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Sustainable Procurement

Following the growing social demand for adequate [supply chain management](#), the Kuraray Group revised its CSR Procurement Policy (Revised Version: Sustainable Procurement Policy) and requested the cooperation of some business partners in Japan to comply with the policy in 2019. Under "PASSION 2026", we extended the scope of this activity to business partners, including overseas partners, representing 80% of the Group's total spend (90% of the spend for raw materials, secondary materials and other products).

Our actions are guided by several steps as part of our sustainable procurement program. In 2020, our initiatives started with disseminating our Sustainable Procurement Policy to major domestic business partners, and to conduct our CSR Procurement Questionnaires (Revised Version: Sustainable Procurement Questionnaire). After the supplier self-evaluation, we analyzed and evaluated the results of the questionnaires, provided feedback, and supported improvement if necessary. In 2022, we extended these initiatives to include suppliers independently procured by each business division and affiliated company, covering over 80% of the Group's total spend. In 2023, we expanded these initiatives globally to include business partners of overseas Group companies. In 2024, we continued the supplier evaluation, and based on the results, we will consider to improve the status of compliance by providing feedback and engaging in dialogue with our business partners. In addition, we have integrated Japan and global initiatives, which were previously conducted separately, to prepare for the implementation of a global Sustainable Procurement Questionnaire. We aim to cover 80% of the group's total spent (90% of the spend for raw materials and secondary materials) as outlined in "PASSION 2026" goals. By doing so, we aim to strengthen the supply chain across the entire group.

- Request for compliance with the Kuraray Group Sustainable Procurement Policy
- Survey of compliance with Sustainable 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

