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FPCO Group's mascot Pico-saurus

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At FP Corporation, we are striving to create comfortable dietary lives for people through our business of manufacturing and selling food trays and containers. We will continue adhering to the hands-on approach and customer-first concept, which we have consistently observed since our founding, and reliably deliver the most environmentally friendly products of the highest quality, at the most competitive prices, whenever they are needed.

# MOTTO

#### Motto

- 1. Responsibility
- 2. Confidence
- 3. Harmony
- 4. Patience
- 5. Health

# MISSION

#### Mission

In accordance with the hands-on approach and customer-first concept, we will reliably deliver the most environmentally friendly products of the highest quality, at the most competitive prices, whenever they are needed.



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# Top Message

# **Morimasa Sato**

Chairman, Representative Director and Group Representative

We will support safe and secure dietary lives by fulfilling our responsibility to ensure stable supply at any time.

#### Stable supply enhanced by the establishment of Kansai Plant and Kansai Hub Center

We wish to offer our heartfelt condolences to the families and loved ones of those who lost their lives in the 2024 Noto Peninsula Earthquake that struck on January 1, 2024. We express our sincerest sympathy to all victims. Ensuring a stable supply is one of the most important mis-

sions of manufacturers in recent years, with major natural disasters such as earthquakes occurring frequently. At FP Corporation, we have set a mission of reliably delivering the



Kansai Plant and Kansai Hub Cent

most environmentally friendly products of the highest quality, at the most competitive prices, whenever they are needed. We have continued to pursue this mission at all times.

Kansai Plant and Kansai Hub Center, our new large-scale facilities in the Kansai area, were completed in 2023 in Ono City, Hyogo. With a site area of 48,000 m2, they constitute a complex with two functions -- that is, one of a production plant and one of a logistics center. With the establishment of these facilities, we have completed a logistic network covering around 85% of Japan's total population within a 100 km radius of each of our distribution centers across the country. Eighteen months after they began operating, Kansai Plant and Kansai Hub Center are maintaining steady manufacturing and logistics operations. Previously, products and goods for Wakayama, Nara, and Osaka were delivered from Fukuyama. We have shifted entirely to a structure under which those products and goods are shipped locally from within the Kansai area. This has also contributed to addressing the 2024 problems\* in logistics.

We will continue to support safe, secure dietary lives with the stable supply of food trays and containers.

\* Various problems that are occurring from January 2024, when overtime for truck drivers will be limited to 960 hours a year



Solar power generation equipment of our facilities in Kansai

Store-to-Store recycling (FPCO Fair 2024)

#### Environmental initiatives including recycling and solar power generation

In parallel with stable supply, we are pursuing a reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from our business activities. At FP Corporation, in 1990 we started the FPCO Method Recycling, in which we recycle used food trays in cooperation with consumers, users, and packaging wholesalers. The number of collection points has increased to around 10,680 at present, and we are driving Tray-to-Tray and Bottle-to-Transparent Container<sup>™</sup> closed loop recycling.

Among them, we are working with supermarkets on Store-to-Store recycling. In this initiative, food trays and PET bottles used and sold at a store are collected by the store as resources, recycled into food trays and transparent containers, and used again at the store whenever possible. The store serves as the leader of eco-friendly activities in the community, thus encouraging consumers to participate in the closed loop recycling, resulting in the collection of more used food containers and PET bottles and progress in reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, our ultimate objective.

We launched joint activities to reduce  $CO_2$  emissions through recycling with Chugoku CGC Co., Ltd. , Kyusyu CGC Co., Ltd. and Tohoku CGC Co., Ltd. during November 2022

to March 2024 and with Every Co., Ltd. in October 2023.

In addition, we are also working on researching new recycling technologies on an ongoing basis. At present, we recycle only white trays into Eco Trays. Colored and patterned trays are recycled into materials for other plastic products. We are therefore studying a technology for recycling colored and patterned trays back into food trays, jointly with DIC Corporation. Product supply based on dissolution and separation recycling of polystyrene, which uses DIC Corporation's deinking technology, is expected to be realized by 2025. We are also studying a chemical recycling technology for recycling polystyrene back to styrene monomer. With these new technologies, we will increase the amount of recycled materials and expand our eco-friendly products.

Moreover, in March 2024, we began operating solar power generation facilities at Kansai Plant and Kansai Hub Center. As a result, three recycling plants across Japan are powered by electricity from solar energy. This will increase the  $CO_2$  emissions reduction effect of Eco Trays compared to trays made from crude oil, from the present 30% to 37%, starting from products to be shipped on July 1, 2024.

# Initiatives to enhance product value in response to customer needs

The FPCO Group is developing products that help customers find solutions to their issues, based on information and experience gained on food sales floors. The core facility for our product development is the FPCO Comprehensive Research Institute, which marked its 10th anniversary this year. Areas of focus for development include reducing the use of plastics as an environmental measure, addressing labor shortages, and responding to the growing frozen food market.

Demand for lightweight plastic containers has been growing, especially among supermarkets and convenience stores in response to the Act on the Promotion of Sorted Collection and Recycling of Containers and Packaging. FP Corporation has responded to this demand by expanding its lineup of products with new technologies for molding low-foamed PS. Previously, it was deemed impossible

At least 25% reduction

Plastic usage comparison

Existing product

Cold-resistant PPiP-talc features use of 25% less plastic than conventional products while maintaining the same level of strength and resistance to impact.

Cold-resistant PPiP-talc

Shukuga-oke (top) and Hyogaoke (bottom), for which we have realized a 50-60% reduction in plastic weight while maintaining the same strength and sharp shape as non-foamed containers

to manufacture with foamed PS sheets large containers with lids that need to be locked firmly, such as sushi containers, and containers that need to have a sharp shape. However, we have developed an innovative new technology (patent pending), which has made it possible to reduce the weight of containers by 50-60% while maintaining the same strength and sharp shape as non-foamed containers. We achieved this by combining the foaming technologies of Sekisui Kasei Co., Ltd. with FP Corporation's proprietary double-sided vacuum molding technology. We will use this technology to significantly expand the lineup of new low-foamed PS containers.

In recent years, supermarkets as well have faced an urgent task addressing labor shortages, which have become a serious problem throughout Japanese society. They are introducing machines for automating tasks that were done by humans, such as packing food, labeling, and closing lids of containers, or shifting to a system under which the tasks themselves are consolidated in a process center (PC) or central kitchen (CK). In response to this trend, at FP Corporation we have developed products whose sizes fit the size of the plastic crate and those with features that are appropriate for transportation, which are designed to prevent leaks and remain stacked while being transported, in consideration of transportation from PC or CK. We have also developed products that are strong enough to withstand lid closing by a machine.

We have also been proactive in developing materials in response to the recent expansion of the frozen food market. At FP Corporation, we offer a lineup of three types of containers and trays for frozen food. They are Multi FP, foamed polystyrene products with heat resistance and cold resistance, containers made from bi-axially oriented PET (OPET), and products made using cold-resistant PPiP-Talc material. Cold-resistant PPiP-talc features a reduction in the use of plastics of more than 25% compared to conventional cold-resistant PP products, while maintaining the same level of strength and shock resistance.

We will continue to develop environmentally friendly, high value-added products in response to customer needs by taking advantage of our proprietary technologies at FP Corporation and deliver them to customers.



RD Check System

Headquarters of APEX Corporation (Chuo-ku, Fukuoka-shi)

# Response to the 2024 problem

Addressing the so-called 2024 problems in logistics -that is, shortage of drivers and the upper limit on their overtime work -- is an urgent task. At FP Corporation, however, a combination of initiatives has enabled us to address these problems smoothly.

One of these initiatives is the commencement of operation of Kansai Plant and Kansai Hub Center. New products that were delivered from Fukuyama City, Hiroshima to Kansai area are now shipped from One City, Hyogo. This has significantly reduced travel distance, and travel time, and hours spent at work by drivers.

The other point is that various streamlining measures, which we have been taking at logistics facilities for many years, are proving effective. Among them, the Real-time Delivery (RD) Check System, which is used to check and streamline a driver's work in detail, from receipt of goods to completion of delivery, has proved highly useful for reducing hours spent at work by drivers.

# Expanding the sales force in Kyushu

In September 2023, we acquired additional shares of APEX Corporation and made it a consolidated subsidiary. APEX has sales channels from food manufacturers throughout Kyushu to major mass retailers, supermarkets, and re-distributors, among others. The company has earned high trust as a dealer of food packaging materials, and ranks second in terms of market share for containers in the Kyushu district.

Having joined the FPCO Group, APEX will increase its competitiveness by using a range of infrastructure, including FPCO's mission-critical system for managing wholesalers and logistics system, PACK MARKET, an e-commerce site for food containers and packaging materials, and merchandising by FP Trading, aiming to enter the market of products for restaurants.

# Advancing digitalization and the use of IT in overall operations

FP Corporation is proactive in adopting digital and information technologies to create added value. In March 2024, we introduced a new sorting system at Nishinomiya Sorting Plant. This system indicates the materials of collected used transparent containers using different colors: green for PET, yellow for bi-axially oriented polystyrene (OPS), and red for polypropylene (PP). It thus permits workers to sort out the containers easily at a glance. This has increased the amount of containers sorted by each worker by a factor of 1.5 time.

We have also developed a business system using generative AI. The developed system summarizes the daily reports on visits to sites, which are filed by sales staff. This has made it possible to efficiently pick out frequently used keywords that emerge in what the sales staff learn at sites and in their conversations with customers. We are using it as a new method for marketing.



A system for sorting used containers that was introduced to Nishinomiya Sorting Plant





#### Theme for 2024: Advancement

In 2023, under the theme of "establishment," we developed a range of initiatives, including the completion of large-scale facilities in Kansai area and investment in a container manufacturer in Malaysia, as part of our attempts to "establish" our expertise and achievements.

This year's theme of FP Corporation is "advancement." The situation has remained unstable in both the international community and the natural environment, and the outlook for the business environment also remains uncertain. However, we are certain that we can use this change as an opportunity to contribute to increasing customer profits and value and further accelerate the development of the FPCO Group toward the future. The word "advancement" reflects our determination to make 2024 a year when we will take our initiatives forward even further.

We seek to make advancements by listening to customers' voices and having employees voice opinions and take actions voluntarily to make FP Corporation a good company.

# **Value Creation**

Engaged in manufacturing, sales, and recycling of food trays and containers, the FPCO Group continues to make various value creation efforts through the value chain to which the series of its businesses are connected.

We work to ensure that our initiatives evolve, with the goal of playing a prominent role in the creation of a sustainable society and a rich food culture.

### As a manufacturer of food trays and containers



Building sustainable society Creating safe, secure, rich dietary lives Establishing the infrastructure to reliably deliver products when needed



# **FPCO'S VALUE CREATION F**

#### As a member of society



Strengthen the management base Coexistence with local communities

# Value created by the FPCO Group

#### Economic value

	FY ended March 2024	Targets
O Net sales	<b>222.1</b> billion yen $\rightarrow$ 3	300.0 billion yen
Ordinary profit	16.7 billion ven $\rightarrow$	30.0 billion ven

#### **Business expansion**

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# **Business / Main Products Manufactured and Sold**

At the FPCO Group, we have built a system under which we manufacture and sell food trays and containers and deliver them reliably nationwide using our own logistics network. We are also promoting the recycling of food trays and containers.

#### Manufacturing

#### A production and supply system developed in the vicinity of each consumption area across Japan

We have 21 production plants all over Japan to reflect customer needs in product development and ensure a stable supply of food trays and containers in response to the expanding market. With our supply chain management (SCM) system, we develop production plans based on sales forecasts by the sales division and manage a material procurement plan, product supply plan, and inventory plan using an integrated approach.

#### Logistics

#### A logistics network that covers the entire country

We have built a logistics network covering around 85% of Japan's total population within a 100 km radius of each of our distribution centers across the country, so as to reliably deliver around 12,000 types of products from our nine logistics facilities nationwide. Along with our products, we also deliver packaging materials, consumables, sanitary goods, items needed for work, and other goods required by supermarkets and other customers.

### Sales

#### Proposals made based on our understanding of customer needs found at their work sites

The hands-on approach, which is part of the mission of FP Corporation, is the idea of placing the emphasis on food sales floors, finding customer needs there, and developing products which cater to the needs. It is thanks to this uncompromising hands-on approach that we can propose as many as 1,500 items of new products every year. We also propose ideas on the creation of sales floors, among other things, from the perspective of customers, thus also practicing the customer-first concept.







Used containers and other products are sorted, and then recycled into raw materials at a recycling plant, and are then made into food trays and transparent containers again. We are driving such Tray-to-Tray and Bottle-to-Transparent Container<sup>™</sup> recycling.

### Recycling



We transport used food trays, transparent containers, and PET bottles collected at supermarkets or similar places to recycle centers located across Japan, by using empty trucks after delivery.

#### General Purpose: Available in different sizes, colors and patterns for various applications



Sushi: Delivering deliciousness to consumers without losing freshness



Meat: Hygienic and emphasizing the taste and color of meat



Transparent Containers: Freshness and deliciousness is visible through transparent containers



Hinged lid containers: With additional functions for improving hygiene and convenience





Frozen Food: Containers and three-side sealed bags that can be used for diverse types of frozen food



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Fresh Fish: Boosting the attractive qualities of fresh seafood



Bento Box: Available in different sizes, colors and patterns for various applications



Deli: User-friendly with microwavable and other features



Events: Ideal for joyful events where people gather





Delivery: Containers that are appropriate for the delivery of diverse types of food





Others: Paper containers, egg cartons, film products and more



# **Major Features of Products**

At FP Corporation, we develop and manufacture original products with high functionality and design quality and quickly deliver high-quality, high value-added products that cater to customer needs.

#### Low-foamed PS featuring a 60% reduction in weight

We have developed Japan's first technology for molding low-foamed PS jointly with Sekisui Kasei Co., Ltd. This has enabled a sharp shape that was impossible with conventional foamed PS sheets and achieved a 60% reduction in weight.

#### **Cold-resistant PPiP-talc**, which features plastic usage reduced by more than 25%

We have newly developed cold-resistant PPiP-talc, which features the use of 25% less plastic compared to conventional cold-resistant PP products while maintaining the same level of strength and resistance to impact as conventional products. It is used in response to the expansion of the frozen food market.

#### MFP, a product that does not get hot even after it is heated in a microwave

With heat resistance to temperatures up to 110 °C, Multi FP (MFP) features both heat insulation and retention. The container does not get hot even after it is heated in a microwave. Because it is a foamed material, it also features reduced plastic usage.





A container that remains break-resistant even in a frozen state

# Material

We develop products by leveraging our original materials with features including cold and heat resistance and transparency.



A reduction in thickness achieved while maintaining strength

#### Eco APET, an eco-friendly product with reduced weight

We also attempt to reduce the weight of eco-friendly products, which are made from recycled materials. We succeeded in reducing its weight by approximately 17% by making the container thinner than conventional products. We have also devised a creative measure for the ribs (dents) on the lid so that the container will not deform, even though it is thin.



CO<sub>2</sub> emissions: -30%

#### Eco OPET, a transparent material featuring high oil resistance and cold resistance

Eco OPET is an eco-friendly product featuring high oil resistance and cold resistance. Also used for the lids of packed lunches, it makes the formation of holes unlikely even when it is microwaved. Containers made from this material are breakproof and can withstand the impact of being dropped even in a frozen state. The material is therefore used for containers for frozen food vending machines.



#### MSD, which adds color to the dining table with a sharp shape

Featuring excellent glossiness and formability, MSD adds color to both the sales floor and the dining table with its massive presence, sharp shape, and shiny appearance. Featuring low stack heights, the containers do not take up a lot of space behind selling spaces.

#### Molding technology that enables both a good appearance and functionality

The container is designed to be raised to emphasize the volume of the food. In addition, the angle of the lid's lateral side is made upright to the greatest extent possible, which makes the content easily viewable and enhances its presence.

#### Fitting technology of the lids that improves the efficiency of packing work.

Our technology ensures that the lid is firmly fixed to the container. It works, for example, even where the container has a lid snapped inside, which is likely to make the food stuck between the lid and the container, because we have improved this point by devising a creative measure for the shape of the container. This has enhanced the efficiency of packing tasks.





The food is unlikely to be stuck and packing is easy even where the lid is snapped inside.

# Technology

We continue to develop functional products that solve customer issues and cater to consumer needs.



Brightness was improved by 10% with the improvement of the ink.

#### A color, pattern, and design that make the food stand out

We have improved the ink for gravure printing on food trays and containers and developed a new gold color. The new color features high brightness, which improves the appearance and makes food look even more vivid.



Improving the efficiency of loading in the plastic crate

Transportation costs have been rising with the spread of process centers. In response, we are developing containers that are compatible with transportation, such as by changing the container size and by developing low lids, so as to improve the efficiency of loading in the plastic crate.

# **PRODUCT FEATURES**

#### **Compatibility with machines** that helps eliminate labor shortage at work sites

While use of machines for packing food has become common at process centers and central kitchens, our food trays and containers are also compatible with machines. The same container can either be sealed on top or use a lid

The container can either be sealed

on top or use a lid.





A tab shape designed to make it easier to open the lid

# compatibility with transportation

#### The shape of the lid tab designed to make it easier to open the lid

Have you ever felt that a container lid is hard to open at the table or in the kitchen? We have developed a container whose lid has a triangle tab at its corner, which is easy to pinch and makes the lid easy to open.



Achieving further development with "human resource development" and "manufacturing" as an integral pair of initiatives working together

#### Kazuvuki Yasuda

President, Representative Director

In the value chain of FP Corporation, which stably supplies products with high added value, all of the processes are supervised under the supply chain management (SCM) system.

#### Achieving the mission by streamlining manufacturing

It was in 2003 that FP Corporation began preparing for the launch of the SCM system, which draws up the most efficient production and logistics plans and gives each department instructions for implementing the plan. Since then, I have been responsible for the SCM Division, which plays the central role in manufacturing at FP Corporation.

Recently, we have been focusing our efforts on addressing the 2024 logistics problem with our SCM system. We have used the tackling of these problems as an opportunity to rebuild the mechanism of, and our policy on, the SCM system, which we have operated for 20 years. We continue to take initiatives to make further improvements in efficiency.

In 2023, Kansai Plant and Kansai Hub Center began operating. This has reduced the travel distances and travel time of vehicles for delivery to the Kansai area to less than half and also reduced hours spent at work by drivers. In addition, we have divided three divisions -- the production, logistics, and sales divisions -- into two areas, namely the area to the east of central Japan and one to the west of

it. We will tackle the 2024 problems by reducing inventory transfer between Kanto and Fukuyama and minimizing long-distance transportation.

In addition, we are rebuilding artificial intelligence (AI) that we have introduced to improve the accuracy of our production and logistics plans. We will reduce the inventory level by improving the accuracy of AI forecasting of demand, weather, and other aspects, aiming to streamline production and logistics further.

With these initiatives, we will further streamline the value chain implemented under the SCM system, thus realizing stable supply and the customer-first concept as a part of our mission and providing new value to customers.

#### Supporting the value chain by developing human resources who understand others

Without question, it is people, the employees of FP Corporation, who operate this value chain. We therefore implement initiatives to encourage employees to communicate with and understand each other, as well as measures to ensure that they work energetically with good health.

At FP Corporation, we have been implementing human resource development programs, including the One-on-One Leader System, under which new employees pair with senior colleagues for coaching. We have also increased the number of annual holidays and taken other initiatives. In addition, we have launched new measures including the Waigaya Meeting, in which officers and employees talk with each other. We will use these sessions as opportunities to understand other people's standpoints and ideas and drive the creation of an atmosphere that permits us to talk frankly despite differences in seniority and generation.

We are also focusing our efforts on initiatives for health and productivity management. In FY2023, we held the walking rally, in which FPCO Group companies compete on distance walked. We also held many health seminars that were themed on healthy habits, stretching exercises, and the like. I also took part in the events, which served as good opportunities to interact with employees.

The role I have as the president is not only to effectively implement the value chain centered on the SCM system but also to talk with each employee to listen to opinions from the workplace. I will remain proactive in communicating through various initiatives in human resource development to contribute to the continued development of FP Corporation.

Value chain of FPCO

Materiality

# Value chain of **FPCO**







and PET bottles, which are esser









Value Creation

FP Corporation creates value with its value chain, which consists of seven divisions: procurement, marketing, product development, manufacturing, logistics, sales, and recycling. We ensure a stable supply of products by keeping our promise to customers to reliably deliver the most environmentally friendly products of the highest quality, at the most competitive prices, whenever they are needed.

#### FP Corporation's supply chain management system

Serving as the control tower for implementing this value chain more reliably and efficiently is the Supply Chain Management (SCM) system. The system draws up plans and issues instructions, including how many of which products to manufacture when and at which plant, and to which distribution center to transport them, based on sales plans and inventory quantity. It also examines and analyzes the results and plans to improve the accuracy of plans.



Value chain of FPCO > Procurement

SCM & value chain

# Procurement



#### 1 / CSR procurement

We procure materials safely in socially conforming manners.

 $2/\ \mbox{Environmentally friendly FP Corporation's value chain with SCM at the core}$ 

We are moving ahead with initiatives to increase our use of recycled materials.

### 3/ Stable supply

We take steps to secure raw materials and materials consistently and reliably for a stable product supply.



Product The division tells the SCM system the types and specifications of raw materials and the materials needed to manufacture products. Supply development Chain Management (SCM) System division

#### Logistics division

In accordance with delivery plans from the SCM system, this division transports used products collected at stores to recycling facilities nationwide

#### **Recycling division**

Used products are transported to sorting plants and recycling plants, where they are turned into pellets to be used for manufacturing products. (Procurement)

#### We procure materials at a ratio of 50% virgin materials to 50% recycled materials.'

In accordance with our CSR Procurement Policy, we procure materials only from companies with social credibility. We also take comprehensive measures to reduce the transportation burden, such as selecting suppliers located close to FP Corporation's plants.

plants

Manufacturing

division

If dissolution and separation recycling is established, we will be able to manufacture 30% more Eco Tray. We will continue to develop technologies and increase recyclable products to further increase the volume of recycled materials that we procure.

\* Percentages in terms of weight of PSP stock rolls that were purchased actually (FY2023)

Instruction to produce products

Instruction

to procure

materials

Management (SCM) System

Chain

Supply (



We achieve stable procurement of safe, reliable raw materials, so as to reliably deliver products needed by customers and to develop new products. We select suppliers in a fair manner in accordance with our CSR Procurement Policy and work with suppliers who comply with laws and regulations. We have built sustainable relationships with suppliers, under which we share information for addressing risks, such as the risks of natural disasters, and revise prices in a manner that is sound for both, while managing quality.

#### 1. Quality First

In providing high-quality products and services in a manner that is valuable, safe and secure for customers, our procurement activities will place the highest priority on quality and safety in keeping with the FPCO Group's Quality Policy while also placing an emphasis on cost.

#### 2. Fair Trade

We will give comprehensive consideration to economic rationality, appropriate quality, strict adherence to delivery deadlines, compliance with social norms, care for social issues, environmental concerns and so on, and select suppliers in a fair and transparent fashion. Without a valid reason, we will not show favor to or unjustly disadvantage specific business partners.

#### 3. Compliance with Laws and Regulations

In the course of our procurement activities, we will respect laws and social norms and not violate them under any circumstances. We will not maintain ties of any kind with antisocial forces and will repudiate any and all unreasonable demands.

# 2/ Starting to procure new recycled materials in 2025

At FP Corporation, we collect used food trays, transparent containers, and PET bottles at approximately 10,000 supermarkets and other locations all over the country. Used food trays have been recycled into raw materials of Eco Tray and other plastic products through material recycling. Moreover, if dissolution and separation recycling and chemical recycling, two new technologies that we are studying at present, become established, it will also be possible to recycle colored trays into Eco Tray. We are continuing our research, aiming for the further expansion of eco-friendly products.





# 3 / A safety net for securing raw materials and materials, which is aimed at reliably delivering products whenever they are needed

The procurement division has a role of purchasing the necessary materials at appropriate prices to support stable supply by FP Corporation. Having signed contracts with approximately 300 companies, including suppliers of raw materials, sheets, and secondary materials, we have secured multiple procurement facilities in Japan and other countries. We check the conditions of suppliers' plants and proactively share product strategies and other information with them. In doing so, we have built a procurement network in which, whenever trouble occurs at one facility, another facility can be used in its place.

Following production plans from the SCM system, this division manufactures products with raw materials and materials delivered to

#### Consideration of Social Issues

We will respect basic human rights, consider occupational health and safety, and endeavor to do business with and procure products and services from suppliers that do not engage in human rights violations such as unfair discrimination, forced labor or child labor.

#### ental Considerations

Based on the Group's Environmental Policy, we will promote initiatives to reduce our environmental impact, and endeavor to do business with and procure products and services from suppliers that contribute to controlling or alleviating environmental issues such as climate change and biodiversity.

#### 6. Cooperating with Suppliers

In order to give consideration to social issues and the environment throughout the supply chain in the course of procurement, we will forge long-term relationships of trust with suppliers and work towards coexistence and co-prosperity. We will work with suppliers to thoroughly implement proper risk management and prevention and pursue initiatives to avoid impacting society and company management.

SCM & value chain

# Marketing





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Collection of a vast amount of information
 We identify needs by collecting and analyzing information for reading global developments and market trends.

#### 2/ Proposal-based programs

We plan, propose, and implement **an array of communication strategies** to provide a wide range of support for our sales staff.

#### 3/ Creation of added value

We continue **product development**, in which we create new products and improve existing products based on the information we collect.

Role of the marketing process in the supply chain management (SCM) system



#### **1** Collecting information:

Reviewing daily reports from all sales staff and reports on examples of ideas and measures useful for solving issues that were adopted on food sales floors

**2** Analysis: Identifying on-site issues faced by customers, analyzing their causes, and making hypotheses

**3** Visit to sales floor: Visiting the sales floor with sales staff to talk with the customer in person, observe the sales floor, etc.

#### **4** Proposals:

#### **6** Planning:

Providing the product development division with an idea on containers' functions or effects for solving the customer's issues

sion Drawing up plans for assisting the sales of products, and thereby supporting the sales division

Providing ideas on product development

#### Product development division

Sales division

Supporting sales activities

To the manufacturing process

Supply Chain Management (SCM) System

# / Insight gained and needs discovered by sales staff on food sales floors are our sources of information.

Information collected by the sales staff of FP Corporation from food sales floors is submitted to the marketing division each day in the form of daily reports. In FY2023, we developed an in-house system that uses generative AI to summarize daily reports and pick out frequently used keywords. We use this system for marketing.

# 2/ Events including the FPCO Fair, which we hold each year, with a different theme every time

Once a year, we hold the FPCO Fair, in which we propose product development and the creation of sales floors with the use of FP Corporation's products and services, to people from the retail and sales industries. In FY2024, we held this event under the theme: The real labor shortage is yet to come; supporting changes in the workplace with food containers. We proposed the use of process centers and frozen food and creative measures devised for transportation, among other things.



A container compatible with the top sealer in the process center

# **3**/ Embodying ideas that cater to needs

The marketing division and the Product Development Planning Department, which is in charge of proposing product designs, have worked together and built a system that immediately responds to global movements and trends in the development of new containers. Based on the issues faced by customers and their requests, we continue to develop new products and improve existing ones by leveraging the strengths of FP Corporation, including its wide variety of colors, patterns, designs, and lid-locking methods.



Lineups of containers that fit the sizes of plastic crates were proposed.

*Ryokaku*, which presents food beautifully with an expansive upper surface while using less plastic



Akihiro Toma Chief Manager Development Section I, Product Development Planning Department

Recently, food prices have been soaring, and an increasing number of customers want to add value to their products. At the Product Development Planning Department, we play a role in solving such issues with design. It is because we can develop containers by working together with the marketing division that FP Corporation can respond speedily to changes in the market. We will continue to work together in our development initiatives. Value chain of FPCO > Product development

SCM & value chain

# Product Development



#### Creation of added value

We create products with various types of **added value** with **our product development capability that caters to customer needs.** 

#### 2/ Development of new materials

Original materials developed with our unique technology seeds



#### Roles of the product development process in the supply chain management (SCM) system



Communicating information about manufacturing of the product, including materials, manufacturing method, and metal mold

Supply Chain Management (SCM) System

# Around 12,000 product items, with the development of about1,500 new product items every year

At FP Corporation, we offer a lineup of around12,000 product items and develop about 1,500 new product items every year. What makes this possible is our product development capability, which caters to customer needs. For example, while there is growing demand for reducing plastic usage, FP Corporation has developed products using a low-foamed PS material, which enables us to reduce weight by around 60%. This has enabled a sharp shape, something that was previously considered impossible. This is a result of our forming technology that we have cultivated to date. A reduction in thickness and retention of strength were enabled by devising creative measures for the shapes and positions of the ribs (dents) of containers.

# 2/ A new food container material that creates convenience and richness in dietary lives



# 10th anniversary of the FPCO Comprehensive Research Institute

The FPCO Comprehensive Research Institute, which is located in front of the Fukuyama Headquarters, was established in December 2014 as a facility for the further development of container manufacturing and sales. This institute features divisions in charge of product development, which work together as one. They include the Product Development Department, which is in charge of designing molds, the Basic Technical Engineering Department that develops materials, as well as the Production Engineering Department, the Quality Control Department, and the Quality Assurance Department. At this institute, staff members cooperate closely in sharing information on a daily basis. For example, they are ready to gather and talk about even minor issues. This has increased the development speed, serving as the source of our ability to develop around 1,500 new product items every year. Further, the entire fourth floor of the institute's building is used as a facility for human resources development. Thus, the FPCO Comprehensive Research Institute also fulfills its role as a facility for developing the people who drive our manufacturing.

At the Basic Technical Engineering Department of FP Corporation, 13 research workers are developing new materials. Among them, the cold-resistant PPiP-talc, a new material that we developed this fiscal year, features high cold resistance. It is highly valued by customers as a product that can cater to growing demand in the frozen food market. The world's first bi-axially oriented polypropylene sheet, which we announced in April 2024, was developed at the FPCO Comprehensive Research Institute. The watchword of the Basic Technical Engineering Department is: In front of technologies, we're all equal. In an environment where anyone in the department can exchange opinions without restrictions, irrespective of their age and experience, they are studying and developing original materials that only FP Corporation can create.



Value chain of FPCO > Manufacturing

SCM & value chain

# Manufacturing **1** / Stable supply



To steadily implement production plans from the SCM system, we have located our production plants at 21 sites across the country in accordance with the size of trade area.

2/ Measures addressing the labor shortage

We save labor at manufacturing sites with advanced automation using robots.

3/ Human resources development

We implement human resource development programs, which are aimed at reliably handling the automated production process.

Role of the manufacturing process in the supply chain management (SCM) system

Distribution center on the premises

or in a different location



### Servicing huge trade areas at four major facilities in Kanto, Chubu, Kansai, and Fukuyama

Chiba)

It is more than one year since the Kansai Plant was established as an addition to our existing major production facilities in Kanto, Chubu, and Fukuyama. The new plant has continued to operate steadily. With the establishment of this plant, we completed a nationwide network that enable us to respond speedily to demand in the enormous trade area in Kansai. A stable supply is still being ensured based on production plans from the SCM system.

Production facility in Kanto

#### Labor-saving with automation

At FP Corporation, we drive automation of our production plants. We use robots in most processes, including feeding of materials and case packing, which has enabled us to save labor in manufacturing lines.



An AGV is transporting molds to a specified location.

B A stock roll is transported automatically by an AGV.

C The roll of sheet material is advanced to the

manufacturing line with two robot arms. • A robot is also used for bagging and case packing

products following inspection. Products are moved on an automated line to the area

where they are loaded on pallets.

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- Hokkaido Plant (Ishikari-shi, Hokkaido) • Yamagata Plant (Sagae-shi, Yamagata) • Kanto Yachiyo Plant (Yuki-gun, Ibaraki)
- Kanto Plant (Yuki-gun, Ibaraki)
- Kanto Eco PET Plant (Yuki-gun, Ibaraki)
- Kanto Shimodate Plant (Chikusei-shi, Ibaraki)
- Chikusei Plant (Chikusei-shi, Ibaraki)
- Kanto Tsukuba Plant (Shimotsuma-shi, Ibaraki)
- FPCO Ducks Co. Chiba Plant (Narashino-shi,
- Toyama Plant (Imizu-shi, Toyama)
- Chubu Plant (Anpachi-gun, Gifu)
- Chubu Eco PET Plant (Anpachi-gun, Gifu)
- Kinki Kameoka Plant (Kameoka-shi, Kyoto)
- Kansai Plant (Ono-shi, Hyogo)
- Kasaoka Plant (Kasaoka-shi, Okayama)
- Fukuyama Plant (Fukuyama-shi, Hiroshima)
- Kannabe Plant (Fukuyama-shi, Hiroshima)
- FPCO Ducks Co. Kochi Plant (Nangoku-shi, Kochi)
- Kyushu Plant (Kanzaki-gun, Saga)
- Nango Plant (Nichinan-shi, Miyazaki)
- Kagoshima Plant (Kagoshima-shi, Kagoshima)

## Training programs including 3/the One-on-One Leader System

At FP Corporation production sites, the One-on-One Leader System, under which new employees pair with senior colleagues for coaching, has been adopted as it has been in offices. At each plant, we take steps for reliably handling the automated production process, including Judgment of Skills for measuring the maturity of skills and hands-on practice done through trial runs of idle machines.

The maturity of each worker's skills is indicated by the color of the band on their cap.



SCM & value chain

# Logistics



#### / In-house logistics

Accurate inventory control and reliable, prompt delivery enabled by the uncompromising pursuit of inhouse operations

Value chain of FPCC

> Logistics

2/ Response to the 2024 problem

Instituting diverse measures for improving the working environment for drivers, with the aim of overcoming the 2024 problems in logistics

Role of the logistics process in the supply chain management (SCM) system



# In-house delivery and warehousing operations for providing customers with high-quality services



The picking center is located in the building on the left, and the distribution center is in the one on the right. A passage connects the two buildings.

#### Diverse measures to address the 2024 problems in logistics

We take various actions and creative measures, including the following major initiatives

#### **Reducing distance driven**

- We have built a logistics network covering 85% of the total population of Japan within a 100 km radius of each distribution center, thus avoiding long-distance transportation
- We set the most efficient delivery route with the Route Planner, a delivery planning system.
- To transfer products between warehouses and transport molds between production plants, we have divided the area into east and west and develop plans for production and logistics that are completed within each area, with the leading role played by the SCM system.
- Reduction in time spent working and driving
- . We use pallet transportation, which enables us to efficiently load and unload large numbers of cases. We have also developed a dedicated pallet in a shape that prevents gaps between pallets inside a truck. This enables us to transport more cargo each time.
- **Reduction in driver waiting times**
- Delivery statuses are checked with the RD Check System using QR codes, improving work efficiency.

### FP Corporation's logistics network maintains a stable supply and protects people's dietary lives



Satoshi Koizumi President and Representative Director. FP Logistics Corporation and I-Logic Co., Ltd.

At FP Corporation, we have established distribution centers mainly in areas with large populations. We have thus built a logistics network covering 85% of the total population of Japan within a 100 km radius of each distribution center. We have been supporting the dietary lives of the Japanese people with a system that is not susceptible to disasters, under which products continue to be supplied to affected areas from alternative distribution centers in the event of a disaster. We are also tackling the 2024 problems in logistics by exploring a number of initiatives to protect drivers' working environments, and we are pursuing numerous measures. These measures have begun to produce results. We will continue to refine the logistics system as a strength of FP Corporation, through unceasing improvement activities.

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FP Corporation has built its own dedicated logistics network for food packaging materials, to enable it to reliably deliver products to customers all over the country. Most of our production plants have distribution centers and picking centers on their premises, and products are moved by conveyors. Through the uncompromising pursuit of in-house operations, we accumulate expertise in delivery and warehousing operations internally. We also seek operational efficiency, thus improving productivity.





SCM & value chain

# Sales



#### I / Understand the needs

In accordance with the hands-on approach, we observe sales floors repeatedly to discover customer needs.

Value chain of FPCO

> Sale

#### 2/ A variety of proposal methods

We carry out diverse proposal-based sales activities, including the FPCO Fair, a major private trade show.

### **3**/ Environmental action

We aim to expand sales of our recycled (eco-friendly) products with Store-to-Store recycling (which starts and ends at each store).

Role of the logistics process in the supply chain management (SCM) system

Customers Supermarkets and other food stores Convenience stores **1** Visiting sales floors and collecting information Recycling division Visiting sales floors again and again, at different times of the Materials themed on the environment and day, on different days of the week, on days of events, and sustainability, which lead to sales others, and collecting information from store staff as well **2** Proposal preparation Marketing division We analyze customer needs based on daily reports sub-Materials in which the results of analyses of mitted from sales offices and other bases across Japan. needs and various ideas on sales floors sought We create materials by broadly considering products that by customers are compiled meet customer needs, display methods, sales strategies, and other factors, with support from other divisions. Logistics division Send information about delivery statuses to the B Proposal and sales smartphones of sales staff on a real-time basis We make a proposal by using various materials explainwhen delivering products. ing the benefits of using FP Corporation's containers. In addition to store visits, we also offer various proposal programs as described on the page at right. Forecast of orders Making forecasts on sales on a product-by-product basis and sharing information with the SCM division, production division, and logistics division

Supply Chain Management (SCM) System

#### The hands-on approach, with which each member of the sales staff has business talks and exchanges information with 100 people every month

At FP Corporation, we have set a mission based on a hands-on approach and customer-first concept, with which we hold business talks and exchange information with 100 people each month. Our staff from the sales division find customer needs and propose new products in business talks with them. They also observe food sales floors several times a day to collect information. The information obtained there is consolidated in the marketing division via daily reports, which are written by sales staff across Japan. Information about the analyzed needs is fed back to the sales division. This is reflected in proposals related to products, the methods of displaying them, and sales methods that meet customer demand. This is the cycle that we implement.

#### / Aiming to become the company that customers call first by hosting the FPCO Fair, where supermarket sales floors are reproduced in a large exhibition venue, and by holding mini trade fairs close to customers' sites.

At FPCO Fair, we make a range of proposals to customers by showing them exhibits displayed by reproducing supermarket sales floors. We held the latest FPCO Fair in April 2024 under the theme of tackling the labor shortage and the title: containers that support changes on sales floors. The event attracted more than 15,000 visitors from all over Japan.

In addition, we hold mini trade fairs in major areas, making proposals based on customer issues at venues closer to them. We thus aim to be the first company to call.



# Eco-friendly products that are highly beneficial for customers as well

We promote recycling in collaboration with customers who support our "Store-to-Store" recycling concept. This concept involves collecting used food trays and PET bottles from the same stores where they were used or sold, recycling them into new trays and containers, and actively using them in those same stores, which are frequented by consumers on a daily basis. This is a system under which selling goods using recycled products attracts consumers to the store and helps protect the environment. We also hold environmental events and give classes by visiting schools, together with customers, as part of our efforts to raise awareness and expand recycling further.



Store-to-Store Recycling









Mini trade fai

Eco Kuro, a black trav with Eco Mark

SCM & value chain

# Recycling





2/ Establishment of recycling technologies

In our value chain, we have built a closed loop of recycling, in which the collected used products are recycled for manufacturing new products.

Value chain of FPCO

> Recycling

#### Collecting about 40 tons of used products each day across the country

1 Hokkaido Sorting Center (Ishikari-shi, Hokkaido)





Supply (

Instruction to produce

products

Manufacturing division

# Eco APET Foamed polystyrene food trays These

products feature superior heat retention, excellent heat insulation, and versatility They are used widely for fresh meat, fish, and similar foods.

Eco Tray

These products feature oil resistance and transparency. They are used mainly as salad containers and cold noodle containers

#### A new system introduced for sorting transparent resins

In March 2024, we introduced to Nishinomiya Sorting Plant a system that enables us to sort materials by indicating them in different colors -- green for PET, yellow for bi-axially oriented polystyrene (OPS), and red for polypropylene (PP). This has enabled us to increase the amount of containers sorted by each worker by a factor of 1.5. We will introduce the system to more of our facilities and continue testing and improving them, aiming to save labor and improve efficiency.

In addition, a robot sorting system that uses artificial intelligence (AI) began operating at Fukuyama Sorting Plant in 2022. We are advancing improvement of this system to enhance its accuracy.





The division manufactures various eco-friendly products by using recycled pellets, based on instructions from SCM division.





These products are oil-resistant and transparent. They also have 80°C heat resistance and cold resistance. They are widely used as the lids of microwavable containers.



Nishinomiya Sorting Plant

# **Achieving stable supply** as the first large production and distribution facilities in Kansai area

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Eighteen months have passed since Kansai Plant and Kansai Hub Center went into full-scale operation in Ono City, Hyogo.

With about 30% of the production and distribution capacity having been transferred from our facilities in Fukuyama, the new facilities serve as the foundation supporting stable supply to Kansai area.



Special

Feature

In Ono City, we have constructed Picc House No. 5 as company housing for sinale persons, designed for employees transferred temporarily from outside Hyogo and local employees from within the prefecture. This is another easure to ensure stable supply

Location:	Hyogo Ono Sangyo Danchi (Hyogo Ono Industrial Park), Ono, Hyogo Pref.
	Four story steel frame construction
Site area:	Approx. 48,000 m <sup>2</sup>
Total floor area:	Approx. 80,000 m <sup>2</sup>
Production items:	Food containers and trays made from Foamed PS, APET, OPET, OPS, and other materials
Investment:	26,670 million yen (including land)

Previously, products for the Kansai area were supplied from our facilities in Fukuyama City, Hiroshima, which is approximately 250 kilometers away from the city center of Osaka, involving a travel time of three hours and 30 minutes, and approximately 330 kilometers away from the city center of Wakayama, requiring five hours of travel. This was also a significant challenge in terms of achieving a stable supply.

To overcome this challenge, FP Corporation instituted a plan to build production and distribution facilities in the Kansai area, and subsequently opened the Kansai Plant and Kansai Hub Center in Ono City, Hyogo in January 2023. This has resulted in the completion of a network covering around 85% of Japan's total population within a 100 km radius of each

of our distribution centers across the country, improving the level of stable supply and proving

We have introduced state-ofthe-art equipment to both the plant and the hub center. At Kansai Plant, we have introduced state-of-the-art equipment that automates a series of processes, from the automated transportation of molds and rolls of sheet materials using automated guided vehicles (AGVs) and the use of robot arms for advancing rolls of sheet materials to molding and product warehousing operations.

With greater automation than before, we have established a production environment for addressing the labor shortage and improving efficiency to a high level. Kansai Hub Center is a cutting-

edge distribution center, featuring

Production

**1st floor** 

Inventor

3rd and 4th floo

Shipping

1st floor

state-of-the-art equipment such as automatic sorter and shipping systems, AGVs, and automated guided forklifts (AGFs). Here, our expertise in streamlining, which was accumulated at our hub centers across Japan, is in full evidence.

Meanwhile, solar power generation equipment began operating at Kansai Plant and Kansai Hub Center in March 2024. The power generated is used as energy for Fukuyama Recycling Plant. As a result, power equivalent to the needs of our three recycling plants in Japan is generated from the renewable energy source, increasing the CO<sub>2</sub> reduction effect of Eco Tray to 37% (starting from products to be shipped on July 1, 2024).



Kansai Plant × Kansai Hub Center × Osaka Sales Team

# CROSS TAEK

### Reliably deliver products when needed Stable supply and value creation realized through interdivisional cooperation

#### **Duties and establishment of** facilities in Kansai

Hiratsuka I am in charge of sales in Kinki area, mainly Osaka, at Osaka Branch

Imamura I collect information about products that are selling well and about the adoption of products from salespeople and share the information internally. Based on the information, I also summarize trends in documents, visit customers together with our sales representatives, and provide them with explanations.

Ochiba I serve as the manager of a plant where we manufacture Foamed PS products. I began to be involved in preparations for the launch of Kansai Plant in December 2022.

Taguchi I am in charge of the overall



management of logistics. My role is to link the sales team and production plants of FP Corporation with transportation companies and drivers, providing management to ensure that the products we distribute are neither damaged nor delivered to the wrong destinations. For the launch of Kansai Hub Center, I began to be involved in developing the warehouse environment, such as applying line tapes, in October 2022. We were able to get through the year-end peak season without trouble. I felt that we were able to launch the facility smoothly.

Hiratsuka We transferred products for approx. 100 customers that had been delivered from Fukuyama to the Kansai Plant and Hub Center in three phases, with almost no trouble, which was very gratifying for me as a sales person.

Taguchi Thank you. The 100 corporate customers all have their own rules for the delivery method. To transfer details about the rules from drivers in Fukuyama to new drivers in Kansai, I was present at all delivery destinations. Frankly, that was challenging. I believe, however, that it was thanks to those efforts that we were able to complete the transfer without a hitch. I felt very relieved.





Manager of Kansai Hub Center (FP Logistics Corporation)

Chiharu Imamura

Sales section 2. Kinki Sales

Department 2

Chief Manager

Jun Taquchi

Masaaki Ochiba

In charge of Kansai Plant 1





Wataru Hiratsuka General Manager of Kinki Sales Department 2

#### Changes caused by the establishment of Kansai Plant and Kansai Hub Center

Hiratsuka As a salesperson, I feel relieved that it has become possible to deliver products and goods to customers in the Kinki area from Kansai Plant and Kansai Hub Center, which are located in the same area. While there had been no issues such as traffic congestion, the risks of natural disasters and other events are unavoidable. I therefore believe that customers also feel reassured.

Ochiba At the plant, we are committed to ensuring stable production and meet our deadlines. What is essential for stable production is to improve product quality. Manufacturing of products of the highest quality will reduce non-conforming items and enables us to deliver products with competitive prices to customers.

Taguchi At the logistics division, we also make sure to deliver the right products of high quality to our customers. At present, we have forklift staff from a number of facilities, who have gathered to support us. However, there are small differences in rules among the facilities. In response, we have created a manual exclusively for Kansai Hub Center, where rules have been established. We comply with that manual. For example, pallets are placed in line in accordance with

the rules, which has helped reduce



#### breakage

Ochiba At the production plant, around two-thirds of the approximately 150 staff members are support staff from Fukuyama and Kannabe. Enhancing skills is essential for improving quality. For example, the task of determining the foaming rate of a sheet material requires the skills of seeing and touching the material to make a judgment. We would like to continue training, aiming to ensure that stable production will be secured by local employees on their own in a few years.

#### **Cooperation for stable supply**

Hiratsuka We try to obtain detailed information from customers as the first step to preventing stockout. However, if that information is stopped by sales, it will affect subsequent processes, including SCM, production, and logistics. We therefore consciously attempt to share information with the SCM system speedily.





Ochiba Packaged products are passed from the production process to the logistics process, and any defect occurring at this point will greatly affect stable supply. We receive feedback on packaging from the logistics team on a daily basis and make the necessary improvements.

Imamura My role is to add further value to the stable supply ensured by the salespeople, plants, and the logistics team. For example, there has been growing demand for containers with high transportation efficiency due to the 2024 problems. We share with our sales team information about containers designed based on customers' issues and requests, aiming to be the company that customers turn to call first, saying, "Let's call FP Corporation. They will be able to help us."

Hiratsuka I hope that the divisions will work together to continue ensuring stable supply and providing new value for our customers in the Kinki area.

Value chain of FPCO

# Materiality



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Driving inclusion through floor h<u>ockey</u>



# Materiality

At the FPCO Group, we are pursuing a number of initiatives to address our material issues (materiality), which we have defined from the viewpoint of risks and opportunities that are material for the sustainability of business models.

Vision	Materiality	Initiativ
Building	© Reduce CO <sub>2</sub> emissions	<ul> <li>Introduction of Solar Facilities</li> <li>Expanding eco-frien recycled raw materia</li> </ul>
sustainable society	Solving the issue of plastic waste	<ul> <li>Collecting used province you be a set of the provided of the prov</li></ul>
Creating safe, secure, rich dietary lives	Product development to provide new value	<ul> <li>Value creation proposed</li> <li>Research and devel materials</li> <li>Reducing plastic use</li> <li>Reducing food loss</li> </ul>
Establishing the infrastructure to reliably deliver products when needed	Stable Supply of Products	<ul> <li>SCM Supply chain r</li> <li>Building a nationwic logistics network</li> <li>Disaster preparedne of emergency powe equipment, fuel stor breakwater infrastru</li> </ul>
Strengthen the management base	<ul> <li>Improvement of employee engagement</li> <li>Promoting inclusion</li> <li>Corporate Governance</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Promoting decent w that is safe and heal</li> <li>Diversity-oriented m including the employ with disabilities</li> <li>Human resource ma (enhancement of pe and various training</li> <li>Promotion of DX in g activities</li> </ul>
Coexistence with local communities	© Community Engagement	<ul> <li>Conducting recyclin on-site classes</li> <li>Environmental activit together with local of through the FP Corp Fund</li> <li>Donating containers cafeterias</li> </ul>



# Information Disclosures Based on the TCFD Recommendations



At the FPCO Group, we have expressed our support for the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD). We have built a governance system and manage the Group by assuming scenarios related to the impact of climate change on the FPCO Group.

With the framework of the TCFD recommendations, we make Group-wide efforts to (1) assume risk scenarios related to climate change and operate a resilient governance system, under which nothing is affected even in the face of major environmental changes, and (2) identify customer needs promptly and use them as opportunities for the sustainable development of our business.





#### **Risk Management**

To manage our company-wide risks, we hold (monthly) meetings of the Corporate Management Committee and (weekly) information exchange sessions. We have thus built a system for management. Regarding climate-related measures, working groups (WGs) set up under the product, SCM, production, logistics, sales, and office divisions, respectively, have independently set various targets and take steps to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. The Environmental Strategy and TCFD Promotion & Management Committee receives reports on the progress and results of these initiatives and makes evaluations.

#### Metrics and Targets

We will drive various initiatives under the FPCO Group Medium and Long-term Environmental Targets that we have set (next page)

#### **External evaluation**

FP Corporation is proactive in disclosing information under its governance system reflecting climate-related risks. In FY2024, FP Corporation was selected by CDP\*, an international NPO, as one of the companies in the Climate Change A List 2023, the top rating for the climate change category, in recognition of its advanced initiatives to tackle climate change and highly transparent information disclosure, among others.

FP Corporation was also selected to be a Supplier Engagement Leader, the highest rating, in the Supplier Engagement Rating (SER) that evaluates how effectively companies collaborate with suppliers in tackling climate change issues.

Meanwhile, FP Corporation was selected as a constituent of the FTSE4Good Index Series, world-leading



environmental, social, and governance (ESG) index, for five consecutive years. FP Corporation has also been selected as a constituent of five of six ESG indexes adopted by the Government Pension Investment Fund (GPIF), which is one of the largest institutional investors in the world and manages the public pension of Japan. They are the FTSE Blossom Japan Index, FTSE Blossom Japan Sector Relative Index, S&P/JPX Carbon Efficient Index, Morningstar Japan ex-REIT Gender Diversity Tilt Index, and MSCI Japan Empowering Women (WIN). We will continue to address social issues through our business activities while continuing with appropriate information disclosure and dialogues with stakeholders, thus contributing to building a sustainable society.

\* Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP): A non-governmental organization founded in 2000, which is managed by a UK charity organization It runs a global disclosure system for investors, companies, states, regions, and cities to manage environmental impacts

# Initiatives to Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> **Emissions**

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understanding that growing demand for reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions throughout the entire supply chain will be an important business challenge.

In the face of climate change caused by global warming, which is a global issue, we have set medium and long-term targets for realizing a decarbonized society, as the responsibilities and roles that we should fulfill at the FPCO Group. As target values, we aim to reduce annual CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (Scope 1 and 2\*) by 31% by the fiscal year ending March 31, 2031 compared with the FY2020 result and achieve zero effective CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (Scope 1 and 2) by FY2051

#### FPCO Group Medium and Long-term Environmental Targets

- Ι. (Scope 1 + 2) by 31% compared to the fiscal year ended March 31, 2020.
- Ш. Eco OPET) to 272,000 tons by the fiscal year ending March 31, 2031. (Up 170% compared to FY2020)
- We aim to achieve net zero CO<sub>2</sub> (Scope 1 + 2) emissions from all business activities by FY2051.

#### Greenhouse Gas (Scope 1 and 2) Reduction Roadmap



electricity, heat, and steam, which are supplied from other companies



Solar power generation equipment of Kansai Plant





## At the FPCO Group, we pursue a number of initiatives for realizing a decarbonized society based on our

By the fiscal year ending March 31, 2031, we will reduce annual CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from all business activities

We will increase the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the use of Eco Products (Eco Trays, Eco APET, and

\* Scope 1 emissions are direct greenhouse gas emissions by the business operator itself. Scope 2 emissions are indirect emissions from the use of

#### CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction using solar power

We install and operate solar power generation equipment at three manufacturing and logistics facilities in Kanto. Chubu, and Kansai areas. Because the equipment at Kansai Plant came into operation in March 2024, the CO<sub>2</sub> reduction effect of Eco Tray will increase to 37% on July 1.

# **FPCO Method Recycling**



In 1990, FP Corporation started FPCO Method Recycling, in which used food trays are collected at supermarket stores, transported to recycling plants, and recycled into new products. We have been pursuing this initiative for more than 30 years.

Having started with six stores in 1990, the FPCO Method Recycling has now been expanded, with approximately 10,680 collection points. We began recycling transparent containers in 2008 and recycling used PET bottles into transparent containers in 2011. We have thus expanded the closed loop of recycling. We will take a number of measures to continue evolving and deepening the FPCO Method Recycling further.



#### Achievements of the FPCO Method Recycling

Achievements of recycling of used containers are clearly indicated in the form of CO<sub>2</sub> reduction. Using post-consumer containers as above-ground resources, instead of using petroleum (underground resources) for producing virgin materials, is highly effective for reducing CO<sub>2</sub>. In addition to the following achievements, the FPCO Method Recycling has also produced social effects, including a decrease in waste disposal cost.

		ned trays		ent containers		bottles
	Amount collected	Number of containers	Amount collected	Number of containers	Amount collected	Number of bottles
Fiscal year ended March 31, 2024 (FY2024)	7,720 t	1,930.00 million	2,780 t	277.70 million	80,000 t	3,200 million
Cumulative (1990 to March 2024)	182,539 t	45,634.75 million	29,396 t	2,939.30 million	619,789 t	24,157.32 million
	Calculated on the as	sumption that a foam tray weigh	ns 4 g, and a PET bottle	25 g (after the revision in 2016	from 30 g).	

CO2 reduction in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024 (FY2024): Approx. 202,000 tons

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#### > FPCO Method Recycling

#### Acceptance of plant tours

We accept tours at the following recycling plants and sorting plants. The plants are visited by people from local elementary schools, as well as consumer groups, the media, local government, and other entities from all over Japan. The cumulative total number of visitors exceeded 500,000 in October 2023. We will continue to use plant tours as opportunities to explain our recycling initiatives and express our gratitude for their cooperation.

#### Application for Participation in Plant Tour

Plant tour schedule: Mondays to Fridays (excluding national holidays) from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (excluding part of the facilities) Applications are also accepted at our website.

For details, please refer to our website (<u>https://www.fpco.jp/esg/environmenteffort/factory.html</u>).

#### Recycling plants

Visitors can see how sorted containers are turning into recycled materials.

Plant Name	Location	Contact
Kanto Recycling Plant (Kanto PET Recycling Plant and Ibaraki Sorting Center are attached)	4448 Oaza Hiratsuka, Yachiyomachi, Yuki-gun, Ibaraki 300-3561	Kanto Recycling Plant +81-296-48-0400
Chubu Recycling Plant (with the Chubu PET Recycling Plant and the Gifu Sorting Plant)	511-5 Aza Murahigashi, Nanba, Wanouchi-cho, Anpachi-gun, Gifu 503-0231	Chubu Recycling Plant +81-584-68-2041
Fukuyama Recycling Plant (Fukuyama Sorting Plant is attached)	127-2 Minooki-cho, Fukuyama-shi, Hiroshima 721-0956	Fukuyama Recycling Plant +81-84-957-2301

#### Sorting Plant

Visitors can see the process of how containers collected from supermarkets and other retailers are sorted.

Plant Name	Location	Contact
Yamagata Sorting Plant	162 Chuo-kogyo-danchi, Sagae-shi, Yamagata 991-0061	Yamagata Sorting Plant +81-237-85-3645
Tokai Sorting Plant	307-1 Hattanda, Shimonagakubo, Nagaizumi-cho, Sunto-gun, Shizuoka 411-0934	Tokai Sorting Plant +81-55-980-4571
Matsumoto Sorting Plant	2267 Shimadachi, Matsumoto-shi, Nagano 390-0852	Sustainability Promotion Department +81-3-5325-7809
Kanazawa Sorting Plant	204-22 Kita, Fukumasu-machi, Kanazawa-shi, Ishikawa 920-0376	Sustainability Promotion Department +81-3-5325-7809
Nishinomiya Sorting Plant	1-98-2, Hanshin Ryutsu Center, Yamaguchi-cho, Nishinomiyashi, Hyogo 651-1431	Nishinomiya Sorting Plant +81-78-907-1288
Kyushu Sorting Plant	3032-1 Osaki, Kanzaki-machi, Kanzaki-shi, Saga 842-0015	Kyushu Sorting Plant +81-952-51-1028

#### **The Recycling Plants**

#### The Total Number of Visitors Exceeding 500,000

In October 2023, the cumulative total number of visitors to the recycling plants, whom we first welcomed in 1990, surpassed 500,000.

We welcome plant tours at six sorting plants across the country in addition to Kanto Recycling Plant, Chubu Recycling Plant, and Fukuyama Recycling Plant. The plants have been visited by many people, including students of local elementary schools, our business partners, and general consumers, as well as people from consumer groups, the media, and local government.

We held an event commemorating the number of visitors exceeding 500,000 at Fukuyama Recycling Plant on October 10 and at Kanto Recycling Plant on the following day, October 11. We took commemorative photos with 5th graders from Miyuki Elementary School of Fukuyama City and people from Uoriki Co., Ltd.





# The FP Corp. Environment Fund 🗱 🚰

The FP Corp. Environment Fund, which we launched to extend financing to organizations acting to address environmental problems including climate change and the problem of marine plastic pollution from multiple angles, will enter its fifth year next fiscal year. FPCO Group employees also proactively participate in programs implemented by groups to which we extend financing, thus backing up their activities.

... エフピコ 環境基金

We are creating a circle

for people to think about

environmental problems

together and encourage each other to take actions.

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Groups as recipients of financing in the fourth round (fiscal year ended March 31, 2024) and their activities are as follows.

#### **Environmental Education and Research**



Miyagi Environmental Life Out-reach Network (MELON), a public interest incorporated foundation Miyagi Prefecture Creating new experiences for people to learn about disaster control, climate change, and the environment to foster the human resources who will build a



Biwako Trust, a specified non-profit corporation Shiga Prefecture

Promoting microplastics surveys in Lake Biwa and the environmental education of children



Tosu Shimin Katsudo Network, a specified non-profit corporation Saga Prefecture

A project to promote forestry education for the next generation and consumers for protecting the rich areen environment



Koizumi Universal Beach Unit Miyagi Prefecture Koizumi district trash report: Global environmental issues raised by children



Komorebi-no Sato, a specified non-profit corporation

#### **Okavama Prefecture**

Providing reconstruction assistance to areas in Western Japan that were affected by torrential rains and restoring damaged bamboo forests and village forests owned elderly persons who were affected by the disaste



Team JIN **Hiroshima Prefecture** A project to provide children with an opportunity to enjoy learning the importance of protecting the marine environment through SDGs activities



Minna-de Bizen, a general incorporated association Okavama Prefecture An operation to eliminate trash from Hinase Islands



KIRIKIRI-KOKU, a specified non-profit corporation Iwate prefecture Environmental education for developing human resources who live with the forest of Kirikiri



100seeds theater, a specified non-profit corporation Shiga Prefecture Let's build a house as a place for learning about agriculture!



Food Bank Saga, a specified non-profit corporation Saga Prefecture Practical dietary education and agricultural project that connect people via food and agriculture



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A video showing activities of Shonan Cleanaid Forum is available for viewing on FPCO TV, our YouTube channel!





Activities of Shonan Cleanaid Forum (March 22, 2024)



Miyajima Network, a specified non-profit corporation Hiroshima Prefecture Maintaining the marine environment and protecting



Hirakata Seibutsu Shiikubu LABO, a nonprofit organization Osaka Prefecture Practicing agriculture for protecting biodiversity by using abandoned rice paddies



Shonan Cleanaid Forum, an NPO corporation Kanagawa Prefecture Project to clean up beaches in Kanagawa with a unified voice



Chausu. a specified non-profit corporation Gunma Prefecture Activities to preserve and protect the environment of the Watarase River



Ethicalproject, a specified non-profit corporation Saitama Prefecture A project to promote the recycling of food waste into compost



Arakawa Clean Aid Forum, a non-profit corporation Tokyo

A project to build a co-creation network for eliminating trash toward the Expo 2025 Osaka Kansa



ing area

Kurihara Tourism Network, a general incorporated associatio Miyagi Prefecture CLEAN WETLANDS Project





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**Activities Related to Solutions** to Food-related Issues and **Food Assistance** 

#### **EnvironmentalConservationActivities**





#### Kanagawa Kainan Kyujo-tai, a specified nonprofit corporation Kanagawa Prefecture

"Urgent: Collect plastics before they turn into microplastics," an activity to reduce marine waste







Kahokugata Kosho Kenkyujo, a specified non-profit corporation Ishikawa Prefecture

Surveys to find identify the places where waste is generated and awareness raising activities aimed at achieving zero waste in Kahokugata



Setonaikai Ujishima Club **Hiroshima Prefecture** Annual activities to clean up Ujishima Island



the ecosystem of Miyajima Island and the surround-





The Foundation for the Preservation of Green and Water Resources of Higo, a public interest incorporated foundation . Kumamoto Prefecture Project related to recharging groundwater and awareness-raising activities



Joylife Sayama, a specified non-profit corporation Saitama Prefecture

A nature experience for protecting the natural environment around the Iruma River and communicating the importance of environmental conservation

# **Product Development to Provide New Value**



Molding

While demand for reducing use of plastics has continued to grow, FP Corporation has realized a weight reduction with Japan's first new technology for molding low-foamed PS. We are also providing customers and society with new value by developing original materials.

#### A 60% reduction in container weight



#### A reduction of more than 25% in the use of plastics achieved while maintaining the same level of strength and resistance to shock as conventional products

#### New development of cold-resistant PPiP-talc



Cold-resistant PPiP-talc

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# **Stable Supply of Products**

FP Corporation also manufactures products by using recycled materials from used containers and delivers products and other consumables to customers with our own logistics operations. We ensure a stable supply with highly accurate forecasts and thorough risk management for wellplanned production, in addition to a network for supplying products and other consumables featuring well-balanced nationwide locations of recycling facilities, production plants, and logistics facilities.

#### Stable supply ensured by a nationwide network

Hub Center, FP Corporation's nationwide network, which ensures stable supply, has been operating steadily. It is considered efficient to have a logistics facility within a 100 km radius of delivery destinations. At FP Corporation, we have also built a logistic network covering around 85% of Japan's total population within a 100 km radius of each of our distribution centers across the country. We have distribution centers with picking centers at nine locations across the country, where we efficiently deliver to customers FP Corporation's products as well as products from other companies that we handle as a wholesaler. Further, we have large-scale facilities with production plants and recycling plant located on the same premises. They play a key role in ensuring a stable supply to large trade areas.



#### Continuous improvement of the precision of supply plan with the SCM system

Maintenance of the supply chain management (SCM) system of FP Corporation is performed with a new future demand forecast based on the latest forecast of orders obtained by sales staff on sales floors and statistical predictions reflecting orders that were actually received in the past. Moreover, precision of the system is improved based on feedback from staff from production sites, those from distribution sites, and those working on salesfloors. At the center of this close cooperation is the SCM system team, which also deals with peak demand, sudden surges in demand, and similar events.







# Improvement of **Employee Engagement**

The FPCO Group supports international norms including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Labour Organization (ILO) Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work. In accordance with the following policy, we will achieve a safe and pleasant workplace environment where human rights and individuals are respected.

#### FP Corporation's view of respect for human rights

#### FPCO Group Human Rights Policy

- 1 Under the basic principle according to which everyone should respect the personality and human rights of one another and have the right to impartial treatment and equal opportunities without discrimination on the basis of age, nationality, race, faith, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, disabilities, social status, internal position or other aspects, we respect human rights and personality in all our business activities in accordance with the FP Corporation Group's Action Charter and the FP Corporation Normative Rules for Compliance, behave as a good corporate citizen with high moral values and social conscience, maintain sound and normal relationships with all stakeholders and continuously increase our corporate value as a corporate group that earns trust from society.
- 2 We prohibit harassment and don't tolerate verbal or behavioral harassment. We establish a system for the prevention of harassment and take appropriate action against harassment that occurs, in order to deter harassment and thereby ensure efficient business operations and a stress-free working environment.
- 3 We comply with laws, ordinances and other labor standards and prohibit child labor and forced labor in any location where business activities are conducted.
- 4 We will create a workplace environment that enables employees to work safely and energetically with peace of mind while maintaining good physical and mental health. At the same time, we will encourage them to balance work with their personal lives.
- 5 We observe labor laws and ordinances and pay employees the minimum wage or higher.
- 6 We regard workers' collective rights, collective bargaining rights and other rights as elements of basic human rights that we should respect as a company, and we don't interfere with workers' exercise of their rights.
- 7 We will comply with the laws and regulations in each country or region where we engage in business activities. If laws or regulations of the country or region should conflict with international human rights standards, we will pursue ways of respecting the international standards within the scope of the laws and ordinances of the country or region.

#### Initiatives based on the Human Rights Policy

The Board of Directors of FP Corporation oversees the status of compliance and implementation of the FPCO Group Human Rights Policy and adopts a number of initiatives including the following,

#### Prohibit child labor and forced labor

We will comply with the laws and ordinances of each country or region in our recruitment activities. When employing a worker, we will make sure to verify their age to prevent child labor. In addition, to prevent forced labor, we will not withhold employees' passports or other important legal documents or restrict their freedom of movement.

#### Equal pay for equal work

At the FPCO Group, we ensure wages are paid at or above the statutory minimum rates and apply a unified compensation structure for employees with the same qualifications in the same job level.

#### Provision of harassment prevention training

Harassment prevention training is provided to employees in managerial positions and rank-and-file employees of the FPCO Group, respectively. The training includes lectures given based on actual examples and judicial precedents as well as viewing of a video. Training provided to managers in particular includes lectures on the current status of bullying and harassment reported to the FPCO Group Workplace Consultation Desk and how to coach subordinates. In addition, creative measures are devised for training content, such as introducing group work to the training of certain managers. The training has been received by a total of 2,127 employees, or 1,284 employees in managerial positions and ones who have subordinates and 843 rank-and-file employees. (As of March 2024)

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> Improvement of Employee Engagement

#### Pico House dormitories for single employees

The FPCO Group provides Pico House dormitories for single employees, so that employees, mainly including those who need to live in the vicinity of production or logistics facilities to commute to them, can work with peace of mind. The dormitories consist of single occupancy rooms with separate bathrooms and toilets. The rooms are furnished and have home appliances, supporting the comfortable lives of employees.

#### Building workplace environments where employees can work energetically

At the FPCO Group, we are improving the workplace environment through a number of initiatives, with the belief that developing an environment in which each and every Group employee plays their role by fully harnessing their individual skills and qualities and can work with satisfaction, fulfillment, and vigor is linked with improved corporate value.

#### Major Initiatives

Systems and measures	
Staggered work hours	As an initiative optimizing work hours, we h permit each employee to work in a way that
Leave of five consecutive lays (Smile Leave)	This program was introduced to enable er mentally refreshed, among other purposes.
Annual paid leave in ourly increments	We have introduced this program to enable e its, participation in children's school events, a
Shorter working hours for hildcare	We have enhanced this program so that e end of their children's third year of element
lo-overtime days	We have introduced no-overtime days (two while balancing work and their personal live
eleworking	We have introduced teleworking to maint optimally with working in offices.
inancial support for ecreational activities	We provide a certain amount of financial year-end, new year's, welcome and farewe
Childcare leave taken by nale employees	We have introduced a program under wh leave before their children becomes one ye We also encourage male employees to tak

#### Driving the creation of a workplace environment that facilitates childcare

In July 2023, FP Corporation introduced a male childcare leave program, under which male employees are obliged to take five consecutive days of childcare leave before their children become one year old. We also encourage male employees to take statutory childcare leave.

#### We should naturally support members raising children.

Chief Manager, Sales Section 1, Tokyo Department 4

#### Osamu Takaqi

Employees with children are often forced to take a day off suddenly because their children have a fever or other such reasons. Because we work in a team, we should naturally understand each other's circumstances and help each other at work. I hope they can take childcare leave without a sense of quilt.

A one-month period for getting used to a new life Leader, Development Section 1,

Product Developing Planning Department

Ryo Ishibashi

one month of statutory childcare leave to get used to anew life with work and childcare. With the full understanding of people in my workplace. I completed a handover to team members and could dedicate myself to childcare.

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#### Details

have introduced staggered work hours with eight different options to at is appropriate for the characteristics of their job.

employees to effectively use their work hours and be physically and . (Five consecutive days of annual paid leave are taken, in principle.)

employees to take leave flexibly in circumstances, such as hospital visand the provision of nursing care.

employees are allowed to continue working shorter hours until the ntary school at the longest.

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tain and improve productivity by leveraging teleworking combined

I support for employee social events, such as company trips and ell parties.

hich male employees are obliged to take five consecutive days of /ear old.

We also encourage male employees to take statutory childcare leave.



Shigoto- to Ikuji-no Ryoritsu-no Tame-ni (what to do to balance work and childcare), a handbook aimed at driving the creation of a workplace environment that facilitates childcare

Last year, I had my first child. I took

#### Committed myself to childcare with the support of my workplace

Leader, Sales Section 2, Tokyo Department 3

Takahiro Suzuki

I took a week of leave when my second son was born. I did household work and took care of my oldest son, and my family of four were able to spend invaluable time together. In the workplace, other members reliably did my job for me.

> Promoting inclusion

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# **Promoting Inclusion**

The FPCO Group is proactive in employing human resources with disabilities. We also support our business partners in their employment of people with disabilities. We engage in floor hockey activities aiming for barrier-free minds, with which disabilities are not regarded as a barrier. We promote inclusion with these and other activities.

#### Active participation of human resources with disabilities

From the time we started to employ human resources with disabilities in 1986, the scale and content of the employment have continued to develop greatly. The number of employees with disabilities in the overall Group is 393. The disability employment rate has grown to 12.6%, and employees with disabilities work at 20 facilities across Japan.

### 1986

We established Ducks Co. and started to employ human resources with disabilities for the manufacturing of foamed trays by using our connection with Ahiru-no Kai, a group of parents of children with intellectual disabilities.



# 995

Manufacturing of transparent containers was started at a plant in Kochi prefecture. The same operation was later started at a plant in Saga prefecture.

Restaurants



Hiroshima Ai Pack Co.\*

### 2006

Began Japan's first profit-making business offering Type A Support for Continuous Employment with the manufacturing of traditional Japanese style container, Oribako series. (\*Next year, this initiative developed into FPCO Ai Pack Co.)



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2008

Sorting of food trays collected in the recycling operations commenced. Operations were later expanded to the sorting of transparent containers



The four special subsidiary compa-

nies were reorganized into a nation-

wide special subsidiary, FPCO Ducks

2017

Co.

# 2019

Progress was also made in transition to general employment at **FPCO Group companies** 

#### Helping business partners with the employment of human resources with disabilities

At FP Corporation, we not only proactively employ human resources with disabilities but also engage in activities to support our business partners in their employment of people with disabilities, harnessing the expertise in human resources management that we have been cultivating over 38 years. It has created employment for 760 people with disabilities at 53 facilities as of March 2024. We provide support so that human resources with disabilities will work as valuable manpower at various workplaces of our business partners.



Inspecting fruits and vegetables



Vegetable farming

#### Driving inclusion through floor hockey

The FPCO Group has been involved in floor hockey since 2010. Floor hockey is a universal sport, and we have approached the activity with the aim of instilling a barrier-free mindset, in which disabilities are not regarded as barriers, in the workplace. At present, a total of 16 universal teams in Japan, each consisting of both employees with disabilities and those without disabilities, are taking part in the activity. We also serve as the main sponsor of major floor hockey tournaments, and our employees support the tournaments as volunteers. FP Corporation will continue to expand the circle of inclusion.







#### Breakdown by duration of service (As of March 2024)

er with disabilities as 0.5, based on "Employment measures of Persons with Disabilities.

# **Corporate Governance**



At FP Corporation, we make decisions under a highly transparent governance structure. We also strive to improve our internal structure, with an aim to achieve sustainable growth and improvements in corporate value over the long term.

FP Corporation's basic stance on corporate governance is to ensure the transparency and fairness of decision-making, to make effective use of the management resources it possesses, such as personnel, goods, money and information. We also aim for continuous growth and a long-term increase in corporate value through swift and bold decision-making. To achieve these aims, we have put forward the five basic policies on the right side.

- Ensure shareholders' rights and equality among them
- 2 Work together appropriately with stakeholders other than shareholders
- **3** Properly disclose information to ensure transparency
- 4 Fulfill the roles of the Board of Directors and other organs
- **5** Hold dialogue with shareholders

#### Governance structure

We have opted to become a company with an Audit and Supervisory Committee for the purpose of improving the speed of management decision-making and strengthening functions to audit and oversee directors in their business execution. The Audit and Supervisory Committee, which is made up of independent outside directors only, fulfills the role of supervising management and works to ensure the highly transparent management of FP Corporation.

Schematic Diagram of FP Corporation's Corporate Governance System, including an Outline of the Internal Control System



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#### Compliance

To establish corporate ethics and promote legal compliance, we have established a Judicial Affairs & Compliance Department that reports directly to the president. We have established and are implementing the FPCO Group Action Charter, FPCO Normative Rules for Compliance, and the Compass for Action; and are working to foster a sound and healthy corporate culture and to ensure compliance with internal regulations through rigorous guidance and instruction.

To ensure thorough compliance within the Group, the Internal Audit Department (which reports directly to the president) conducts an internal audit once every two years. In this way, the Group has constructed an organizational structure that monitors the state of risk management and compliance in the operating divisions, and makes requests for improvement as needed. At meetings of the Board of Directors, the number of whistleblowing reports is presented along with the content of the reports, and the effectiveness of the FPCO Group Action Charter and FPCO Normative Rules for Compliance is examined every six months.

#### Risk Management

The Board of Directors has established Risk Management Rules, classified risks, and is appropriately managing the risks of the overall Group. Regarding business risks related to production, sales, and logistics, we hold operation meetings in which directors, executive officers and general managers participate. Regarding risk management including the management of Group companies' risks, we hold information exchange meetings in which directors, executive officers and representatives of Group companies participate. We have thus built an organizational structure for working to manage risks. Specific examples of our risk management measures are as follows.

#### **Conducting Risk Surveys**

We conduct risk surveys of each production facility and logistics facility with the aim of minimizing damage due to natural disasters and preventing fire and industrial accidents. Dedicated outside consultants directly visit and inspect our business sites to identify risks and conduct risks analysis and assessment.

#### **Response to natural disasters**

Our risk management measures, which have been developed by assuming natural disasters, include the deployment of emergency equipment, provision of firefighting training, installation of emergency hardline telephones, and installation of emergency power generation equipment which will reliably continue to generate power for 72 hours. We have also introduced a safety confirmation system and conduct training by using the system periodically.

#### **Relationships with Shareholders**

To facilitate sustainable growth and enhanced corporate value over the medium to long terms, FP Corporation recognizes the importance of actively engaging its shareholders in constructive dialogue and reflecting the opinions and requests of shareholders in management. Apart from shareholder meetings and biannual briefings on financial results for institutional investors, we conduct individual meetings and facility tours, and seek to build trust with shareholders and form appropriate share prices by describing our management strategy and business activities in a more straightforward manner. We also make every effort to disclose corporate information in a timely, appropriate, swift and fair manner, and make securities reports, brief announcements of consolidated financial results, financial briefing materials, press releases and other materials available in the Shareholder and Investor Information section.

#### **Response to product safety risks**

We have continued working to have our facilities certified under FSSC 22000, the international standards for food safety management systems. As of March 31, 2024, a total of 25 facilities, including recycling and logistics facilities, have been certified.

**Responding to information and security risks** We implement entrance and exit control at offices. At large complex facilities with numerous incoming and outgoing vehicles, we implement entrance and exit control based on a license plate. As a data management method, we take regular backups, use outside data centers as a measure in preparation for emergencies, use duplex lines, employ systems to prevent e-mail messages for outside addresses being sent to the wrong recipients, and make use of dedicated contractors to dispose of PCs.

# Health and Productivity Management

In accordance with the FPCO Group Health Declaration and Health and Productivity Management Strategy Map, we implement programs aimed at making FP Corporation a company where each employee can work with vigor.



2024

健康経営優良法人

Selected under the Certified KENKO Investment for Health Outstanding Organizations Recognition Program (large enterprise category) for three successive years

FP Corporation was recognized for three consecutive years in the Certified KENKO Investment for Health Outstanding Organizations Recognition Program (large enterprise category) as a company which considers the health of employees and others from a management perspective and strategically implements initiatives which lead to the maintenance and promotion of good health.



At the FPCO Group, we have created and operate a Health and Productivity Management Strategy Map, so as to visualize the story of the health and productivity management strategy and implement the PDCA cycle effectively. We are pursuing a number of initiatives to achieve our target values, which we have set for each item.



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Since its founding, the FPCO Group has positioned health as one of its guiding precepts. We promote activities to maintain and advance health and have developed healthy workplaces so that each and every employee can work vigorously with a sense of motivation and fulfillment.

#### Implementation of the Workplace Health Project

#### My Health Declaration Card

We distribute the Health Declaration Card to Group employees every year and have each one of them write their health activity targets for the year, thus encouraging them to maintain and improve their health.

#### Physical and mental health diagnosis

We are working to increase the percentage of employees who take the stress questionnaire in addition to undergoing a periodical health examinations each year, among all employees including those from business sites with fewer than 50 employees each. In the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024, the percentage of employees who underwent periodical health examinations was 100% while the figure for the stress questionnaire was 97.5%.

#### Support and health guidance from industrial physicians

We appoint industrial physicians at all business sites, including those with less than 50 employees, and advance safety and health activities by working together with the industrial physicians. We also have public health nurses provide specific health guidance and follow up on the results of periodic medical examinations. We have also contracted an outside organization to provide 24-hour health counseling year-round.

#### Health seminars

Health Seminars are held each year to promote the maintenance and advancement of employees' physical and mental health. In the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024. the seminars were held nine times in total under the themes of sleep, improving the intestinal environment, lifestyle, and stretching exercise, among others.

#### Lifestyle modification initiatives

We conduct a lifestyle survey each year to encourage lifestyle modification. In addition, we have introduced a smoking cessation week and the Pico-Vege Week (during which employees are encouraged to eat vegetables) and planned motor function tests, among others. Thus, we are encouraging employee self-care. In FY2024, we held the Inter-FPCO-Group-Company Walking Rally, in which participants competed in the number of steps using a smartphone pedometer app. The event was aimed at encouraging employees to form an exercise habit and communicate with each other. A total of 1,385 employees participated in this event.

Framework for Supporting Employees' Return to Work We have created a manual on the content and framework for supporting and facilitating employees returning to work. Thus, we are ready to help employees taking long-term leaves of absence and returning to work.

#### **Delivery of Health Information**

We have created a dedicated site of the Workplace Health Project on our intranet, where we provide information about project programs. In addition, we use various opportunities to proactively provide health information to improve the health literacy of employees. These include the monthly Newsletter from Health Nurses, and an e-mail magazine from the Workplace Health Project.

#### **FPCO Group Health Declaration**





Health seminars



Walking rally using a smartphone pedometer app

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# Human Resource Management Policy





Human Resource Management Policy

The greatest asset of the FPCO Group, which continues to work and take on challenges to achieve sustainable growth, is its human resources. We will reinforce systems for human resource development to enable each one of our employees to fully demonstrate their talent and other individual qualities, throughout the process from recruitment and training to the utilization of their skills and to retirement. We will thus enable them to lead professional lives where they are fulfilled and satisfied in their jobs and continue to push forward with organizational revitalization to keep improving the value of the corporate group as a whole.

#### Evaluation system that values dialogue and extension of retirement age with multiple options with an upper limit of 65 years of age

We have introduced an evaluation system that attaches importance to dialogue between evaluators and the people being evaluated. Employees consider medium- to long-term initiatives and talk with their superiors to create opportunities to set targets, so that superiors support their subordinates in their autonomous personal development and their improvement activities. In addition, in evaluation settings, employees have the results of their initiatives to achieve six-month and full-year targets appeal to their superiors to discuss and agree on the evaluation with superiors. Extension of the retirement age or reemployment is also offered if employees express an interest in the dialogue. Employees are allowed to select the age at which they will retire. between 60 to 65 years of age. In addition, even employees who have chosen to retire before reaching 65 can continue working as re-hired employees (with the annual renewal of their contract) until they reach the age of 65. This applies to all employees who desire to do so. Employees are also re-hired after reaching the age of 65 with an upper limit of 70 (with the annual renewal of their contract) if both the employees and the company desire to continue their relationship.

	OFF-JT		General education		Self-c	levelop	oment
Employees in senior positions	Evaluator tra	ining	Harassment Prevention Training For managers		Qualification acquisition Qualification-obtaining	Support internal corr	Support attending o
Managers	Training for newly appo	inted managers	, and the second s	Health		ort s	ρĂ
Mid-level employees	Leader training	Overseas training		th seminars		port system for ta correspondence	nt system outside so
Junior employees	Skills development training	One-on-one leadership training	Harassment Prevention Training For personnel other than managers	inars	incentive support s		n for schools
New employees	New employee training	Follow-up training			e system system	aking courses	

#### **Promoting Female Empowerment**

In 2023, FP Corporation was granted the Eruboshi Certification (Stage 2 certification) as a company promoting the active participation of women in accordance with the Act on Promotion of Women's Participation and Advancement in the Workplace. We have fulfilled our evaluation criteria for workstyles including work hours, the percentage of managers, and diverse career courses. In particular, the percentage of female managers is roughly two times higher than the industrial average value.

With regard to initiatives to expand the occupational domains of female employees, aid women in remaining employed, and increase the number of female managers, we have set a female career track hiring rate of at least 30% (24.0% as of April 2023), 50 or more female managers (achieved in April 2023, when the number reached 57), and five or more senior managers (achieved in April 2023, when the number reached six) in our general employers action plan. Moving forward, we will be proactive in hiring female career track employees and promoting women to higher positions, thus increasing opportunities for the active participation of women.



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> Human Resource Management Policy/ Community Engagement

# **Community Engagement**

At FP Corporation, we aim to co-exist in harmony with people from areas where our business sites are located, as a member of each community.

In FY2024, we held environmental events with supermarkets and other stakeholders. We also participated in exhibitions, gave classes by visiting organizations and educational institutions, and took other initiatives.

#### Major events in which we participated in FY2024

Мау	Fukuyama Rose Festival (Hiroshima Prefecture)
Jun.	<ul> <li>Hachioji Festival (Tokyo)</li> <li>Kankyo Fes Naka (environmental festival in Naka City) (Ibaraki Prefecture)</li> </ul>
Jul.	<ul> <li>Eco-Technology Exhibition 2023 (Fukuoka Prefecture)</li> <li>Koizumi Universal Beach Unit (Miyagi Prefecture)</li> <li>Kurihara Tourism Network (Miyagi Prefecture)</li> <li>Kirikiri-Koku (Iwate Prefecture)</li> <li>Miyajima Network (Hiroshima Prefecture)</li> <li>Setonaikai Ujishima Club (Hiroshima Prefecture)</li> </ul>
Aug.	<ul> <li>Online plant tours</li> <li>Eco World Festival Osaka (Osaka Prefecture)</li> <li>Ishikawa Kankyo Fair (environmental fair) (Ishikawa Prefecture)</li> <li>A class given by Japan Plastic Food Container Association at Nerima Sekimachi Recycle Center (Tokyo)</li> </ul>
Sep.	Arakawa River Clean-aid Forum (Tokyo)
Oct.	<ul> <li>A lecture at Prefectural University of Hiroshima (Hiroshima Prefecture)</li> <li>A class given by visiting an elementary school in collaboration with a user (Tokyo)</li> <li>Yamagata Environment Exhibition (Yamagata Prefecture)</li> <li>Events related to the Reduce, Reuse and Recycle (3R) Promotion Month and the Food Loss Reduction Month</li> <li>A lecture at Waseda University (Tokyo)</li> <li>Onokoi Raku-ichi Raku-za (Hyogo Prefecture)</li> <li>Saga Saiko Fes 2023 (Saga Prefecture)</li> <li>Collaborative study session with users (Hokkaido)</li> <li>The 17th 3R Suishin Zenkoku Taikai (national conference for promoting the 3Rs) (Akita Prefecture)</li> <li>Sakishima Kodomo EXPO (children's expo) (Osaka Prefecture)</li> <li>Arakawa River Clean-aid Forum (Tokyo)</li> <li>Satoumi Festa 2023 (Hiroshima Prefecture)</li> <li>Tsuyama Bunka-sai (cultural festival) (Yamagata Prefecture)</li> </ul>
Nov.	<ul> <li>Satoumi Festa Workshop (Hiroshima Prefecture)</li> <li>Eco Kentei Award 2023 (eco official assay award) (Tokyo)</li> <li>Miharahi-shi Kodomo Oshigoto Taiken Event (event for giving children hands-on experience of work) (Hiroshima Prefecture)</li> <li>YOKOHAMA RePLASTIC Forum (Kanagawa Prefecture)</li> <li>Jibasan Fair 2023 (Hiroshima Prefecture)</li> <li>An initiative with a user (Shizuoka Prefecture)</li> </ul>
Dec.	<ul> <li>Kodomo Eco Market-de Okaimono Taiken (shopping opportunities given to children at an eco-friendly product market) by Setagaya 2R Suishin Gikai (Tokyo)</li> <li>EcoPro 2023 (Tokyo)</li> <li>Zero Challe Hiroshima by GSHIP (Hiroshima Prefecture)</li> <li>An initiative with a user (Tokyo)</li> <li>Hyogo Youth eco Forum (Hyogo Prefecture)</li> </ul>
Jan.	<ul> <li>A class given by visiting an elementary school in collaboration with a user (Kanagawa Prefecture)</li> <li>A class given by visiting an elementary school in collaboration with a user(Kagawa Prefecture)</li> <li>Hiroshima-ken GSHIP Zero Challenge (Hiroshima Prefecture)</li> <li>A lecturer sent to NACS Environment Forum (Osaka Prefecture)</li> </ul>
Feb.	<ul> <li>Gifu Chikyu Kankyo Juku (Gifu global environment academy) (Gifu Prefecture)</li> <li>A lecture given to a section in charge of reducing waste of Yamagata City Government (Yamagata Prefecture)</li> <li>Zero Challe Hiroshima by GSHIP (Hiroshima Prefecture)</li> </ul>
Mar.	<ul> <li>Environmental training session (Tokyo)</li> <li>Photo-shooting of beach cleaning by Shonan Cleanaid Forum (Kanagawa Prefecture)</li> <li>National Kodomo Eco Club Festival (Tokyo)</li> </ul>





Fukuyama Rose Festival (Hiroshima Prefecture





An initiative with a user (Shizuoka Prefecture)



An initiative with a user (Tokyo)



A class given by visiting an elementary school in collaboration with a user (Kanagawa Prefecture)

Value chain of FPCO

# **Corporate Profile**

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- Distribution Centers/ Small-Lot Distribution Centers

Tokyo Headquarters (Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo)

#### Fukuyama Headquarters (Fukuyama-shi, Hiroshima)

#### Corporate Overview

Name:FP CORPORATIONEstablished:July 1962Representative:Morimasa Sato, Chairman,<br/>Representative Director and Group<br/>Representative DirectorCapital:13.15 billion yenNumber of employees<br/>(FP Corporation Group: 5,104)

Business outline: Manufacturing and marketing of disposable food containers made of polystyrene and other compound resins; marketing of related packaging materials



Our logo features the letters FP, which signify the first letters of the first two words in Fukuyama Pearl Paper Manufacturing Corporation, which was the name of our company when it was established.

# Group Companies and Business Locations

#### **Group Companies**

#### Manufacturing

FPCO Hokkaido Co. FPCO Kasaoka Co. FPCO Yamagata, Ltd. FPCO Fukuvama Co. FPCO Ibaraki Co. FPCO Kannabe 1 td FPCO Kyushu Co. FPCO Yachivo Co FPCO Ducks Co FPCO Shimodate Co. FPCO Chikusei Co FPCO Ai Pack Co FPCO Toyama Co FPCO ALRight Co. Ltd. FPCO Chubu Co. FPCO Gravure Co., Ltd. FPCO Hyogo Co. Nishinihon PET-Bottle Recycle Co., Ltd.

Production plants

#### Facilities of FP Corporation

#### Headquarters

Fukuyama Headquarters (Fukuyama-shi, Hiroshima) Tokyo Headquarters (Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo)

#### Branches

Osaka Branch (Kita-ku, Osaka-shi)

#### Sales Offices

Sapporo Sales Office (Chuo-ku, Sapporo-shi) Sendai Sales Office (Aoba-ku, Sendai-shi) Niigata Sales Office (Chuo-ku, Niigata-chi) Shizuoka Sales Office (Suruga-ku, Shizuoka-shi) Nagoya Sales Office (Nakamura-ku, Nagoya-shi) Hokuriku Sales Office (Kanazawa-shi Ishikawa) Hiroshima Sales Office (Nishi-ku, Hiroshima-shi) Shikoku Sales Office (Takamatsu-shi, Kagawa) Fukuoka Sales Office (Hakata-ku, Fukuoka-shi)

Hokkaido Plant (Ishikari-shi, Hokkaido) Yamagata Plant (Sagae-shi, Yamagata) Kanto Yachiyo Plant (Yuki-gun, Ibaraki) Kanto Plant (Yuki-gun, Ibaraki) Kanto Eco PET Plant (Yuki-gun, Ibaraki) Kanto Shimodate Plant (Chikusei-shi, Ibaraki) Chikusei Plant (Chikusei-shi, Ibaraki) Kanto Tsukuba Plant (Shimotsuma-shi, Ibaraki) FPCO Ducks Co. Chiba Plant (Narashino-shi, Chiba) Toyama Plant (Imizu-shi, Toyama) Chubu Plant (Anpachi-gun, Gifu) Chubu Eco PET Plant (Anpachi-gun, Gifu) Kinki Kameoka Plant (Kameoka-shi, Kyoto) Kansai Plant (Ono-shi, Hyogo) Kasaoka Plant (Kasaoka-shi, Okavama) Fukuyama Plant (Fukuyama-shi, Hiroshima) Kannabe Plant (Fukuyama-shi, Hiroshima) EPCO Ducks Co, Kochi Plant (Nankoku-shi, Kochi) Kyushu Plant (Kanzaki-gun, Saga) Nango Plant (Nichinan-shi, Miyazaki Kagoshima Plant (Kagoshima-shi, Kagoshima)

#### Research Institute

Comprehensive Research Institute (Fukuvama-shi, Hiroshima)

#### Distribution Centers/ Small-Lot Distribution Centers

Hokkaido Distribution Center (Ishikari-shi,	Kansai Hub Center (Ono-s
Hokkaido)	Fukuyama Hub Center (Fu
Tohoku Distribution Center (Sagae-shi, Yamagata)	Kyushu Distribution Cente
Kanto Hub Center (Yuki-gun, Ibaraki)	Hokkaido Picking Center (
Hachioji Distribution Center (Hachioji-shi, Tokyo)	Tohoku Picking Center (Ku
Chubu Hub Center (Anpachi-gun, Gifu)	Kanto Picking Center (Yuk
Tokai Sorting Plant (Sunto-gun, Shizuoka)	Ibaraki Picking Center (Yuk

#### Logistics

FP Logistics Corporation I-Logic Co., Ltd.

FP East Logistics Corporation

FP West Logistics Corporation

#### Trading & Sales

FP Trading Co., Ltd. FP CHUPA Corporation FPCO Dia Foods Co., Ltd. FPCO International Package Co., Ltd. FPCO Ishida Co., Ltd. FPCO Ueda Co. APEX Corporation

#### Recycling Plants/Sorting Plants

Kanto Recycling Plant (Yuki-gun, Ibaraki) Kanto PET Recycling Plant (Yuki-gun, Ibaraki) Chubu Recycling Plant (Anpachi-gun, Gifu) Chubu PET Recycling Plant (Anpachi-gun, Gifu) Fukuyama Recycling Plant (Fukuyama-shi, Hiroshima) Hokkaido Sorting Plant (Ishikari-shi, Hokkaido) Yamagata Sorting Plant (Sagae-shi, Yamagata) Ibaraki Sorting Plant (Bando-shi, Ibaraki) Matsumoto Sorting Plant (Matsumoto-shi, Nagano) Tokai Sorting Plant (Sunto-gun, Shizuoka) Gifu Sorting Plant (Anpachi-gun, Gifu) Kanazawa Sorting Plant (Kanazawa-shi, Ishikawa) Nishinomiya Sorting Plant (Nishinomiya-shi, Hyogo) Fukuyama Sorting Plant (Fukuyama-shi, Hiroshima) Kyushu Sorting Plant (Kanzaki-shi, Saga) Nishinihon PET-Bottle Recycle Co., Ltd. (Wakamatsu-ku, Kitakvushu-shi)

#### -shi, Hyogo)

ukuyama-shi, Hiroshima) ter (Kanzaki-gun, Saga) r (Ishikari-shi, Hokkaido) Kurokawa-gun, Miyagi) iki-gun, Ibaraki) uki-gun, Ibaraki) Hachioji Picking Center (Hachioji-shi, Tokyo) Niigata Picking Center (Nagaoka-shi, Niigata) Chubu Picking Center (Anpachi-gun, Gifu) Kansai Picking Center (Kita-ku, Kobe-shi) Fukuyama Picking Center (Fukuyama-shi, Hiroshima)

Kyushu Picking Center (Kanzaki-gun, Saga)

# **Group Correlation Diagram**

The FPCO Group supports customers with its comprehensive strength and organic linkage, ranging from the production of food trays and containers to their delivery and sale, as well as sales of related materials and consumables.



smaller lots and picking them

Picking and shipping items in small lots to supermarkets.

Corporate Profile > Group Correlation Diagram



Restaurant chains Restaurants, etc.



Consumers

# Summary of Human Resources Data

The following are data related to the society-related aspects of FP Corporation.

Statistics on Employees (as of the end of March 2024)	Male	Female	Total
Number of Employees (persons)	657	327	984
Number of Foreign Employees (persons)	1	5	6
Average Age (persons)	44.8	35.7	41.8
Under 30	112	121	233
30 - 39	130	84	214
40 - 49	164	100	264
50 - 59	185	17	202
60 and older	66	5	71
Continuous Years of Employment (years)	18.0	12.0	16.0
Number of Employees (Consolidated) (persons)	3,808	1,296	5,104

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Number of Resig	gnations	Early	Voluntary	Company- mandated	Transfers	Others:	Total
FY2024	(persons)	0	30	0	0	0	30
New Graduate Employee	Retention Status	M	ale	Fen	nale	То	tal
Number of Graduate Em Hired in April 2021	ployees (persons)	1	17 17		7	34	
Number Remaining in April 2024	(persons)	15		1	6	3	1

Percentage of Female Employees in Managerial Positions	Female (persons)	Male (persons)	Percentage of Female Employees (%)
Managenal Positions	57	393	12.7

Employment of Persons with Disabilities	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024
Actual Number (persons)	362	365	365	393
Disability Employment Rate (%)	12.7	12.6	12.5	12.6

Work-life Balance	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024
Percentage of Paid Leave Taken (%)	49.3	56.1	57.6	63.6
Average Monthly Hours of Overtime Worked Per Person (hours/month)	8.0	7.8	7.7	7.5
Number of Employees Taking Maternity Leave (persons)	12	15	14	18
Number of Employees Taking Childcare Leave (persons)	15	15	20	20
Female	14	13	18	15
Male	1	2	2	5
Percentage of Childcare Leave Taken by Female Employees (%)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Percentage of Childcare Leave Taken by Male Employees (%)	5.0	9.1	9.5	21.7
Percentage of Employees Returning from Childcare Leave (%)	96.0	95.2	100.0	95.2
Percentage of Childcare Leave, Etc. Taken by Male Employees (%)	-	-	-	82.6

\* Percentage of employees taking FP Corporation's unique leave program (leave of five consecutive days for childcare) combined with those taking statutory childcare leave



The following are business performance data of FP Corporation.

Term		58th Term	59th Term	60th Term	61st Term	62nd Term
Year and Month of Financial Results		March 2020	March 2021	March 2022	March 2023	March 2024
Net sales	(Million yen)	186,349	187,509	195,700	211,285	222,100
Ordinary profit	(Million yen)	16,274	19,381	16,703	17,328	16,780
Profit attributable to owners of parent	(Million yen)	10,777	12,211	11,206	11,529	11,724
Comprehensive income	(Million yen)	10,461	13,021	11,118	11,558	12,485
Net assets	(Million yen)	119,301	124,980	132,455	140,171	145,844
Total assets	(Million yen)	242,497	247,234	262,695	298,623	298,580
Net assets per share	(Yen)	1,436.07	1,520.06	1,610.11	1,703.56	1,795.71
Net income per share	(Yen)	130.36	147.80	136.96	140.87	143.50
Net income per share (diluted)	(Yen)	-	-	-	-	-
Equity ratio	(%)	49.0	50.3	50.2	46.7	48.6
Return on equity	(%)	9.4	10.0	8.8	8.5	8.2
Stock price to earnings ratio	(Times)	27.5	30.5	21.3	23.3	19.2
Cash flows from operating activities	(Million yen)	27,770	31,814	23,148	20,071	29,176
Cash flows from investing activities	(Million yen)	-10,989	-19,131	-22,866	-34,306	-10,711
Cash flows from financing activities	(Million yen)	-15,643	-15,086	1,578	16,745	-17,013
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	(Million yen)	20,288	17,884	19,745	22,255	23,707

\*1 The Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition (ASBJ Statement No. 29, March 31, 2020), etc. has been adopted since the beginning of the60th term, and the accounting standard, etc. is applied retroactively to major management indicators, etc. for the 59th term.

\*2 Diluted net income per share is not listed due to the absence of dilutive shares.

\*3 On October 1, 2020, the Company implemented a two-for-one common stock split. In connection with the stock split, the company calculated net income per share and net assets per share, assuming the concerned stock split was performed at the beginning of the 58th term.

Corporate Profile

> Summary of Human Resources Data/Financial Summary (Consolidated)

# **Summary of Environmental Data**

The following are our CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and the balance of material inputs and outputs and energy usage by division. Manufacturing Logistics division INPUT division Used food trays and transparent Venous containers are collected by using empty **Recycling plants** logistics trucks after delivery (venous logistics). **Collected items** Collection Collection Recycled raw materials Transportation between INPUT INPUT INPUT distribution Distribution Packaging OUTPUT centers Center Electricity wholesalers Raw Water Offcuts materials **Office equipment** Energy and supplies \_\_\_\_ Production plants **Distribution Center** Materials, Collectio etc. Sales OUTPUT **OUTPUT Products Products** OUTPUT OUTPUT Vaste **Products** Pollutants Subcontract plant INPUT Vaste 

#### Manufacturing Division FY2024 Data

			Electricity	404,809,378	kwh				
		Energy	Energy from Fossil Fuels	96,812,980	MJ				
			Water Supply	631,657	m³				Product
		Water Resources	Groundwater	191,143	m³			Products	Manufact Weight
			Industrial Water	82,471	zm³			Products	Number o
		Raw					)		Truck Ship
	J	materials (Resins, etc.)		210,290	t		J	Waste	
-	Г		Cardboard	39,396	t		5		Soot and
		Secondary Materials	Packaging	0.400		li	J		NOx
		Materials	Plastic	3,498	τ		Г	Environmental Pollutants	SOx
			Lubricating Oil	10,903	L			Follutarits	BOD
		Others	Thinners	48,828	L				COD
			Paper	2,271,500	sheets				SS

#### cturing 207,299 t ipments 168,039 vehicles 29,423 t d Dust 27 Kg 3,591 Kg 755 Kg 6,005 Kg 3,030 Kg 642 Kg

#### Logistics Division FY2024 Data

	INPUT								
	Electricity	18,031,783	kwh						
Energy	Energy from Fossil Fuels	2,680,667	MJ						
Water Resources	Water Supply	22,095	m³						
Others	Paper	9,162,880	sheets						
	OUTPUT								
Waste		462	t						

#### Office Division FY2024 Data

INPUT				
Energy	Electricity	3,660,003	kwh	
Water Resources	Water Supply	5,814	m <sup>3</sup>	
Others	Paper	9,615,000	sheets	
OUTPUT				
Waste		50	t	

#### INPUT

Electricity Water Office equipment and supplies

Corporate Profile > Summary of Environmental Data

At FP Corporation, we make every effort to accurately grasp the impact our own corporate activities have on the environment, to reduce and control the impact we have on the natural environment as much as possible.

#### **FP** Corporation's logistics circulation system



We deliver products efficiently in our logistics network that was built to deliver products promptly. Empty trucks returning from product delivery destinations collect used containers and transport them to recycling plants.



# Office division OUTPUT Waste

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# **Social Evaluation**

#### **External evaluation**



lished by the Japan Environment Association. The FPCO method Tray-to-Tray recycling was selected as the first winner of the gold prize, the highest award. Thirteen years after winning the prize, the FPCO Method Recycling has continued to develop.

This is an award program estab-

Wins the gold prize in the first Eco Mark Award



The Certified KENKO Investment for Health Outstanding Organizations Recognition Program (large enterprise category) commends companies that consider the health of employees and other stakeholders from a management perspective and that strategically implement initiatives which lead to the maintenance and promotion of good health. FP Corporation has been recognized under this program for three consecutive years since 2022.



Recognized for the active participation of our human resources with disabilities in container manufacturing and recycling sites, which contributes to the value of the overall company, we were selected as one of the winners of the New **Diversity Management Selection** 100 (fiscal 2014) by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry.



Eruboshi (Level 2)

In 2023, FP Corporation was granted the Eruboshi Certification (Level 2) as a company promoting the active participation of women in accordance with the Act on Promotion of Women's Participation and Advancement in the Workplace. We have met three evaluation criteria for workstyles including work hours, the percentage of female managers, and diverse career courses. Our general employers action plan is included in the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare's database of companies promoting women's participation and advancement in the workplace.

#### CDP **A LIST** 2023 **CLIMATE**

CDP climate change information disclosure Rated as A in 2023

**D&IAWARD** 

**BEST WORKPLACE** 

Diversity & Inclusion Award

2023



Supplier Engagement Rating FY2023 evaluation Supplier Engagement Leader







FP Corporation was certified by the Japan Sports Agency as a 2024 Sports Yell Company, recognized as a company that actively encourages employees to play sports for better health. We have been certified under this program consecutively since FY2018 and was granted the Bronze certifica-

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Tokyo Stock Exchange

(Securities code: 7947)

tion.

#### ESG Indexes





Japan

FP Corporation has been selected as a constituent of the FTSE4Good Index Series, which is announced based on ESG evaluation of approx. 3,000 major companies in the world.

#### 2023 CONSTITUENT MSCI日本株 女性活躍指数(WIN)

This index is determined by calculating gender diversity scores based on data about the employment of women disclosed pursuant to the Act on Promotion of Women's Participation and Advancement in the Workplace and selecting companies with high scores from each industry. Same as the FTSE Blossom Japan Index, it is one of the ESG indexes developed by MSCI Inc. of the United States and used by the Government Pension Investment Fund (GPIF),



S&P/JPX Carbon Efficient Index

#### Environmental groups in which FP Corporation participates



Certified under the

Eco First program

The FPCO Group was certified as an Eco First Company in 2022. Under this program, industry-leading companies pledge to the Minister of the Environment to conduct voluntary environmental efforts, including global warming countermeasures and waste control and recycling measures.



The Japan Partnership for Circular Economy (J4CE) was founded on March 2, 2021 by the Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, and Keidanren (Japan Business Federation) for the purpose of strengthening public and private partnerships, with the aim of further fostering understanding of the circular economy among a wide range of stakeholders, including domestic companies, and promoting initiatives in response to the accelerating global trend toward a circular economy. The FPCO Method Recycling is introduced in Noteworthy Cases, in which 29 highly noteworthy cases are compiled.





#### **FTSE Blossom** Japan Sector **Relative Index**

One of the indexes used by GPIF that was designed with focuses on the state of environmental information disclosure and carbon efficiency levels



FP Corporation has been participating in the Clean Ocean Material Alliance (CLOMA), which was founded in 2019, as an Executive Committee member company since its foundation. As the vice chair of the technical subcommittee, we have been working on the development of recycling technologies and new materials, among other initiatives.

# FP Corporation's History

#### General events

products.

PS thermoforming launched.

1962

1972

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1983

1985





1989 Cl introduced. Corporate name changed to FP Corporation. Listed on the Hiroshima Stock Exchange.

Tokyo Branch (Nerima-ku, Tokyo) established.

Osaka Branch (Osaka-shi, Osaka) established.

- 1991 Listed on the Second Section of the Osaka Stock Exchange.
- 1997 Yasuhiro Komatsu, the then President and CEO, is awarded Medal with Blue Ribbon,

Komiya-cho (now Kasumi-cho), Fukuyama, Hiroshima Prefecture. Foamed

The Fukuyama Distribution Center (Fukuyama, Hiroshima) is established and

First Pearl Fair (currently FPCO Fair) exhibition held, featuring the company's

distribution centers are subsequently set up in various regions.

FP Logistics Corporation established to reinforce delivery system.

Manufacturing and selling of colored food containers commences in

Construction finishes on the headquarters and plant of Special Subsidiary Company Ducks Shikoku Co. 2000 (Nankoku, Kochi), and special subsidiary company business sites subsequently set up in various regions. Listed on the Second Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

Fukuyama Pearl Paper Manufacturing Corporation established. Fukuyama Headquarters established in

- Fukuyama / Tokyo double head office system started, with Tokyo Branch upgraded to Tokyo Headquarters. 2001
- 2003 East Japan Hub Center (Yachiyo-machi, Ibaraki) completed.
- 2005 Listed on the First Section of the Tokyo and Osaka Stock Exchanges.
- 2006 Hiroshima Ai Pack Co. (currently FPCO Ai Pack Co.) is established as a would-be subsidiary with Type A Support for Continuous Employment, and Ai Pack business sites are subsequently set up in various regions.
- The world's first biaxially oriented PET product for plastic containers is released. 2012

2013	Yasuhiro Komatsu, the then Chairman & CEO, honored Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star.
2014	The Fukuyama Cross Dock Center (Fukuyama-shi, Hiro operations.
	FPCO Comprehensive Research Institute and Human F and Training Center (Fukuyama, Hiroshima) are comple
2015	FP Corporation is selected by the Ministry of Economy, under the Diversity Management Selection 100. FP Corporation is selected as one of the Competitive IT the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and the To FP Corporation wins a prize of excellence in the categor technology development in the Sixth Monozukuri Nippor organized by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Indust
2016	FP Corporation's the then Chairman and CEO Yasuhiro an honorary citizen of Fukuyama City.
2017	FP Corporation's founder Yasuhiro Komatsu passes aw
2018	Construction finishes on the headquarters of FPCO ALI Construction finishes on the new Hiroshima Sales Offic FP Corporation is certified as a Sports Yell Company for
2019	FP Corporation wins an award in the first Japan Times
2020	The Fukuyama-shi gymnasium, for which FP Corporation opens as FPCO Arena Fukuyama.
2021	Construction finishes on Chubu Hub Center.
2022	FP Corporation transferred to Tokyo Stock Exchange Prim We acquired a stake in Lee Soon Seng Plastic Industrie a plastic food container manufacturer in Malaysia. Acquisition of certifications under the Certified KENKO Health Outstanding Organizations Recognition Program
2023	Kansai Plant and Kansai Hub Center are completed in 0 Hyogo FP Corporation was granted the Eruboshi Certif

1962

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- IT Strategy Companies by Tokyo Stock Exchange. gory of product and oon Grand Awards istry.
- ro Komatsu recognized as
- way.
- \_Right Co., Ltd.
- ice building for 2018 (Japan Sports Agency)
- ESG Awards.
- tion acquired the naming rights,



FPCO Research Center and Human Resources Development and Training Center



Kansai Plant and Kansai Hub Center



1990

# **FP Corporation's History**

#### Environmental initiatives, achievements, etc.

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Nishinomiya Plant of FPCO Ai Pack, where traditional Japanese-style containers, the Oribako series are manufactured

Looking back on the world of professional sports in 2023, Kansai played a leading role. In professional baseball, the Hanshin Tigers claimed their first Japan championship title in 38 years, while the Orix Buffaloes won the league title for the third consecutive year. In the J1 Football League, Vissel Kobe won the league title they had long been seeking for the first time. This football team, Vissel Kobe, released a box lunch at Noevir Stadium Kobe in collaboration with a user of FP Corporation products. The Oribako series manufactured at Nishinomiya Plant (Nishinomiya City, Hyogo) of FPCO Ai Pack was used as the container for the box lunch. Having compartments, The Oribako series (container) is one of those products that are very difficult to assemble and inspect. Our human resources with disabilities are making each container carefully by hand work. We find ourselves imagining that their care was communicated to the spectators who ate the box lunch and transformed into their support for the players on the field, which helped contribute to their success.

FP Corporation began operating Kansai Plant and Kansai Hub Center in Ono City, Hyogo last year. We are now able to deliver products for Kinki area from its vicinity. We aim to reliably deliver environmentally friendly products that will be useful, convenient, and indispensable for you and make meals enjoyable, whenever they are needed. With this thinking, we will continue striving to ensure the stable supply of food trays and containers.

Thank you very much for reading FP Corporation Report 2024. We would be grateful if you could complete the survey and return it to us for the continued improvement of the report. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Sustainability Promotion Department General Manager

Eiji Togashi

### 1980 Problems with the disposal of trays occur and FP Corporation is among the first

- companies to begin the collection of used trays. FP Corporation starts its recycling program.
- 1991 Eco Tray becomes the first in the industry to receive Eco Mark certification.
- 1993 Receives the Chairman's Award in the Clean Japan Center sponsored Award Program for Companies Contributing to the Reuse of Resources.
- 2007 Receives the Award for Excellence in the Product Division of the First Container and Packaging 3R Promotion Minister of the Environment Awards.
- 2011 Receives the Gold prize at the Eco Mark Award 2010.
   FP Corporation is recognized as an Eco-First Company by the Minister of the Environment.
   The Eco APET, recycled PET plastic containers, receive Eco Mark certification from the Japan Environment Association.
- 2015 Receives the Minister of the Environment Award for Global Warming Prevention Activity (Category of countermeasure activity implementation and dissemination).
- 2016 The Chubu Eco PET Plant begins operation as a base of integrated production covering processes from recycling of PET bottles to production of the Eco APET containers.
- 2017 The Kanto Eco PET Plant begins operations.
- 2018 Participates as an exhibitor in G20 Innovation Exhibition.
- 2019 Participates in the Clean Ocean Material Alliance as an Executive Committee member.
- 2020 Establishes the FP Corp. Environment Fund.
- 2021 Announces the Declaration of Carbon Offsetting.
- 2022 Introduces solar power generation to Kanto Yachiyo area. Kanto Recycling Plant begins to procure 100% of power from renewable energy sources.

Announces FP Corporation Eco Action (FPEA) 2.0, FP Corporation's medium- to long-term targets.

Announces support for the TCFD Recommendations.

Introduces solar power generation equipment in Chubu area.

2023 The FPCO Method Tray-to-Tray recycling exhibited at the PR exhibition in the International Media Center (IMC) that is held in conjunction with the G7 Hiroshima Summit.

Wins the encouragement prize in the Eco Unit category in the eco Kentei Award 2023 hosted by the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

 2024 FP Corporation makes the CDP Climate Change A List and meets the Leadership scoring criteria in CDP Supplier Engagement Rating.
 CO<sub>2</sub> reduction effect of Eco Tray increases to 37% due to the start of procurement of renewable energy from the rooftop solar power generation equipment of Kansai Plant and Kansai Hub Center.
 Kansai Sorting Center scheduled to begin operating.

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