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https://www.hodogaya.co.jp/english/csr/stakeholder/community

Basic Approach

The Hodogaya Chemical Group believes that, as a corporate citizen, contributing to the sustainable development of the community is an important activity in carrying out its business. We are engaged in various community contributions including the nurturing of children through chemistry, environmental conservation activities in the regions where the Group's plants are located, and the provision of value in both tangible and intangible forms that enrich people's lives. In addition, if a disaster affecting an area where one of our key bases is located is designated as a major disaster by the Cabinet Office, and the damage to the area around the base is severe, we donate a certain percentage of the previous fiscal year's earnings to the impacted prefecture.

Social Contribution Activities

In FY2025, total expenditures on social contribution activities amounted to 14.27 million yen. Of this amount, 10.17 million yen was spent on events and other activities in communities where our plants are located, while 4.10 million yen was spent on environmental improvement and other activities.

Community contribution initiatives

- Support for local infrastructure (e.g., vehicle evacuation drills for Fukushima Kotsu buses)
- Cleanup and weeding activities (e.g., the Clean Koriyama Campaign and weeding rice fields for a nearby sake brewery)
- Biodiversity initiatives (e.g., cleanup activities in surrounding bodies of water such as lakes and rivers, tree-planting activities, the Shunan City Blue Carbon Project, and Nagano Prefecture's Biodiversity Conservation Partnership Agreement)
- Educational support (e.g., the Summer Vacation Children's Chemistry Experiment Show, outreach classes, and internship programs)
- Dialogue with local communities (e.g., plant tours)
- Participation in local events (e.g., the Uneme Festival, Koriyama Industrial Expo, and Sun Festa Shinnanyo)
- Sign language classes
- Donations to children's cafeterias, food pantries, and other organizations
- Financial support for local high schools participating in national competitions

Social contribution expenditures

(million yen)

	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
Social contribution expenditures	14.17	10.33	**14.27**
Community events, etc.	10.27	10.33	**10.17**
Environmental improvement, etc.	3.90	0	**4.10**

Support for Local Infrastructure and Disaster Response Cooperation

The Hodogaya Chemical Group works together with local governments and members of local communities as a responsible member of society, striving to contribute to safe and secure communities.

As part of these efforts, we provide portions of our plant grounds free of charge for public use. At the Koriyama Plant, the land is used for public infrastructure including an east-west passage at Koriyama Station, a municipal bicycle parking facility, and a taxi waiting area. At the Nanyo Plant, it is used for facilities including the Shin-Nanyo Baseball Stadium.

In the area of disaster preparedness, the Koriyama Plant, Koriyama City, and the Koriyama Branch of Fukushima Kotsu have entered into an agreement on the evacuation of bus vehicles in the event of a disaster. When Typhoon No. 19 struck in 2019, part of the plant grounds was promptly made available as an evacuation site, helping to reduce damage to public transportation vehicles. We will continue to actively cooperate in initiatives that help protect the safety of local communities.





Award at the Yamaguchi Prefecture Hazardous Materials Safety Convention



At the awards ceremony held during the Yamaguchi Prefecture Hazardous Materials Safety Convention on June 19, 2025, the Nanyo Branch of Hodogaya Logistics Co., Ltd. received an award in the Outstanding Business Establishment category, together with 13 other organizations in Yamaguchi Prefecture. The award was presented following a recommendation by the Shunan City Fire Department, which highly evaluated the branch's longstanding efforts to ensure the safe management of hazardous materials facilities and appropriately prevent accidents and disasters. Encouraged by this recognition, we will continue to ensure rigorous safety management of hazardous materials facilities and thorough accident and disaster prevention, while actively cooperating with and contributing to local safety activities, including those of the Shunan City Hazardous Materials Safety Association.

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Educational Support Through Chemistry



The Hodogaya Chemical Group actively promotes educational support activities, including participation in hands-on experiment events and outreach classes at elementary schools. Through these activities, we aim to convey the fun and wonder of chemistry to children who will lead the next generation, while helping to advance science and technology and foster environmental awareness.
In August 2025, we participated in the Summer Vacation Children's Chemistry Experiment Show held at the Science Museum. In a hands-on experiment titled "Making an Ocean Bottle" using its natural dyes, children enjoyed hands-on learning about the properties that cause water and oil to separate. The event proved extremely popular, with all reservation slots quickly filling each day. We also conduct outreach classes at our business sites in cooperation with local communities. In October 2025, employees from the Nanyo Plant visited two nearby elementary schools, where they conducted experiments separating ink through capillary action and "creating flags with liquids" using differences in density. Through familiar phenomena, the activities encouraged children to take an interest in chemistry. In February 2026, the Koriyama Plant held a class on the theme of "water" for fourth-grade students at a nearby elementary school. The class included an experiment filtering muddy water using a filter made from a plastic bottle and a liquid nitrogen demonstration. Employees also introduced the Koriyama Plant's environmentally conscious initiative of treating water drawn from a nearby river before returning it to the environment, providing an opportunity for deeper learning linked to the SDGs and the science curriculum.





WFP Walk the World



The Hodogaya Chemical Group joined "WFP Walk the World for Africa 2025 Yokohama," a charity event organized by the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), as part of its CSR activities. Supporting SDG 2, "Zero Hunger," the event donates a portion of entry fees to provide school meals for children in Africa. On May 11, 2025, a total of 10 officers and employees from the Head Office and Yokohama Plant took part in the 5 km course, with all participants completing the walk. The event attracted 4,741 walkers in total and raised enough funds to provide school meals for approximately 155,000 children.
The Hodogaya Chemical Group will continue to contribute to a sustainable society through the proactive actions of each of its officers and employees.

Biodiversity Conservation Initiative: Lake Inawashiro Clean Action



The Hodogaya Chemical Group actively works to conserve biodiversity.
On April 26, 2025, we participated in the "Lake Inawashiro Clean Action," a cleanup activity along the shores of Lake Inawashiro. Carrying out cleanup activities amid the area's rich and beautiful natural surroundings gave participants a firsthand appreciation of the importance of environmental conservation. It also provided a valuable opportunity to build connections through warm interactions with local residents and fellow officers and personnel. Every member, including new hires, takes an active role in social contribution activities. We will continue to promote community-based environmental conservation activities toward the realization of a sustainable planet and society.