

History of Olympus' Environmental Activities

Year	Month	Description
1975	March	Pollution Prevention Committee established
1976	June	Activities during Environment Week held at various plants Support of WWF (currently the World Wide Fund for Nature) started (with the donation of calendars, for example)
Latter half of the 1970s		Companywide standards and regulations on pollution prevention, waste disposal, and chemical management arranged and improved
1984	April	Pollution prevention inspection started (carried out until 1996)
Latter half of the 1980s		Procedure to put together annual environmental preservation actions of all plants into <i>Environment White Paper</i> and submit it to director in charge of the environment established
1992	January	Environmental Affairs Office (in charge of companywide environment-related matters) established
	August	Olympus Environmental Charter formulated
1993	July	Specified chlorofluorocarbons and 1,1,1-trichloroethane totally eliminated from use.
1994	December	Polystyrene foam used in small-camera packages totally put to eliminated from use
1995	July	Awarded for the promotion of the cleaning and protection of the Tenryu River (by the Chubu Construction Bureau, Ministry of Construction)
1996	March	1996 Companywide Environmental Basic Plan formulated
	June	Companywide Olympus Environment Management Manual formulated
1997	February	Ina Plant obtained ISO 14001 certification; the first member of Olympus Group to do so Product environment impact assessment started
1998	June	PRTR data for FY 1997 put together and disclosed
	October	Tatsuno Plant won Japan Greenery Research and Development Center President Award as a 1998 Good Greening Plant
1999	February	Tatsuno and Ina Plants won 1998 Energy Management Achiever's Award (from the Chubu Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry)
	July	1999 Companywide Olympus Environment Basic Plan formulated
	September	Shenzhen Plant, Shenzhen, China, obtained ISO 14001 certification
2000	February	Hinode Plant awarded for superior rationalization of energy by the Kanto Electric Association
	March	Technology Research Institutes (Hachioji) obtained ISO 14001 certification; the last among the 12 major plants in Japan to do so
	October	Green procurement guideline introduced, and investigation of parts suppliers completed Guideline for the purchase of products for daily business use formulated
2001	February	Hinode Plant rewarded for superior rationalization of energy by the Kanto Electric Association
	March	Use of trichloroethylene in washing process decreased Use of garbage processor at Tatsuno Plant started
	May	Olympus Winter & Ibe GmbH obtained ISO 14001 certification
	June	Use of garbage fermentation processor at Technology Research Institutes (Hachioji) started
	August	Olympus Logitex Tokyo Center started up as a core of distribution activity
2002	March	KeyMed (Medical & Industrial Equipment) Ltd. obtained ISO 14001 certification Recycling center at Technology Research Institutes (Hachioji) started Companywide Basic Environmental Plan 2002 (Ecology Vision 21) formulated
	April	Environmental Development Department established Environment committees organized (e.g., Olympus Group Environmental Committee and plant managers' meeting) Environment site assessment for soil and groundwater started (for domestic production sites)
	September	In-house Eco Forum launched
2003	February	Ina Plant won Director-General of the Agency of Natural Resources and Energy Award
	September	Five major development and production sites in Japan achieved zero emissions. Olympus Shenzhen won Clean Production Corporation Award
	October	Olympus Logitex won 20th (2003) Logistics Grand Prize from Japan Institute of Logistics Systems
	November	Olympus Logitex obtained ISO 14001 certification
	December	Olympus participated in Eco Products 2003 In-house certification system for eco-friendly products launched; SZX7/SZ61 stereoscopic microscope and E-1 digital single-lens reflex camera certified as Olympus eco-products. E-1 granted Eco Leaf Environmental Label; the first digital single-lens reflex camera to be so granted
2004	January	All environment promotion functions of the Company obtained ISO 14001 certification Olympus Diagnostical GmbH (Irish Branch) obtained ISO 14001 certification
	March	All major plants in Japan achieved Zero emissions. Sales subsidiary KS Olympus obtained ISO 14001 certification
	April	CSR Promotion Department established KeyMed (Medical & Industrial Equipment) Ltd. won the Queen's Award for Enterprise in Sustainable Development
	June	Environment training for developers started Illuminations at Olympus turned off in support of environmental campaign for a million people, Light Down 2004 Black Illumination
	September	Panyu Plant, China, obtained ISO 14001 certification Olympus Group Corporate Conduct Charter and Olympus Group Code of Conduct announced
	October	Olympus participated in UN Global Compact
	November	Environment training for sales staff started
2005	March	ISO 14001 (2004) revision response training started