

# 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](#)
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## Initiatives

The origins of the Furukawa Company Group date back to 1875, when we began managing the Kusakura Copper Mine in Niigata Prefecture. Two years later, in 1877, we took over the management of the Ashio Copper Mine in Tochigi Prefecture, which went on to achieve remarkable technological innovations noted in Japan's industrial history. The mine grew to become the nation's leading copper producer, contributing greatly to Japan's industrial development while serving as the driving force behind the growth of the Furukawa conglomerate.

Recognizing that coexistence with local communities is essential to the Group's sustainable growth, we are actively engaged in community-based initiatives, focusing on regions where we operate. These include Ashio, the birthplace of our founding spirit and the site that laid the foundation for the Furukawa conglomerate. As part of our community-based activities, we participate in local cleanup volunteer programs and host social studies field trips for elementary and junior high school students.

### ● 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) Welcoming Interns from Local High Schools

From July 22 to 24, 2024, the Takasaki Yoshii Works of Furukawa Rock Drill Co., Ltd., hosted three students from Gunma Prefectural Tomioka Technical High School as part of the school's internship program. Through this internship, we provided students with an opportunity to consider their future career paths and helped foster a positive attitude toward work and an understanding of various occupations. Recognizing that social contribution plays a role in supporting local education, we will continue actively engaging in such initiatives going forward.

#### (2) Social Studies Tour of Ashio Copper Mine

Each company in the Group participates in volunteer cleanup activities as part of its contribution to local communities. In September 2024, a total of eight employees and family members from the Tohoku Branch of Furukawa Industrial Machinery Systems Co., Ltd., participated in the 36th Hirose River Cleanup Campaign (part of the Hirose River 10,000 People Project) in Sendai City, Miyagi Prefecture..



Hirose River cleanup volunteers

#### (3) Social Studies Field Trip for Ashio Elementary and Junior High School Students

On November 6, 2024, Furukawa C&F Co., Ltd., welcomed students from Ashio Elementary and Junior High School for a social studies field trip. Four fifth-grade students and their teacher visited Furukawa C&F's plant to observe its production line. After an easy-to-understand explanation of the products, the students gained hands-on experience in molding and casting work inside the plant.



Social studies field trip

#### (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 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)