

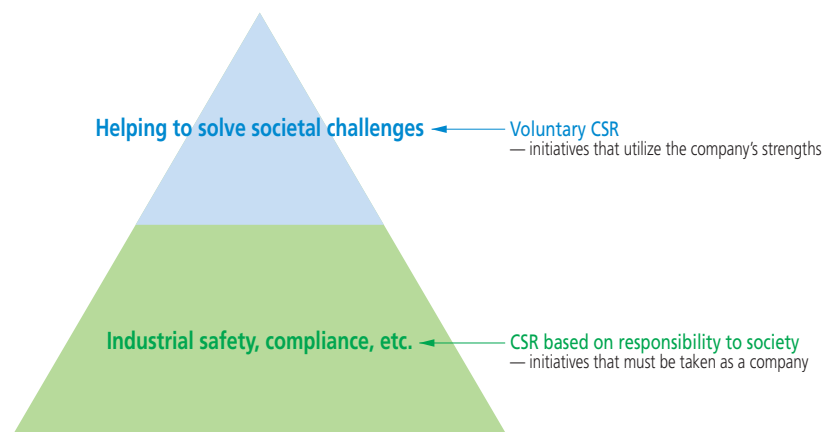
Corporate Social Responsibility

A business offering products and services valued by society is a highly sustainable one. However, this sustainability does not necessarily extend to the organization managing the business. To increase the sustainability of the Kuraray Group, we are actively tackling issues in corporate social responsibility (CSR).

CSR Stance

CSR encompasses a wide field of areas, and as it's closely related to many operations of a company, it can be said that CSR itself is the company's operation. Responding to the CSR issues raised in operations is essential to ensuring the longevity of the company, and as such responding to these issues is an essential contribution to the company's growth.

CSR is reflected throughout all activities at the Kuraray Group and we are thoroughly handling issues of responsibility to society such as industrial safety, compliance, and risk management. Moreover, through voluntary CSR initiatives such as developing products and services that help solve society's challenges, we are offering unmatched value to society by utilizing our strengths. We do this based on the idea of "Contributing to the World and Individual Well-being through Actions that Others are Unable to Produce."



CSR through Products and Services

The first priority of CSR at the Kuraray Group is the provision of products and services that contribute to society. We are developing new technologies and products based on new ideas so that the provision of products and services will make us even more useful to society. We are also working to provide products in a stable, sustainable manner.

Aims of the products and services provided by the Kuraray Group

- Provide items truly needed by society
- Pursue value that can only be provided by the Kuraray Group
- Actively tackle issues untouched by others

Furthermore, we are paying close attention to the relationship between our business and efforts for regions and society as a whole, especially to societal contribution.

Relationships with Stakeholders

The Kuraray group aims to build relationships with stakeholders in the following manner:

Customers and Business Partners: Provide products and services of true value to prosper together, and maintain a business relationship for a long period.

Shareholders: Maintain stable and healthy profits and return profits to shareholders in an appropriate manner, so that share holdings are kept for a long period.

Employees: Provide a workplace where employees can feel pride and enthusiasm, and enjoy working with colleagues.

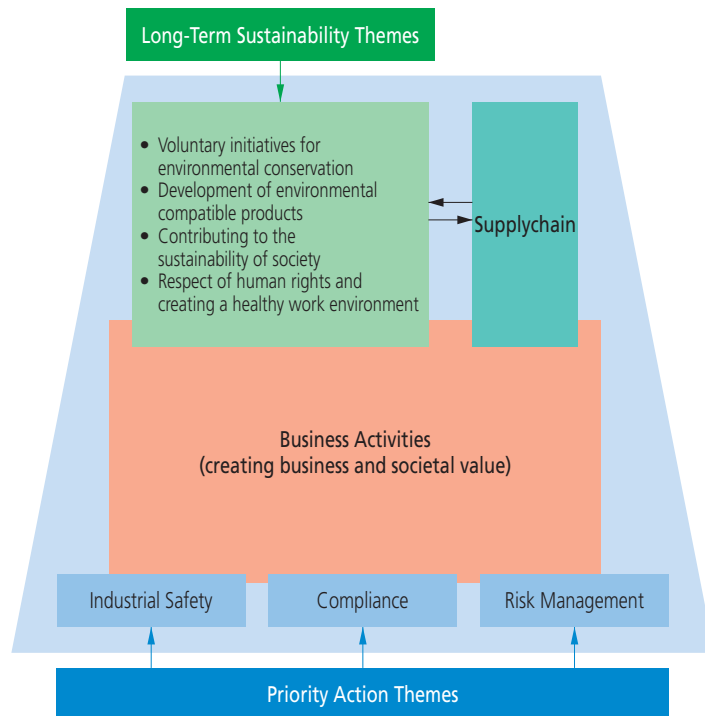
Regions and Society: As a corporate citizen, gain understanding through active communication and appropriate information disclosure.

Areas of CSR Initiatives

What does the society of today ask of its companies? The Kuraray Group is constantly working to understand the needs of society. Based on this understanding, reflecting our experience, basic philosophy of management, and business strengths, we will focus on the things we believe to be most important and take firmly grounded initiatives.

- Lay the groundwork for industrial safety, compliance, and risk management, the support base for the existence of the company, through Priority Action Themes.
- Engage in voluntary initiatives in the environmental and societal areas based on Long-Term Objectives in a wide variety of fields. Do this with the aim of contributing to the realization of a sustainable society.

The Scope of the Kuraray Group's CSR Activities



CSR Promotion Structure

The CSR Committee, established in 2003, plays a central role in implementing the Kuraray Group's CSR initiatives. The far-reaching and ever higher level of social responsibility required of companies necessitates response across the entire organization. The CSR Committee is a management level special committee that decides group-wide policies, objectives, and action plans, and puts into practice wide ranging programs with the cooperation of other Group organizations.

The CSR Committee maintains the Social Responsibility and Economic Subcommittee, the Environmental and Industrial Safety Subcommittee, and the Risk Management and Compliance Subcommittee. The subcommittees set up theme-specific working teams that focus on implementing specific initiatives and ascertaining & evaluating results.

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