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## **Sustainable Procurement**

Following the growing social demand for adequate supply chain management, the Kuraray Group revised its CSR Procurement Policy(curt. Sustainable Procurement Policy) and is requesting the cooperation of some business partners in Japan to comply with the policy in 2019. Under <u>"PASSION 2026"</u> we will extend the scope of this activity to business partners, including overseas partners, representing 80% of the Group's total purchase amount (90% of the purchase amount for raw materials, secondary materials and products).

Our actions will be guided by a series of sustainable procurement programs. Our initial focus has been in Japan. Here, our initiatives started with disseminating our CSR Procurement Policy to major business partners in 2020, which we followed with CSR procurement questionnaires(curt. Questionnaire on Sustainable Procurement). We analyzed and evaluated the results of the questionnaires, providing feedback and supporting improvement as necessary. In 2022, we extended these initiatives to include the separate suppliers of our various business divisions and affiliated companies, covering more than 80% of the Group's total purchase amount. Furthermore, in 2023, we implemented this initiative for business partners of overseas Group companies, and obtained survey results from 86% of the target business partners. We will continue the survey and, based on the results, consider improving the status of compliance by providing feedback and dialogue with our business partners.

- Request for compliance with the Kuraray Group CSR Procurement Policy
- Survey of compliance with CSR procurement policy through questionnaires
- Discussion through the feedback of questionnaire results
- Request for improvement plans of the items not fully complied
- Support to implement the improvement plans as needed
- Confirm the improvement status through audits

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