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GROUP HISTORY

Effective utilization of resources and environmental protection — these are the themes that we have been consistently and invariably addressing since our foundation.

Stage 1

We commercialized the recycling of silver from photographic development processes at a time when public concern was not as focused on recycling and environmental issues as it is today. Additionally, we also newly entered the environmental protection business.

1952

Asahi Chemical Laboratory founded.

Began recovery of silver from photographic fixing solutions. The photography industry expanded significantly along with the rapid economic growth, and the demand for silver expanded in industries related to silver for photo-sensitive materials.

1964

Incorporated as a limited company.

1968

Kobe Plant constructed in Higashi-Nada-Ku, Kobe.

Started supply of silver to then Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd.

1969

Introduced electrolytic silver recovery equipment using in-house developed technology ahead of the industry.

It made effective, high-purity silver recycling possible.

1971

Enactment of the Waste Management and Public Cleansing Law.

Became mandatory to control the amount of waste discharged and treat it properly.

Contracted to join Fuji Photo Film's photo treatment and environmental protection program.

1973

Industrial waste disposal license obtained from Kobe City authorities.

First in Japan to receive a license to treat toxic effluent related to photography. The number of employees was only around 20 people.

1974

Fukuoka Office opened, thereafter followed by offices and plants throughout the country.

1975

PLATA, small electrolytic silver recovery equipment, entered production.

1978

Head Office building completed in Higashi-Nada-Ku, Kobe.

Registered as an environmental measurement certification business.

1981

Started objective management and internal proposal system.

Announced practical realization of the digital camera.

Stage 2

We responded to changes in the market through technical innovations while promoting the diversification of our precious metal recycling business.

1982

Entered the precious metal recycling business from the dental-related business.

Determined the diversification of precious metal recycling business foreseeing the reduction of the photo effluent treatment market.

1986

Started recycling precious metals from electronic components and the jewelry industry.

1988

Started manufacturing and sales of chemicals for plating.

1992

Obtained specially controlled industrial waste disposal license.

1993

Establishment of the Basic Environmental Law which forms the backbone of Japan's environmental policy.

Stage 3

Opened overseas bases for the first time in order to meet the needs for precious metal scrap collection which arose in local regions in the wake of the overseas business expansion of our clients in Japan, and became listed on the stock market.

1994

Asahi G&S Sdn. Bhd. established in Malaysia.

1997

Five subsidiaries and affiliates merged and changed their name to become Asahi Pretec Corporation.

1998

Headquarters moved to Sannomiya, Kobe.

Techno-Center opened.

1999

Stock made available to public on over-the-counter market.

Techno-Center obtained ISO9001 certification.

2000

Techno-Center obtained ISO14001 certification.

Listed on the 2nd Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

Stage 4

Promoted an expansion of the items dealt with and enlarged our service provision area through M&A in order to meet the increasingly diverse needs of our customers concerning waste treatment.

2001

Acquired Sansho Co., Ltd., Daimon Co., Ltd., and Eco-Material Co., Ltd.

2002

Promoted to the 1st Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

2003

Shanghai Asahi Pretec Co., Ltd., established in China.

2004

Acquired Nihon Chemitech Co., Ltd.

2005

Acquired Shioiri Kenzai Co., Ltd.

Daimon Co., Ltd. merged to Nihon Chemitech Co., Ltd.

2006

Acquired Iyotec Co., Ltd.

Acquired Nishiki Kosan Co., Ltd.

Eco-Material Co., Ltd. merged to Nihon Chemitech Co., Ltd.

Established Asahi Pretec Korea Co., Ltd. in Korea.

2007

Established the Tokyo Headquarters in Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo.

Merged with Nishiki Kosan Co., Ltd.

Acquired Taiyo Chemical Co., Ltd.

Acquired part of the environmental business from Sanix Incorporated, established Kitakyushu Office.

2008

Established Japan Waste Corporation.

Acquired Fuji Rozai Co., Ltd.

Stage 5

Carrying on with challenges in aspiring to be a leading company in the eco-business that contributes to society through its businesses.

2009

Asahi Holdings, Inc. newly listed.

Conversion to a holding company.

We are proud of ourselves that we have been ahead of our time in working to address social challenges, like the creation of a society oriented toward recycling resources, as well as global environmental issues. We are striving to progress from being an eco-business pioneer to a leading company in the eco-business that contributes to society through its businesses. The Asahi Holdings Group will carry on with challenges as it aspires to advance to the next stage.

ASAHI HOLDINGS GROUP COMPANIES

Asahi Pretec Corporation

(HQ: Kobe, Hyogo Prefecture, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo)

Precious metal recycling business

Recovering, refining, and recycling precious and rare metal materials used in the fields of electronics, FPD, catalysts, dentistry, jewelry, IT equipment, photography, and more.

<Subsidiaries>

● Asahi G&S Sdn. Bhd. (Malaysia)

Precious metal recycling business

Collecting precious metal materials from local electronic component manufacturers and jewelry manufacturers and recycling them at our local plants.

● Shanghai Asahi Pretec Co., Ltd.

Precious metal recycling business

Collecting precious metal materials in local markets from mainly Japanese IT equipment manufacturers who are continuously setting up operations in China and recycling at our local plants.

● Asahi Pretec Korea Co., Ltd.

Precious metal recycling business

Collecting precious metal materials from Korean electronic component manufacturers and recycling them.

Japan Waste Corporation

(HQ: Kobe, Hyogo Prefecture, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo)

Environmental protection business

Industrial waste disposal and other environmental protection businesses

<Subsidiaries>

● Nihon Chemitech Co., Ltd. (HQ: Kawaguchi, Saitama Prefecture)

Environmental protection business

1. Using its proprietary detoxifying technology which is based on biological treatment, Nihon Chemitech conducts appropriate treatment of industrial waste that is discharged from manufacturers like semiconductor and electronic component makers.
2. Microbial treatment, dewatering, and reducing the volume of organic waste fluids and sludge generated by various food processors, grease traps from food-service industry, and contaminants discharged from cleaning kitchen drainage and purification tanks.
3. The aforementioned dewatered and reduced sludge is fermented to produce compost and then reused by cooperative farmers.
4. Cleaning of sewage facilities, etc.

● Fuji Rozai Co., Ltd. (HQ: Ota-ku, Tokyo)

Flash furnace repair work

Conducts repair work on flash furnaces like glass production furnaces and waste incinerators.

Environmental protection business

Collects, transports, and performs intermediate treatment on firebricks and so on.

● Sansho Co., Ltd. (HQ: Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture)

Environmental protection business

1. Efficiently separating and crushing various kinds of industrial waste discharged by different industries and treating them appropriately.
2. Cleaning up and appropriately processing hazardous waste that adheres to semiconductor manufacturing equipment and various research facilities.

● Shioiri Kenzai Co., Ltd. (HQ: Nagano, Nagano Prefecture)

Construction business

Engineering in public works such as for rivers, roads, bridges, and tunnels, as well as water services and sewage works. It also conducts contract work for building demolition.

Environmental protection business

Recycling specific construction material waste, such as concrete blocks, as well as the waste timber and soil generated.

● Iyotec Co., Ltd. (HQ: Akashi, Hyogo Prefecture)

Personnel dispatching service

Providing services involving the dispatch of personnel to work at mainly chemical and machinery plants.

● Taiyo Chemical Co., Ltd. (HQ: Kagoshima, Kagoshima Prefecture)

Environmental protection business

1. Incinerating and appropriately processing waste oil and waste effluent generated from electronic component manufacturers.
2. Incinerating and appropriately processing infectious medical waste from hospitals and the like.
3. Recovering silver from photo-sensitive materials and processing waste effluent.