factory functionality.

Labour Practices

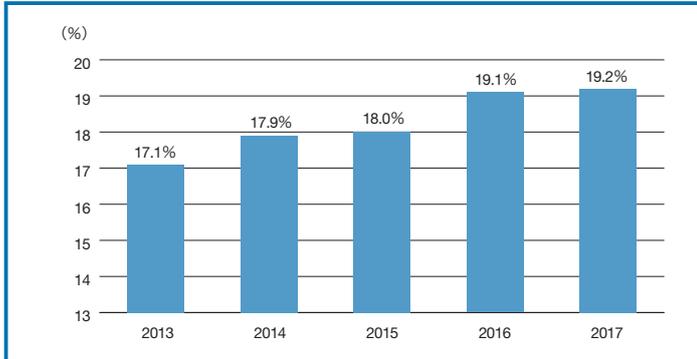
To achieve thorough statutory compliance, each month we decide on a theme such as forms of harassment or personal information management, etc., and then we conduct compliance education within each business unit. In addition to improving employee knowledge and consciousness of such topics, we are endeavoring to create a friendly workplace. To realize suitable working hours, we have established a forum where both labour and management can check and discuss topics such as

working hours, holidays and overseas business trips, etc. In much the same vein, discussions are held between labour and management to annually improve the work environment, with such improvements being promoted by us. Through such responsiveness, we are taking care to create a working environment in which employees can feel peace of mind.

Promotion of gender equality

Free from gender bias, we are working to provide equal employment opportunities to both men and women, and we assign to them positions of responsibility in accordance with their abilities. Across the entire factory the percentage of female staff has tended to rise year-on-year as follows:

Ratio of female staff



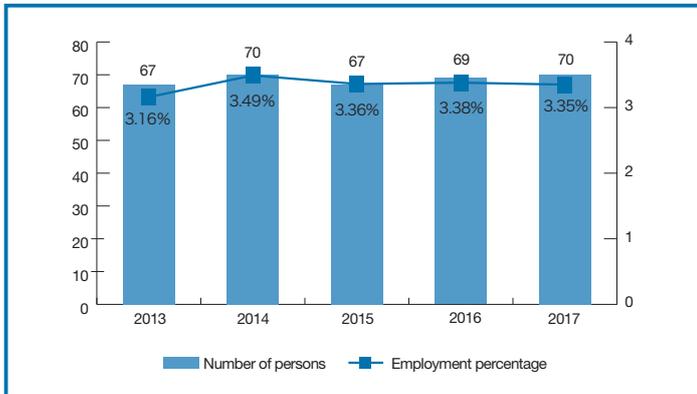
Promotion of employment of people with disabilities

As of the end of December 2017, we have employed 70 disabled persons (this figure includes some double counting based on the severity of disability). The disabled employee ratio is 3.35%.

In the future as well, we plan to actively provide disabled persons with employment opportunities.

Yokohama Peer Support Corporation, a special subsidiary for the employment of disabled persons, commenced operations in April 2012. This subsidiary has a presence within the Hiratsuka Factory. Centering on those who are mentally-disabled, as of December 2016, there are 25 Peer Support employees working in the factory. Their duties include cleaning tasks, collecting and distributing internal mail, and activities related to the greening business such as gardening and planting, etc.

Changes in the ratio of disabled persons employed



Occupational safety and health management

Since the Hiratsuka Factory acquired Occupational Safety and Health Management System (OSHMS) certification in July 2010, we have conducted OSHMS-based occupational safety and health management. This work has been mainly built around continuous risk assessment and KY (Hazard Prediction) activities, etc.

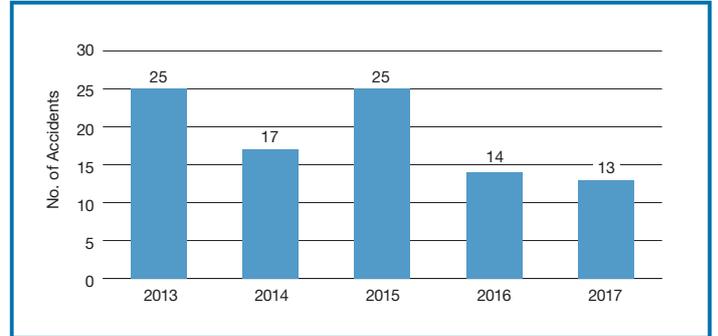
When new operational processes are introduced or changes are made to existing operations, we hold "open work observations," which allow many employees to witness work practices and identify hidden risks. We do this so as to further work improvement that makes work practices even safer. Furthermore, we comply with safety and health statutory requirements, and proactively promote both employees' acquisition of qualifications and educational activities. We also work to develop human resources and prevent disasters.

Workplace accidents

Compared to the previous year, in fiscal 2017 the number of accidents fell by one from 14 to 13. Unfortunately, these included one major accident

on the Factory premises that required a work stoppage. It was noticeable that, besides accidents involving production process machinery, there were also a significant number of "living activities" related accidents, such as accidents that involved falling or banging into things while walking. We shall work to improve the safety consciousness of each and every person by incorporating within the guidelines of the Hiratsuka Factory a policy of having everybody "spare no effort with respect to the anticipation of danger, while acting in accordance with the rules." Furthermore, we shall continue to promote Hazard Prediction Training (the KYT4R method) and activities that help identify near misses.

No. of accidents



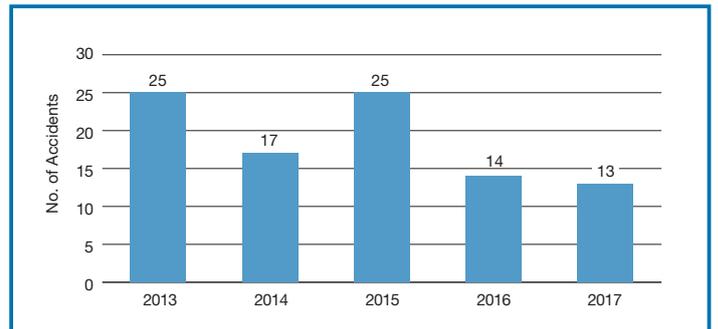
Traffic accidents

There were 12 traffic accidents involving injury in fiscal 2017, representing a decrease compared to the 18 that occurred in fiscal 2016.

However, of the fiscal 2017 accidents, we were the blamed party in six cases, up from one case in fiscal 2016; we are yet to achieve our objective of zero accidents.

To reduce traffic-accident numbers, twice annually road safety seminars are conducted for all employees; we also arrange practical skills training seminars for motorcycles and motor-scooters and seminars on traffic rules and road-user etiquette for bicycle riders, as well as implementing traffic safety education etc. in each workplace and providing traffic safety guidance. Starting from fiscal 2017, we have been issuing warnings based on the "Hiratsuka City Commuting Risk Map" that was compiled the previous year based on hazards that employees have noticed while commuting to and from work, and we are implementing measures to prevent traffic accidents based on heightened self-awareness of our responsibilities as a company that plays a role in the automotive sector.

No. of accidents involving injury



Practical skills training seminar for motorcycles and motor-scooters



Seminar on traffic rules and road user etiquette for bicycle riders

Health management

38 employees were off work for periods of seven days or more in fiscal 2017. This figure remained unchanged from the 38 recorded in fiscal 2016. 63% of such long-term absences were related to mental health issues, and these accounted for 84% of total absentee days.

In response to this, concerning the eight counseling sessions (over two days) conducted monthly by professional counselors (commenced in fiscal 2010), as the number of people requesting counseling has been rising steadily every year, the number of counseling sessions has been increased to 12 counseling sessions (over three days) starting from fiscal 2017. Regarding the results of the stress checks implemented in fiscal 2017, of the 2,161 eligible employees, 92.5% participated in the stress check, up

from 90.5% the previous year. As regards follow-up after the stress checks, those employees who were deemed to display high levels of stress were recommended to apply for face-to face counseling; this counseling was provided by an occupational health physician.

Environmental management

The Hiratsuka Factory continues to operate environmental management based on ISO 14001 environmental management system certification, which was acquired in July 1999.

From fiscal 2012, it converted to an environmental management system integrating the entire company as one site of Yokohama Rubber. We will continue to deploy activities based on the company-wide environmental policy.

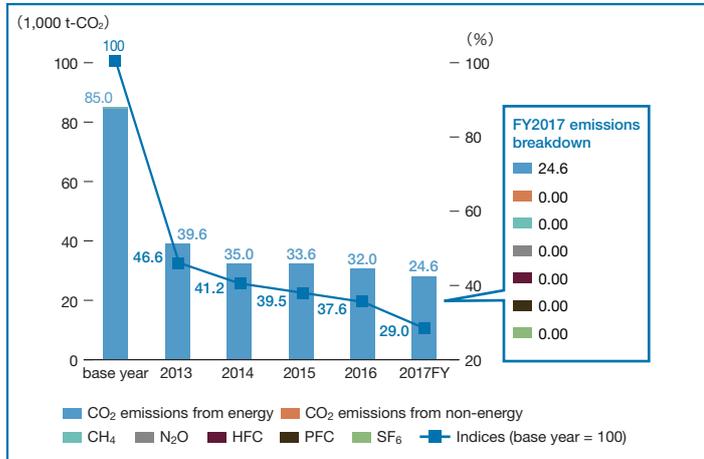
As the Hiratsuka Factory holds a wide range of business organizations, from MB related plants to the technical research and development department of the entire company, it divides them into 10 environmental blocks to advance daily environmental improvement activities under the Hiratsuka Factory Environmental Policy in compliance with the company-wide environmental policy.

Environmental data

Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions

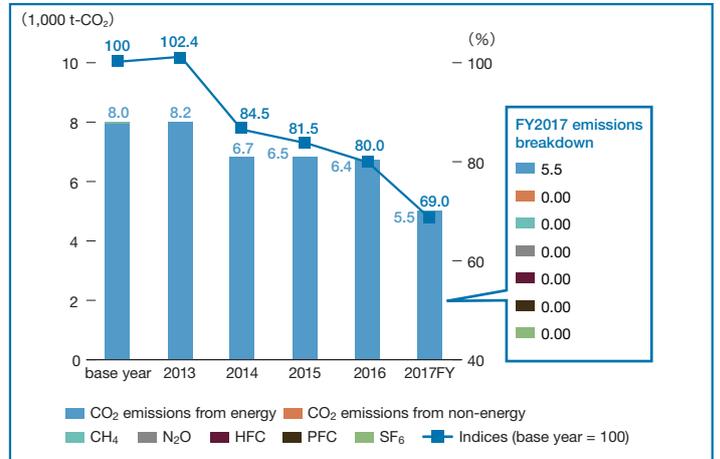
Greenhouse gas emissions

Hiratsuka Factory



* The base year is defined as 1990 except for HFC, PFC and SF₆, where the base year is 1995 as per the Kyoto Protocol.
 * Method of calculation of greenhouse gases (GHG): this is in compliance with the "Calculation and Reporting Manual for Greenhouse Gas Emissions" issued by the Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. Note that GHG emissions associated with purchased power in FY2009 were calculated using the Table of Emission Coefficients by Power Company (Ministry of the Environment).

Adhesives and Sealants Plant

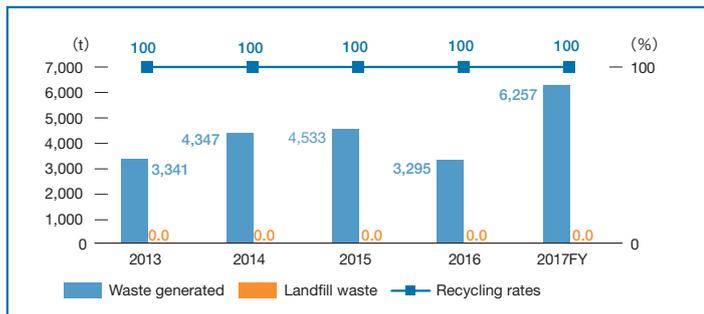


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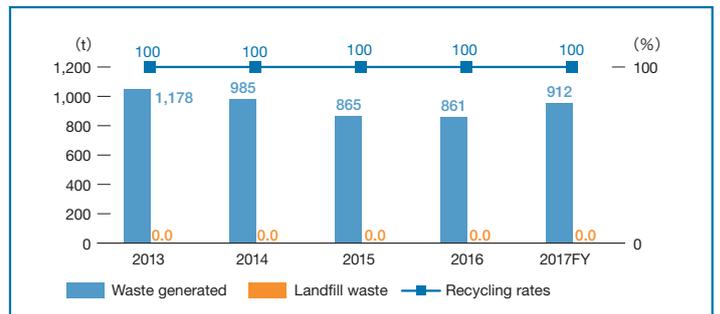
Effective use of resources / Reduction of waste

Waste output

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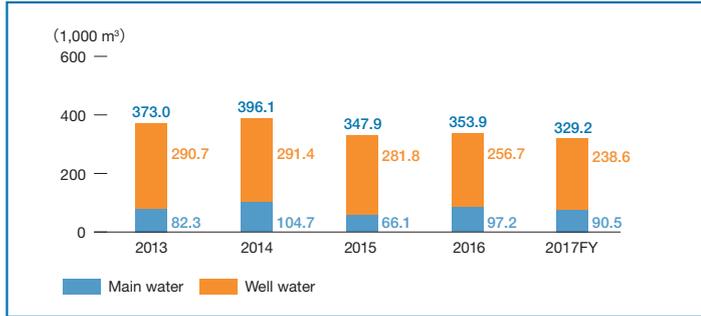


Adhesives and Sealants Plant



Water Usage

Hiratsuka Factory (including the Adhesives and Sealants Plant)



Environmental management

Measures for discharges into water, air and soil

Data related to water contamination

Drain	Item	Regulatory values	Voluntary standard values	FY2017 results		
				Average	Maximum	Minimum
Hiratsuka Factory	PH	5.0-9.0	6.9-8.3	8.2	8.3	7.8
	BOD concentration (mg/l)	600	170	32.5	52.0	7.0
	SS concentration (mg/l)	600	75.1	35.8	77.0	3.0
	n-hexane animal and plant oil concentration (mg/l)	30	6.6	1.8	3.0	1.0
Adhesives and Sealants Plant	PH	5.7-8.7	6.6-8.3	8.0	8.3	7.4
	BOD concentration (mg/l)	300	122.3	37.3	94	16.0
	SS concentration (mg/l)	300	100	33.3	57	13.0
	Oil concentration (mg/l)	30	6.0	4.7	18.0	1.0

* In accordance with the Hiratsuka Municipal Sewerage Ordinance.

Air pollutants (NOx, SOx)

Substance	NOx emissions (t/year)	SOx emissions (t/year)
Hiratsuka Factory	4	—
Adhesives and Sealants Plant	1	—

Facility	Substance	Regulatory values	Voluntary standard values	FY2017 results		
				Average	Maximum	Minimum
Hiratsuka Factory Boilers 1-2	NOx (ppm)	150	91.0	64	—	—
	Soot and dust (g/h)	371	4.2	2.2	—	—
Hiratsuka Factory Boilers 5-6	NOx (ppm)	150	48.5	Removed		
	Soot and dust (g/h)	463	6.2	Removed		
Hiratsuka Factory New Boiler 1	NOx (ppm)	150	24.8	22	22	21
	Soot and dust (g/h)	635.4	6.6	5	5	5
Hiratsuka Factory New Boiler 2	NOx (ppm)	150	25.4	23	23	22
	Soot and dust (g/h)	635.4	14.9	5	5	5
Hiratsuka Factory New Boiler 3	NOx (ppm)	150	28	25	26	23
	Soot and dust (g/h)	635.4	16.9	5	5	5
Hiratsuka Factory New Boiler 4	NOx (ppm)	150	30.8	21	—	—
	Soot and dust (g/h)	180.22	90.11	6	—	—
Hiratsuka Factory New Boiler 5	NOx (ppm)	150	33.6	24	—	—
	Soot and dust (g/h)	180.22	90.11	5	—	—
Hiratsuka Factory New Boiler 6	NOx (ppm)	150	37.3	23	—	—
	Soot and dust (g/h)	180.22	136.14	5	—	—
Adhesives and Sealants Plant Boiler 1	NOx (ppm)	60	32.1	21.5	23	20
	Soot and dust (g/h)	272	2.47	1.16	1.4	0.91
Adhesives and Sealants Plant Boiler 2	NOx (ppm)	60	32	19.5	20	19
	Soot and dust (g/h)	180	2.5	1.3	1.5	1
Adhesives and Sealants Plant Boiler 3	NOx (ppm)	60	36.3	27.5	29	26
	Soot and dust (g/h)	180	2.8	1.5	2	0.98

* In accordance with the Air Pollution Prevention Law and Kanagawa Prefectural Ordinance.

Reporting on chemical substance management status (Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (PRTR) Law compliance)

The Hiratsuka Factory verifies whether secondary materials and auxiliary materials contain chemical substances subject to Safety Data Sheet (SDS) requirements, and in the case of substances where the amounts handled exceed the thresholds specified by the PRTR Law, annual reports are submitted to the national (or prefectural) authorities and safety impact assessment is performed.

Regarding the handling of substances pursuant to the PRTR Law, please refer to the [Safety Evaluation Table of Domestic Production Bases](#).

Pollution prevention

We have established self-administered values that are even stricter than regulated targets so as to strictly observe all environmental laws and ordinances concerning air pollution, water contamination and noise, etc. We take steps to monitor and measure these values.

Furthermore, to ensure that no sensory discomfort resulting from noise, vibrations and odors, etc. is caused to neighborhood residents, we have established monitoring points outside the factory grounds and are working to prevent such issues.

Unfortunately, in fiscal 2017 there was one incident in which oil was discharged via a public rainwater drainage channel. We addressed this issue in line with the guidance received from the relevant government authorities, and we strove to keep the harm caused to a minimum.

With respect to PCB waste within the factory, it is suitably handled in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations.

From fiscal 2018 onwards, we will continue to store and process PCB waste appropriately.

Use of sustainable resources

We are taking steps to reduce overall volumes year-on-year by placing a top priority on the goals and targets of the ISO 14001 management system with respect to reductions in industrial waste, organic solvents, greenhouse gas emissions and water usage.

In fiscal 2017 we successfully achieved our reduction objectives for industrial waste, organic solvents usage and water usage.

In fiscal 2018, we will continue to implement activities aimed at reducing the burden on the environment.

Alleviating and adapting to climate change

In the “Energy-Saving Month” of February and the “Environment Month” of June, in addition to establishing important measures relating to core business areas and reporting on the energy-saving results achieved, environmental patrols are conducted by the business unit managers of each block within the factory, and through the thorough implementation of measures such as twice-weekly mandatory times for leaving work, we are working to reduce CO₂ emissions.

Environmental protection, recovery of natural habitats

Activities were commenced in fiscal 2013 to protect the biodiversity of the Kaname River’s water resources.

Factory employees have been participating, on an “experiential” basis, in the environmental monitoring of the Kaname River river system that has been implemented since fiscal 2013. In fiscal 2017, an additional 33 employees participated in this activity, giving a cumulative total of 314 employees that had participated in the activity since it was first launched. Up until this point, the monitoring activities have resulted in 10 or more bird species being identified, with the status of birdlife along the river being judged healthy.

Furthermore, gobies (a species of fish), mitten crabs and river shrimp, etc., were also recorded. This indicated that the area’s water-life was also healthy. At the same time, the high degree of clearness of the water pointed to a state of eutrophication. We are also now proceeding with an evaluation of water quality based on a scoring of the caddis-fly, dragonfly and mayfly larvae numbers found along the river.

The Environment

A further point is that, concerning the flora found along the river, exuberant growth was noted of introduced species such as ragweed and burr cucumber. It was also confirmed that indigenous species have been in retreat. After obtaining the agreement and collaboration of local government authorities and local organizations, starting from fiscal 2014 we have been implementing, on an ongoing basis, an activity to eradicate introduced plant species from specific sections of the river, and to monitor the changes in the flora found along the river.

Starting from fiscal 2015, with the aim of helping to conserve the Kaname River's water resources and restore the local satoyama (traditional community-managed forest) landscape to its original condition, we undertook conservation activities, in collaboration with members of local environmental organizations and with local university researchers, that included leasing an area of land (which had formerly been under cultivation but had been allowed to become overgrown) within the boundaries of Hiratsuka City, clearing the brush etc. that had grown up on the land, and creating a biotope habitat by hand, as well as monitoring the subsequent changes in the ecosystem.

In fiscal 2017, a dragonfly pond was created within the grounds of the Hiratsuka Factory, to create an environmental activity location that is closer to home; observation has begun of the way the dragonflies and other creatures living in the pond interact with each other.

In recognition of these biodiversity conservation activities, as well as on the basis of the carbon capture surveys etc. conducted in relation to the growth of the Yokohama Forever Forest tree plantings undertaken in the vicinity of the Hiratsuka Factory since 2007, in March 2017 the Hiratsuka Factory was certified as an Association for Business Innovation in Harmony with Nature and Community (ABINC) biodiversity-friendly factory.



Biodiversity activity: Kaname River monitoring



Satoyama landscape preservation activity



Fair Operating Practices

Impartial and fair selection of business partners

Concerning the materials that the Hiratsuka Factory uses, rather than doing business solely with large companies, we proactively promote the utilization of locally-based small and medium-sized businesses. Furthermore, by also confirming that no private interests exist between such companies and our own employees, etc., we take care to select our business partners in a manner that is impartial and fair.

Establishment of a "Procurement Code of Conduct" and its thorough implementation

We prepared the "Procurement Ethics (Rules for Procurement Staff)." These guidelines indicate matters to be noted by purchasing staff when conducting fair and impartial transactions in accordance with the "Basic Procurement Policy." They also specify unethical practices that must not be engaged in. These ethics were combined with the "Basic Procurement Policy" to become the "Procurement Code of Conduct." We are working to ensure comprehensive awareness of compliance issues through workplace-based classes, which are held on a regular basis. As a result of these efforts, we received no complaints from suppliers in fiscal 2017.

Deployment of CSR activities for business partners

In 2017, we continued to hold "CSR supplier study meetings," focusing on the topic of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which are addressed in Yokohama Rubber's CSR Report; at the meetings, suppliers were given an explanation of the 17 SDGs that were adopted by the United Nations in September 2015, and of how they relate to Yokohama Rubber's 10 key Materiality issues. There were also explanations of the measures being implemented by Yokohama Rubber in regard to labor management and workplace safety, and suppliers were requested to implement similar measures.

131 representatives of 121 companies took part in the workshops held in the Hiratsuka Factory.



Consumer Issues

When purchasing stationery items that are to be used in our plants, we focus on buying products that are eco-certified and listed in the Green Purchasing Network (GPN) database.

We continue to purchase 90% of our requirements through such means, buying sustainable products that place little burden on the environment.

Regional activities

We participate on an ongoing basis in volunteering activities – such as tree-planting and river clean-up, etc. – organized by local groups. Many of our employees participate in these activities together with their family members, working hard and having an enjoyable and rewarding experience together with local residents.



Tree-planting festival at Shonan International Village



Hanamizu River embankments clean-up activity

Disaster-prevention activities

Four teams from the Hiratsuka Factory participated in the firefighting competition sponsored by the Hiratsuka City Hazards and Safety Committee. We performed well, winning first prize in the small pump operation competition, and placing third in the indoor fire hydrant operation competition.

We also participated in a large-scale earthquake evacuation drill in collaboration with the Hiratsuka School for the Visually Impaired, which is located adjacent to the Hiratsuka Factory and with which we have signed a disaster response collaboration agreement. Besides providing support for the evacuation of students in wheelchairs and “casualties,” in fiscal 2017 we also provided support for training School staff in the use of fire-extinguishing equipment.

Also in fiscal 2017, we made available the grounds of the Hiratsuka Factory for holding the local community association disaster prevention training activity, which is held once every two years; we provided support for training in the use of fire-extinguishing equipment, training in extinguishing fires in tempura deep-fat fryers, and CPR training, etc. Additionally, in fiscal 2017 we conducted a collaborative fire-fighting drill in conjunction with Hiratsuka City Fire Department, based around the scenario of a fire occurring in a facility used for storing hazardous materials. The training was highly realistic, giving a real sense of what this type of fire-fighting involves.



Firefighting Competition



Support for disaster prevention training at Hiratsuka School for the Visually Impaired



Support for a local community association disaster prevention training activity



Collaborative fire-fighting drill in conjunction with Hiratsuka City Fire Department



Participation in local events

We participated in the “Hiratsuka Environment Fair” which is held by the city each year. Besides presenting displays that showcased Yokohama Rubber’s environmentally-friendly products, we also provided an introduction to the “Yokohama Forever Forest Project” activities being implemented by the Hiratsuka Factory, and donated some free seedlings as well.



Hiratsuka Environment Fair

Regional contributions

- We are continuing our CSR Partner Agreement with Shonan Bellmare, the local J-League soccer team. Through this agreement, we participate in one another’s activities.
- Once a month we have employees conduct cleaning activities in the area around the factory premises. (In fiscal 2015 some 481 people participated.)

Regional exchanges

In fiscal 2017, we held the “Think Eco Hiratsuka 2017” environmental event, marking the ninth time that this event has been held. On the day of the event, which was blessed with good weather, an impressively large total of around 3,100 people (including local residents and plant employees and their family members) attended, thanks to active collaboration from local universities and civic groups. A total of 493,240 yen in proceeds and donations has been donated to Hiratsuka City and to Ishinomaki City, with which a disaster relief agreement has been signed, as a contribution to the Great East Japan Earthquake Relief Fund. The cumulative total of donations that have been made over the years has now reached 2,600,000 yen.



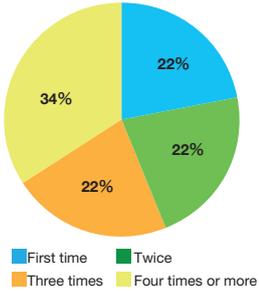
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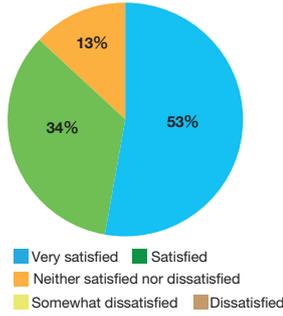


Results of a questionnaire survey about our local communication events

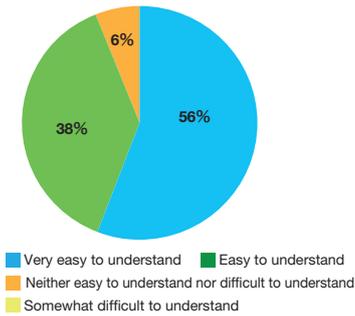
How many times have you participated?



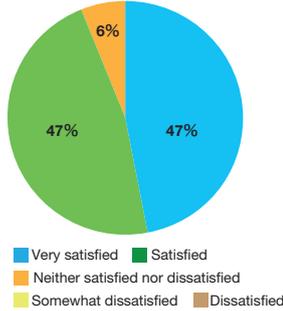
Content of explanations



Facility tour content



Overall satisfaction with local communication events



List of FY2017 Regional Contributions / Community Activities

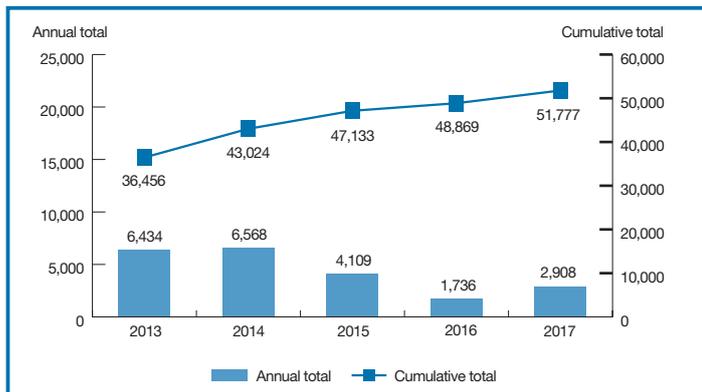
Volunteer activities

- Mar. 12: Hanamizu River Cleanup (in support of the Kaname River System Network) (12 participants)
- May 14: Shonan International Village "Meguri-no-Mori" Planting Festival (12 participants)
- Monthly cleaning activities in the area around the factory premises

Provision of Yokohama Forever Forest seedlings (Total: 2,908 seedlings)

- Feb. 14: Donation of tree seedlings for Shinwa Gakuen Social Welfare Corporation (1,460 seedlings)
- Feb. 17: Tree-planting at Shonan Seminar House (75 seedlings)
- Feb. 24: Hiratsuka City Little League "Graduation" Ceremony tree-planting activity (15 seedlings)
- April 22: Tree-planting at Otsuchi Gakuen school (18 seedlings)
- May 14: Shonan International Village "Meguri-no-Mori" Planting Festival (520 seedlings)
- July 22-23: Hiratsuka Environment Fair (80 seedlings)
- Nov. 11: Think Eco Hiratsuka 2017 (600 seedlings)
- Nov. 12: Support for tree-planting at another Yokohama Rubber factory (Mishima Plant) (140 seedlings)

Number of seedlings provided by the Hiratsuka Factory for the Yokohama Forever Forest project



Regional exchanges

- Feb. 15: Regional communication meeting (27 participants)
- Nov. 11: Think Eco Hiratsuka 2017 (3,100 visitors)

Support for education

- Jan. 27: Experiential learning activity at Koyo Junior High School, Hiratsuka City
- March 3: Road safety classes at Ohara Elementary School (fourth grade students) (Instructor: Noboru Yahashi)
- March 21: Road safety classes at Yawata Elementary School (fourth grade students) (Instructor: Noboru Yahashi)
- Oct. 27: Acorn hunt at Sozen Elementary School (first grade students)
- Nov. 11: Road safety classes at Sozen Elementary School (fourth grade students) (Instructor: Noboru Yahashi)
- Nov. 30: As above

Local event support, donations, and participation

- Mar. 26: Sponsorship for Hiratsuka Citizens Sports Festival
- May 20: Sponsorship for the Hiratsuka Tourist Association's "Sillago Japonica Fishing Competition"
- Jul. 7-9: Sponsorship for Hiratsuka Tanabata Festival and participation in the preparation of decorations for the Festival
- Aug. 25: Support for Shonan-Hiratsuka Fireworks
- Oct. 8: Sponsorship for the Shonan Hiratsuka Igo Festival
- Oct. 26-28: Participation in Shonan-Hiratsuka Techno Fair
- Nov. 1-15: Sponsorship for the Hiratsuka City Chrysanthemum Show

Disaster-prevention activities

- July 27: Supported a disaster-prevention drill (First Drill) at Hiratsuka School for the Visually Impaired (5 participants providing support)
- Sept. 7: Supported a disaster-prevention drill (Second Drill) at Hiratsuka School for the Visually Impaired (11 participants providing support)
- Sept. 9: Supported a local community association disaster preparedness drill (12 participants provided support alongside 50 local residents)
- Nov. 16: Supported a disaster-preparedness drill (Third Drill) at Hiratsuka School for the Visually Impaired (11 participants providing support)