

Community Investments

Based on our corporate philosophy of “仕濾過事” (*Rokajinitsukafuru*: Contribute to society through the filtration business), as a comprehensive filter manufacturer, we will contribute to the advancement of society through our filter products and staff, concentrating on the key themes of “environment,” “air quality,” and “health” by partnering with communities and various stakeholders, with a particular focus on the regions where our group bases and plants are located.

Community Contribution Through Filters

Amid the mask shortage caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we rapidly moved to begin manufacturing masks with the idea that masks are another type of filter, and that a moment had arrived for us to be of service to society as a manufacturer specializing in filters. Sales of masks to general consumers began in May 2020. When developing the masks, we focused on three key aspects of performance: filter performance, sealing performance, and breathability. As a next-generation, highly functional mask that not only captures almost all fine particles but is also easy to breathe through, our masks have been much appreciated by many people. We outsourced the production of some types of masks to a facility in Nanae, Hokkaido, which supported the creation of local employment.

Reflecting our company's stance of wishing to contribute further to people's health, we donated a total of around 700,000 units of our YAMASHIN Filter Mask® to Kanagawa Prefecture, to the town of Kamimine in Saga Prefecture and to Yokosuka City, where our company's production and R&D facilities are located, and to public high schools that many of our Saga Branch Office employees have graduated. In March 2023, we were awarded the Medal with Dark Blue Ribbon through Kanagawa Prefectural Government in response to this donation.

In FY2023, we provided/distributed about 1,600 masks to Saga Prefectural Tosu Technical High School and 1,000 masks at the Volleyball World Championship, which we

sponsored. The Ultimate YAMASHIN Filter Mask® product that we donated incorporates patented YAMASHIN NANO FILTER®, a proprietary nano-fiber filter technology also used in medical masks. The donated masks were used at facilities for residential treatment and social welfare in Kanagawa Prefecture.



Scene from Volleyball World Championship

Provision of Heavy Oil Absorption Filters

In Saga Prefecture, heavy rains in August 2019 resulted in the serious problems of large-scale flood damage as well as heavy oil spills from local companies. To recover this oil, we provided a high-performance oil absorption nano-filters. Taking this as a further opportunity, we developed an oil-absorbent that we commercialized in June 2021.

Contributing to Local Communities at Plants and Laboratories

At the Saga Branch Office, we give a plant tour to students from a local technical high school. In addition to the plant tour, we deepen our interaction with them by providing advice on job hunting.

As for our overseas sites, in September 2023, our Cebu Plant accepted 10 faculty members and students from the

Faculty of International Liberal Arts at Juntendo University and taught them about overseas company management through a plant tour and interaction with local employees. The students actually got to see the entire manufacturing process from the filtration media to the completed products and their shipment. They also got to deepen their relationship with us by engaging in Q&As with employees and having lunch with them. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the employees of our Cebu Plant, in collaboration with local NGOs, planted mangrove trees every year and participated in drainage ditch-clearing and coastal cleanup events in Lapu-Lapu City on Cebu Island, where our plant is located.

In Japan, our group has made donations worth approximately 12 million yen (including mask donations) to local organizations, high schools, and events. In April 2024, when an earthquake struck the eastern coast of Taiwan, we donated 1 million yen to the Japanese Red Cross Society to aid the victims.

The Yokosuka Innovation Center made a donation to a local NPO of approximately 4,000 collected PET bottle caps in FY2022 and FY2023. The NPO sells collected PET bottle caps to a recycling company, and all of the resulting proceeds are used for vaccine support for children worldwide. The donations made it possible to provide enough vaccines for approximately 8.2 children. With repeated small efforts, we will continue to contribute to our local communities and to society overall in the spirit of “仕濾過事” (*Rokajinitsukafuru*: Contribute to society through the filtration business).

