

**Received the Highest Ranking of CDP 2023 Water Security A List,
Two Years in a Row**

For the second year in a row, Nagase & Co., Ltd. (Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director, President and CEO: Hiroyuki Ueshima) was placed on the Water A list, the highest ranking given, by CDP, an international NGO involved in evaluating water security initiatives and information disclosure.



CDP's water security survey ranks water security strategies, responses, and information disclosure on an eight-point scale from A and A- to D and D-, and releases evaluations of the state of strategies, initiatives, and information disclosure to the public.

In addition to its trading firm functions, the NAGASE Group also has manufacturing and processing functions, and so has developed a water management plan centered around productions centers which have high levels of water intake and discharge, with initiatives in place to improve usage efficiency and reduce the amount of water used. An example of an initiative to use recycled water is in place at Okayama Plant I and Okayama Plant II of Hayashibara Co., Ltd. (Head office: Kita-ku, Okayama; Representative Director: Naoki Yasuba), where condensed water made after steam is created is reused as boiler water. Another example at Nagase ChemteX Corporation (Head office: Nishi-ku, Osaka; President and CEO: Satoru Fujii) is recycled water being used in water-cooled chillers. For wastewater processing, Hayashibara's Okayama Plant I and Okayama Plant II carry out biological treatment in aeration tanks and physical treatment with filters before releasing it into the river. At Nagase ChemteX, to eliminate the fluctuating impact of biodegradation rates, in addition to biological treatment in aeration tanks, the cutting-edge technology of ozone treatment devices are also used to hedge risks. The treated water is then released into the water after being processed in the various facilities.

The NAGASE Group will contribute to creating a sustainable society by engaging in water security initiatives including ensuring appropriate amounts of water are used in its business activities and recycling and reusing water, as well as improving usage efficiency and reducing the amount of water used.

■About CDP

CDP (formerly the Carbon Disclosure Project) is an international non-profit organization founded in the UK in 2000. Representing institutional investors, CDP is a world-renowned ESG evaluation organization that surveys and evaluates risks and opportunities of major global companies for climate change, water security, and forests.

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