

Activities Policy in This Area

The Kurita Group will strive as necessary to improve issues with freshwater resources such as rivers, lakes and marshes, and seas and oceans, including initiatives in the Water Resilience Coalition. The Kurita Group will also contribute to improvement of water access and preventing the spread of infectious diseases by providing support for the construction and repair of sanitation facilities for people facing problems with water, sanitation and hygiene.

Achievements in FY2023

Support for New Construction and Repair of Water and Sanitation Facilities

Support for the activities of Reach Alternatives (REALs)

Kurita has continued to provide financial support for this organization since fiscal 2019, to support the people fleeing from violent conflicts and natural disasters at the Mangateen IDP camp in Juba, the capital of the Republic of South Sudan.

In fiscal 2023, the organization repaired and maintained 3 latrine blocks and installed safety light beside each latrine block. This has enabled approximately 3,000 people to use latrines and improved water and sanitation conditions. In particular, women and children can now safely go to the latrines without fears even at nights.

In fiscal 2024, in addition to repair and maintenance of boreholes and latrines to enable access to clean water and good sanitary environment, the organization will conduct trainings on prevention of conflict over water, and awareness-raising activities for sanitation and gender-based violence prevention.



The latrine block and the installed safety light in Mangateen IDP camp

Support for the activities of WaterAid Japan

Kurita has supported people facing water, sanitation and hygiene issues by continuing to provide financial support to the organization since fiscal 2019.

In fiscal 2023, the organization installed a wastewater treatment system in Unnao district, Uttar Pradesh, India, and improved the problem of health hazards caused by household wastewater. They also provided safe drinking water by distributing fluoride removal filters for home use.

In fiscal 2024, the organization will install new wastewater treatment systems in the district and show the systems to the local government and community as models of wastewater treatment. They will also conduct trainings on the maintenance and management of the systems for community, as well as campaigns to raise awareness of preserving and conserving water.



The completed wastewater treatment system in Unnao district (Courtesy of WaterAid India)

Fostering the Next Generation

Activities policy in This Area

The Kurita Group will foster awareness of water-related issues and stimulate interest in science among children and students who will lead the next generation by holding hands-on learning events, providing on-site classes, and sponsoring contests.

Achievements in FY2023

Contest Sponsorship

20th Japan Science & Engineering Challenge (JSEC 2022)

The Japan Science & Engineering Challenge (JSEC) is a research contest in science and engineering for high school and technical college students in Japan that has been held by The Asahi Shimbun Company since 2003. We have been co-sponsoring JSEC since fiscal 2020. In fiscal 2023, we presented the Kurita Water Industries Award to Ms. Sasara Mizutani of Tokyo Metropolitan Koishikawa Secondary Education School for her research into “Development of a Method for Measuring and Visualizing the Concentration of Aerosol Particles Using Flame Photometry.”

As a follow up, an exchange meeting was held between her and researchers of the Kurita Group at Kurita Innovation Hub (KIH), our R&D base. On the day of the event, after observing KIH's research and facilities, Ms. Mizutani gave a presentation in English as preparation for the international competition ISEF*1. Her presentation was held online by connecting researchers from KIH, Kurita R&D Asia Pte. Ltd., and Kurita Europe GmbH. Representing Japan, Ms. Mizutani subsequently presented her research at the ISEF, held in Dallas, Texas, USA, from May 14 to 19. After returning to Japan, she received a special award from the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology for her good work at the ISEF.

*1 ISEF (International Science and Engineering Fair): Organized by the Society for Science & the Public, a U.S.-based non-profit organization, ISEF is one of the world's largest international competitions of free science-related research, involving approximately 1,600 high school students from more than 64 countries and regions.



Ms. Sasara Mizutani of Tokyo Metropolitan Koishikawa Secondary Education School received the Kurita Water Industries Award (left)

On-Site Classes

NPO After School Online Program to Learn About the Importance of Water

With NPO After School, Kurita has continued to conduct programs that allow elementary school students to enjoy learning while experiencing the importance of water since fiscal 2022.

In fiscal 2023, we titled the program “Save the World with Professor Water! Take the Exciting Filtering Experiment Challenge” and held 18 online classes. The same program was held once at KIH, inviting local elementary school students.

In addition to the above program, in fiscal 2024, we will start a new program, “Exciting Operation Water and the Future ~ Mystery Solving Survival ~.”



Taking part in a water class at NPO After School

Recovery and Reconstruction of Disaster-Stricken Areas

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In the event of a disaster or conflict that has a significant impact on people's lives and economic activities, the Kurita Group will provide support for disaster-stricken areas.

Results for FY2023

Support for earthquake-stricken areas in southeastern Turkey

In order to support people facing difficulties due to the earthquake that occurred in southeastern Turkey, Kurita Water Industries donated 20 million yen through Japan Platform.

In addition, Kurita Europe GmbH donated 20,000 euros through Aktion Deutschland Hilft, a German disaster relief organization, and Kurita Turkey A.S., a subsidiary of Kurita Europe GmbH, donated 10,000 euros through AHBAP, a local disaster relief organization.

Revitalization of Local Communities

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As a member of the local community, the Kurita Group will contribute to the revitalization of the local community by participating in and supporting community activities such as cleaning, tree planting, and sports events.

Achievements in FY2023

Community crime prevention event by Kurita Water Gush Akishima

Kurita Water Industries' rugby team, Kurita Water Gush Akishima, participated in community crime prevention event at the request of the Akishima Police Station.

On January 10, 2023, a total of six athletes and staff members participated in the event held in front of Akishima Station. At the event, participants urged people to take thorough measures to prevent bicycle theft, such as locking their bicycles when they leave them, even for short periods of time. Athletes and staff members who participated in the event said, "I would like to encourage everyone to always lock their bicycles, even in their home or office bicycle parking areas." and "I would like to participate in more crime prevention events like this in the future."



Community crime prevention event held in front of Akishima Station

Activities at Business Sites

The Kurita Group engages in a variety of community contribution activities to help revitalize communities in Business Sites.

In fiscal 2023, Kurita do Brasil LTDA. conducted activities such as donating winter clothes and toys collected by its employees to people in need in the area surrounding Artur Nogueira, where the company's base is located. In addition, employees brought small gifts to a local senior citizens' home at Christmas, deepening exchanges with community.



Toys donated to people in the area surrounding Artur Nogueira