

# Reference

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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.

Started 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

We took the lead to introduce the industry's first electrolytic silver recycling device which we developed, making it possible to recycle silver efficiently and with high purity.

### 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 then 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.

Registration of environmental measurement certification office

### 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.

Acquisition of ISO9001 certification with Techno Center

#### 2000

Acquisition of ISO14001 certification with Techno Center

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.

Business commencement of JW Glass Recycling

#### 2010

Conclusion of a joint-venture contract with a local influential enterprise in China.

# ASAHI HOLDINGS GROUP COMPANIES

## Asahi Pretec Corporation

(Head Offices: Kobe city, Hyogo prefecture/Chiyoda Ward, Tokyo)

### Precious Metals Recycling

Collecting, refining and recycling precious and rare metals used in a variety of areas such as electronics, flat panel displays, catalysts, dentistry, jewelry, information device, photography and so forth.

### Environmental Protection

Waste treatment and other environmental protection efforts.

### <Overseas Bases>

#### ● Asahi G&S Sdn. Bhd. (Malaysia)

### Precious Metals Recycling

Collection of precious metals from electronic parts and local jewelry manufacturers and recycling them at the local plant.

#### ● Shanghai Asahi Pretec Co., Ltd.

### Precious Metals Recycling

Collection of precious metals from mainly Japanese IT manufacturers established in China and recycling them at the local plant.

#### ● Asahi Kanfort (Jiangmen) Environmental Management Co., Ltd.

### Precious Metals Recycling

Collection of precious metals from areas such as catalysts and recycling at the local plant scheduled upon joint venture with Kanfort Industrial (Jiangmen) Precious Metals Co., Ltd.

#### ● Asahi Pretec Korea Co., Ltd.

### Precious Metals Recycling

Collection and recycling of precious metals from a wide range of areas including the electronics industry and dentistry, etc.

## Japan Waste Corporation

(Head Offices: Kobe city, Hyogo prefecture/Chiyoda Ward, Tokyo)

Joining subsidiary companies under Japan Waste to broadly conduct extensive waste treatment and other environmental protection business.

### <Subsidiaries>

#### ● Nihon Chemitec Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Kawaguchi City, Saitama Prefecture)

### Environmental Protection

1. Neutralization and biotreatment of industrial wastes discharged from manufacturers of semi-conductors, electronic components, etc. to make such wastes harmless.
2. Biotreatment, dewatering and volume reduction of organic waste liquids and sludge from foods discharged from various food manufacturers and restaurants. In addition, producing compost from organic waste.

#### ● JW Glass Recycling Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Koto Ward, Tokyo)

### Environmental Protection

Recycling of sheet glass and glass bottles.

#### ● Fuji Rozai Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Ota Ward, Tokyo)

### Furnace Repair

Demolishing and periodic repairing of glass manufacturing furnaces, waste incinerators, etc.

### Environmental Protection

Collection, transportation, intermediate treatment and recycling of fire-proof bricks, etc.

#### ● Sansyo Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Yokohama City, Kanagawa Prefecture)

### Environmental Protection

1. Efficient sorting and crushing of industrial wastes such as waste plastic produced by industries.
2. Cleansing of hazardous wastes attached to semi-conductor manufacturing devices and all kinds of research laboratory equipment.

#### ● Shioiri Kenzai Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Nagano City, Nagano Prefecture)

### Constructions

Engineering work on rivers, roads, bridges and tunnels; contracting of water and sewage works and building dismantling.

### Environmental Protection

Recycling of specific construction waste materials like concrete blocks, metal scraps, construction waste wood, waste soil from digging, etc.

#### ● Iyotec Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Akashi City, Hyogo Prefecture)

### Temp Service

Dispatching of human resources to mainly chemical and machinery plants.

#### ● Taiyo Chemical Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Kagoshima city, Kagoshima prefecture)

### Environmental Protection

1. Incineration and neutralization of waste oil and liquids discharged from electronics components and photography industries.
2. Incineration of infectious medical wastes from hospitals.