

Coexistence with Local Communities

■ Policies and Strategies

The Furukawa Company Group has a policy of actively participating in society and contributing to its development as set forth in its Charter of Corporate Conduct and its Code of Conduct for Officers and Employees.

 [The Furukawa Company Group's Charter of Corporate Conduct](#)

 [The Furukawa Company Group's Code of Conduct for Officers and Employees](#)

■ Initiatives

Activities that are closely connected with local communities include participation in local volunteer cleanup campaigns and inviting children and students to social studies tours. Through these activities, we focus on harmonious coexistence with local communities and contribute to their development. We also engage in activities to promote the attractiveness of local communities, including operation and management of the Furukawa Kakemizu Club and the Furukawa Ashio Museum of History (Nikko City, Tochigi Prefecture). In these ways, we help maintain and develop local culture.

● Social Contribution Activities: Areas of Focus

Activity Field	Main Activity
Education	Organization of social studies field trips for children and students
Culture and arts	Operation/management of Furukawa Kakemizu Club and Furukawa Ashio Museum of History; maintenance/management and utilization of historic sites
Harmonious coexistence with local communities	Participation in local volunteer cleanup campaigns
Environmental conservation	Tree-planting

Examples of Social Contribution Activities

(1) Hirose River Volunteer Cleanup Campaign

Each company in the Group participates in volunteer cleanup activities as part of its contribution to local communities. In September 2023, a total of nine employees and family members from the Tohoku Branch of Furukawa Industrial Machinery Systems Co., Ltd., participated in the 34th Hirose River Cleanup Campaign (part of the Hirose River 10,000 People Project) in Sendai City, Miyagi Prefecture.



Hirose River cleanup volunteers

(2) Social Studies Tour of Ashio Copper Mine

At our Ashio Office (Nikko City, Tochigi Prefecture), 30 students from secondary school in Ibaraki Prefecture designated as Super Science High School (SSH)* were invited to take a social studies tour of the Ashio Copper Mine as part of their hands-on education.

With the cooperation of the Ashio Office, we provided explanations on the copper smelting process and our environmental measures and gave a special tour of a former smelting facility and ore dressing plant. We also demonstrated the mechanism for removing heavy metals from mine wastewater at the Nakasai water purification plant.

* Super Science High School (SSH): This is a program in which Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology designates and supports high schools that are making outstanding efforts to nurture internationally active human resources in science and technology.



Social studies tour of Ashio Copper Mine

(3) Donations to Aid Victims of the Noto Peninsula Earthquake

The Furukawa Company Group has donated a total of ¥8 million in relief funds to support the recovery and reconstruction of areas affected by the Noto Peninsula Earthquake. The contribution was made by Furukawa Co., Ltd., and six core Group companies: Furukawa Industrial Machinery Systems Co., Ltd., Furukawa Rock Drill Co., Ltd., Furukawa UNIC Corporation, Furukawa Metals & Resources Co., Ltd., Furukawa Denshi Co., Ltd., and Furukawa Chemicals Co., Ltd. All of us at the Furukawa Company Group are praying for everyone's safety and the earliest possible restoration and recovery of the affected areas.

(4) Furukawa Kakemizu Club

As part of its activities to promote the attractiveness of local communities, the Furukawa Company Group helps maintain and develop local culture by operating and managing the Furukawa Kakemizu Club in Ashio-machi (Nikko City, Tochigi Prefecture).

The Furukawa Kakemizu Club is based in a house that was once used to entertain and accommodate distinguished guests during the prosperous period of the Ashio Copper Mine. Renovated in the early Taisho period (1912–1926), it is a two-story structure with a Western-style exterior and Japanese and Western-style interior, each influenced by Josiah Conder, a British architect who designed Rokumeikan and Kyu-Furukawa Gardens, among others.

The house is equipped with facilities for entertaining distinguished guests, including a billiard room with the oldest billiard tables in Japan and Japanese-style rooms.

The club was designated as a Registered Tangible Cultural Property in 2006.



Furukawa Kakemizu Club, a designated Registered Tangible Cultural Property

Company Properties Designated as Modern Industrial Heritage Sites

In November 2007, Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) designated 33 Modern Industrial Heritage Sites across the country. METI presented certificates and plaques to the owners of these heritage sites, which are recognized as assets that could help drive regional revitalization efforts.

Among the heritage sites, Furukawa Co., Ltd., received recognition for three locations: the Ashio Copper Mine (Tochigi Prefecture), the Yoshima Coal Mine (Fukushima Prefecture), and the Chikuho Coalfield (Fukuoka Prefecture).

The Company is committed to carefully preserving its designated sites. We will also work actively to revitalize the local communities connected to those sites.



National Historic Site: "Tsudoko" (Main adit, part of the former Ashio Copper Mine)



National Historic Site: Utsuno gunpowder depot ruins (part of the former Ashio Copper Mine)