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1. Awards Received (1995-)

1995	<p>The 15th Kinoshita Award (Grand Prix of the Package Industry) by the Japan Packaging Institute To Kikkoman Corp. for developing the back-in-box octo-post made with resource saving cardboard.</p>
1997	<p>Excellent Factory in Resource Reuse by Clean Waste Chiba To the Noda Plant of Kikkoman Corp. at the convention to promote proper disposal of industrial waste.</p> <p>Excellent Greening of a Factory Award by the Hokkaido Regional Office of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry To the Chitose Factory of Kikkoman Corp. as a model factory promoting greening.</p>
1998	<p>The 7th Environment Saving and Resource Saving Award by the Nippon Shokuryo Shimbun (a food industry newspaper) To Kikkoman Corp. for its active efforts to preserve the environment and protect resources.</p>
1999	<p>JSBBA Award for Achievement in Technological Research by the Japan Society for Bioscience, Biotechnology and Agrochemistry (JSBBA) To Kikkoman Corp. for developing a method of extracting high-purity polyphenol from grape seeds (the byproducts of wine production), and assessing its functionality.</p> <p>Waste Reduction Award Program (WRAP) Award by CalRecycle (California, US) To the California Plant of Kikkoman Foods, Inc. for its waste reducing and recycling efforts. [The same award was also given in 2001-2006, 2008-2011.]</p> <p>The 9th Distribution System Grand Prize by Nikkan Kogyo Shimbun Co., Ltd. (an industrial paper) To Kikkoman Corp. for its development of distribution support software programs as a good model in promoting computerization of the distribution service industry.</p>
2001	<p>The 7th Architectural Culture Award of Chiba Prefecture by the Chiba Prefectural government To the Noda Head Office of Kikkoman Group for the functionality and cultural traits of its architecture, including energy efficiency by using the latest and more innovative technology, aiming to become an office with reduced environmental impact.</p> <p>Nikkei New Office Promotion Award by Nippon Keizai Shimbun Co., Ltd. (a nationwide economic paper) To the Noda Head office of Kikkoman Group for its energy-saving design and effective use of rainwater in an effort to promote new comfortable and functional offices.</p> <p>The 23rd Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Award (for the Food Industry sector of the Environmental Conservation Category) by the Ministry To Kikkoman Corp. for its efforts to sustain and improve the environment through energy saving and resource reuse, and the environmental management system, etc.</p>
2002	<p>The Examination Committee Encouragement Prize of the Environmental and Energy Saving Architecture Award by the Institute of Building Environment and Energy Conservation To the Noda Head office of Kikkoman Group for its energy-saving design, adopting louvers for lighting, and effective air-conditioning system and rainwater utilization.</p>
2003	<p>Special Award for Production under the Nikkei Advanced Business Operation Award by Nippon Keizai Shimbun Co., Ltd. To Kikkoman Foods, Inc. (KFI) for its enhanced productivity, environmental measures, international competitiveness and expansion of soy sauce consumption.</p> <p>The 4th Sustainable Architecture Award by the Japan Institute of Architects To the Noda Head office of Kikkoman Group for its excellent ideas and techniques that will open up a new horizon as a model for the age of environmental concern.</p>
2004	<p>Award for 2003 by the Director of the Industrial Science and Technology Policy and Environment Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry To the R&D Division of Kikkoman Corp. for using soy sauce oil as fish feed as an excellent example of resource recycle technology.</p> <p>JSBBA Award for Achievement in Technological Research by the Japan Society for Bioscience, Biotechnology and Agrochemistry (JSBBA) To the R&D Division of Kikkoman Corp. for its technology to apply firefly Luciferase to produce various stain measuring devices.</p>

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	<p>Excellent Corporation Award by the Sustainable Management Rating Institute To Kikkoman Corp. for its excellent practice of corporate social responsibility (CSR) management that serves as a model for other companies.</p>
2004	<p>Pollution Prevention Award (PPA)/Sacramento Sustainable Business (SSB) Award by Sacramento County To the California Plant of Kikkoman Foods, Inc. (KFI) for its efforts to save energy and water, prevent pollution, and reduce waste. [PPA was also granted in 2005 and 2006; SSB was granted in 2007-09 and 2011.]</p> <p>The 23rd Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry Award for the Greening of a Factory by the Japan Greenery Research and Development Center To the Chitose Factory of Kikkoman Corp. for its efforts to maintain the natural forests and to offer a place of comfort to local people.</p>
2006	<p>Technical Award for FY2006 by the Japan Soy Sauce Technology Center for devising a general agricultural chemical residue analysis method. To Environmental Analysis Center of Kikkoman Corp. for devising a general agricultural chemical residue analysis method.</p>
2007	<p>Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC) Award by the Sacramento Environmental Commission, an environment conservation organization in Sacramento county To Kikkoman Foods, Inc. for active environmental preservation effort [The same award was also granted in 2009.]</p>
2009	<p>Food Packaging Award of the Japan Packaging Contest 2009 organized by the Japan Packaging Institute To Kikkoman Food Products Co. for Kikkoman soy sauce 750ml and 500ml bottles.</p>
2010	<p>Honored by the Singapore Government To KSP as a corporation which has contributed to the promotion of beautification and greening in Singapore. As a token, the natural heritage "Rain Tree" was awarded to KSP.</p>
2011	<p>Special Award "Ten Year Award," (11th Awarding) by the Society of Heating, Air-Conditioning and Sanitary Engineers To Kikkoman Noda Head Office Building for its provision of comfort in the interior environment, and management to maintain and improve energy-saving qualities.</p>
2012	<p>Green Leadership Award by the Business Journals (industrial magazine) To the California Plant of Kikkoman Foods, Inc. as a corporation taking a leading role in building a beautiful future among corporations in Sacramento county.</p>
2013	<p>EDEN Award (2013) by the Dutch Government and other institution To Kikkoman Foods Europe B.V. as a corporation making contributions to the water quality preservation project for Lake Zuldlaardermeer in Groningen state, the Netherlands.</p>
2014	<p>Honor by the Chairman of the Chubu Electricity Use Rationalization Committee (for corporations excelling in energy management) To the Gifu Plant of Kikkoman Soyfoods Co. for its efforts in efficient use of electricity and saving energy.</p>
2016	<p>Nikkei New Office Promotion Award by Nippon Keizai Shimbun Co., Ltd. (in the Kinki Area) To the Kinki Branch Office of Kikkoman Group for its good management and control of the intellectual asset and information, its high capability of intellectual production utilizing information technology (IT), its establishment of comfort and convenient working environment and its high contribution to natural environment and local society.</p>
2017	<p>2016 Award for the Excellent Energy Management Factory, by the Kanto Regional Office of Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry To the Noda Factory of Kikkoman Food Products Co., for its reduction of energy consumption and CO₂ emissions accomplished with reviewing and improving efficiency of usage of the boilers.</p>

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1970:Aug.	The Antipollution Committee was established.
1971:all year	Environmental loads were surveyed among all the operations centers.
1972:Dec.	The Environmental Management Department was established. (Measures Section and Investigation Section)
1976:Oct.	The Environmental Analysis Center was established. (Certified Environmental Survey/Measurement Services)
1989:Nov.	Boiler using soy sauce cake was installed.
1992:Mar.	Division was re-organized to Environment Protection Division.
1992:Apr.	The General Environment Protection Committee was established.
1992:Oct.	Kikkoman Group Environmental Principles was formulated and announced.
1993:Mar.	Voluntary Action Plan on Environmental Preservation (Voluntary Plan) was formulated.
1995:Mar.	Division was re-organized to Environmental Protection Promotion Division (Environmental Preservation Planning Department and Environmental Analysis Center)
1995:Jun.	Internal Environmental Auditing started (at 14 places including the production and research sectors and the hospital).
1995:Sep.	Kikkoman joined the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD).
1997:May	Noda Plant (currently Noda Factory, Kikkoman Food Products Company) acquired ISO14001 certification.
1997:Oct.	The Target of Internal Environmental Auditing expanded to related companies and overseas factories.
1998:Nov.	Kikkoman Annual Environmental Report was disclosed.
1999:Aug.	The General Environmental Preservation Committee was established (reorganized into the General Environment Protection Committee). Environmental Management Dept. was set up within the Environmental Protection Promotion Division.
2000:Feb.	Goals for the reduction of greenhouse gas, recycling of waste and byproducts were determined and announced.
2000:Jul.	Environmental Accounting was disclosed in the Kikkoman Annual Environmental Report.
2001:Jan.	Participation in the United Nations Global Compact Initiative was announced.
2001:Jul.	Kikkoman Group Annual Environmental Report was published.
2002:Jun.	Environmental Protection Promotion Div. was reorganized as Environment Department (Environment Planning & Management Group and Analysis Center).
2003:Mar.	ISO14001 certifications for major plants abroad were acquired.
2004:Jun.	Kikkoman Group Annual Environmental Management Report was disclosed on the website.
2005:Jun.	Kikkoman Group Environmental Preservation Activities Case Book was published.
2005:Jul.	“Eco Rail Mark” was certified by the Railway Freight Association.
2005:Dec.	Participation in Eco Product Exhibition was started. “Slim down Container and Package Declaration” announced by eight local governments.
2006:Feb.	ISO14001 certifications for all major companies were acquired.
2006:Jun.	Kikkoman Group Corporate Citizenship Report was published.
2006:Aug.	Participation in “Team Minus 6%”.
2008:Mar.	Kikkoman’s Guidelines for Containers and Packaging were determined and announced.
2009:Feb.	Caring for Climate was signed.
2009:Oct.	The Environmental Analysis Center was re-organized as the “Kikkoman Environment and Food Safety Analysis Center” of the R & D Division.
2009:Nov.	Environmental Management Promotion System was organized.
2011:May	Participation in the Japan Business and Biodiversity Partnership.
2011:Jun.	Kikkoman Group Multi-site ISO14001 Certification was acquired in Japan.
2013:Apr.	Joined the Chiba Biodiversity Corporate Network.
2015:Jun.	CEO Water Mandate in the UN Global Compact and Water Project were signed.