

Progress in environmental activities

	Progress by NHK Spring	Progress by domestic Group companies	Trends in society
2001	Feb.: 5th Revised Environmental Voluntary Action Plan Apr.: Isehara Plant gained ISO 14001 certification (all plants now certified) Jun.: 7th Global Environment Forum held	May: Horikiri gained ISO 14001 certification Jun.: NHK Seating Mizushima gained ISO 14001 certification Aug.: Yokohama Kiko (now NHK Spring Production Company) gained ISO 14001 certification Nov.: Topura gained ISO 14001 certification	Ministry of the Environment established Electric Appliance Recycling Law enacted
2002	Jan.: Recycling Center completed at Yokohama Office Feb.: 6th Revised Environmental Voluntary Action Plan May: 8th Global Environment Forum held Jun.: Received 10th Yokohama Environmental Conservation Work Award Dec.: Yokohama Office received Fiscal 2002 Kanagawa Global Environment Award	Mar.: NHK Teleflex Corporation (now NHK MEC Corporation) gained ISO 14001 certification Apr.: Tokuhatsu gained ISO 14001 certification Oct.: NHK Sales Company gained ISO 14001 certification Oct.: NHK Spring Mutsumi-kai Technical Committee Global Environmental Issues Subcommittee launched	Soil Contamination Countermeasures Law announced Automobile Recycling Law announced Japan ratified the Kyoto Protocol
2003	Feb.: 7th Revised Environmental Voluntary Action Plan Mar.: Zero emissions achieved at Yokohama Office Jun.: 9th Global Environment Forum held	May: NHK Spring Mutsumi-kai Technical Committee Global Environmental Issues Subcommittee meeting Jul.: NHK Transport gained ISO 14001 certification Oct.: Sumihatsu gained ISO 14001 certification Oct.: Uniflex (now NHK FLEX Company) gained ISO 14001 certification Nov.: Nippon Shaft gained ISO 14001 certification	Automobile Recycling Law enacted Soil Contamination Countermeasures Law enacted Amended Law Concerning the Rational Use of Energy enacted
2004	Feb.: 8th Revised Environmental Voluntary Action Plan Jun.: 10th Global Environment Forum held Dec.: Atsugi Plant received Fiscal 2004 Kanagawa Global Environment Award	Jul.: NHK Spring Mutsumi-kai Technical Committee Global Environmental Issues Subcommittee meeting Sep.: Tohoku Nipatsu gained ISO 14001 certification	Amended Air Pollution Control Law announced
2005	Jan.: Yokohama Office received Commendation at PRTR Awards Feb.: 9th Revised Environmental Voluntary Action Plan May: 11th Global Environment Forum held	Mar.: SNIC gained ISO 14001 certification Mar.: Faurecia-NHK Kyushu gained ISO 14001 certification	Amended Automobile Recycling Law enacted Kyoto Protocol came into force
2006	Feb.: 10th Revised Environmental Voluntary Action Plan Jun.: 12th Global Environment Forum held Dec.: Isehara Plant received Fiscal 2006 Kanagawa Global Environment Award	Feb.: NHK Precision gained ISO 14001 certification Mar.: Ayase Seimitsu gained ISO 14001 certification	Amended Law Concerning the Rational Use of Energy enacted Amended Law Concerning the Promotion of Measures to Cope with Global Warming enacted
2007	Jun.: 13th Global Environment Forum held	May: Ites gained ISO 14001 certification May: Sindai gained ISO 14001 certification	Amended Law Concerning the Recovery and Destruction of Fluorocarbons enacted
2008	Jun.: 11th Revised Environmental Voluntary Action Plan Jun.: 14th Global Environment Forum held	Jun.: Group Company Environmental Liaison Committee announced	G8 Toyako Summit (Hokkaido)
2009	Feb.: Installed a solar electric generator panel at Yokohama Office Jun.: 15th Global Environment Forum held		G8 L'Aquila Summit (Italy)
2010	Jun.: 16th Global Environment Forum held	Feb.: NHK Transport gained Green Management certification Mar.: Domestic Group companies achieved zero emissions	Tenth Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP10) Implementation of Amended Soil Contamination Countermeasures Act
2011	Jun.: 17th Global Environment Forum held		Implementation of Amended Water Pollution Control Act (Storage Facilities)
2012	Jun.: 18th Global Environment Forum held Nov.: Yokohama Office recognized as an Excellent office in 3Rs (Let's Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!) by Yokohama City		Implementation of Amended Water Pollution Control Act (Facilities using Hazardous Substances) First commitment period under Kyoto Agreement ended
2013	Feb.: Yokohama Office won the Energy Saving Award of Kanagawa Global Environment Prize Nov.: 24th NHK Spring Forum held (merged with the 19th Global Environmental Forum) Nov.: Yokohama Office received Yokohama City recognition for excellence in the 3Rs (Let's Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!) (two years in a row)	Dec.: Tokuhatsu Sanda Plant completed and solar generation panels installed on plant roof	Start of the Kyoto Protocol second commitment period (2013 - 2020)
2014	Apr.: Starting Clean-up Activity of NHK Spring Mitsuzawa Football Stadium by Volunteers Oct.: Yokohama Office received energy efficiency field visit from the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry Nov.: 25th Global Environment Forum Nov.: Yokohama Office received Yokohama City recognition for excellence in the 3Rs (Let's Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!) (three years in a row)	Nov.: NHK Spring Production Company received climate change field survey based on the Kanagawa Prefecture ordinance Dec.: Tokuhatsu Sanda Plant received ISO 14001 certification (expanded authentication)	United Nations Climate Change Summit held Publication of the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report Act on Rational Use and Proper Management of Fluorocarbons enacted
2015	Oct.: 26th Global Environment Forum held Nov.: Komagane Plant (Industrial Machinery & Equipment) receiving on-site GHG countermeasure survey based on regulations of Nagano Prefecture Nov.: Yokohama Office received Yokohama City recognition for excellence in the 3Rs (Let's Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!) (four years in a row)	Jun.: Tohoku Nipatsu, Nippon Shaft and Sumihatsu recognized as S-Class energy conservation method service providers	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP21) Adoption of Paris Agreement
2016	Nov.: 27th Global Environment Forum held Nov.: Yokohama Office received Yokohama City recognition for excellence in the 3Rs (Let's Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!) (five years in a row)	Jun.: Tohoku Nipatsu, Nippon Shaft and NHK Precision recognized as S-Class energy conservation method service providers	Minamata Convention on Mercury enacted The enactment of law to prevent mercury pollution Amendments to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs Convention)
2017	Aug.: NHK Spring Group started energy conservation diagnostics Nov.: 28th Global Environment Forum held Dec.: Yokohama Office received Yokohama City recognition for excellence in the 3Rs (Let's Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!) (six years in a row)	Jun.: Tohoku Nipatsu, Nippon Shaft and NHK Precision recognized as S-Class energy conservation method service providers Sep.: NHK Spring Group started energy conservation diagnostics	Issuance of the Chemical Substances Control Law Chinese Waste Import Controls: Restricts imports of some solid wastes
2018	Jun.: NHK Spring recognized as an S-Class energy conservation method service provider Nov.: 29th Global Environment Forum held Dec.: Yokohama Office received Yokohama City recognition for excellence in the 3Rs (Let's Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!) (seven years in a row)	Jun.: Tohoku Nipatsu, Nippon Shaft and NHK Precision recognized as S-Class energy conservation method service providers Oct.: Each NHK Spring plant that had acquired ISO 14001 certification has completed its update to the fiscal 2015 version of the standard.	The 24th United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP24) was held The particulars (implementation policy) of the Paris Agreement were determined
2019	Jun.: The Yokohama Office received the Yokohama Global Warming Countermeasures Prize Sep.: NHK Spring Group implemented energy conservation diagnostics Nov.: 30th Global Environment Forum held Dec.: Yokohama Office received Yokohama City recognition for excellence in the 3Rs (Let's Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!) (eight years in a row)	Jun.: Tohoku Nipatsu, Nippon Shaft and NHK Precision recognized as S-Class energy conservation method service providers	The 25th United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP25) was held Decision on market mechanisms for the Paris Agreement The United States officially notifies the United Nations of its withdrawal from the Paris Agreement The Japanese government formulates an action plan on countermeasures for ocean plastic waste
2020			Initial year of the Paris Agreement Fee charged for store shopping bags