


Refineries contributing to the local community

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Cleaning Up to Show Appreciation

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● Volunteer Cleanup Activities

The Sakaide Refinery has been helping with local community cleanups since 2007. The refinery also holds its own neighborhood cleanup activities each spring and fall. Bulletin boards around the worksite promote the events, and employees volunteer.

The first time I joined a local cleanup, the shoreline was not as littered as I had expected. Apparently that particular beach was once covered in plastic bottles washed ashore, so these regular cleanups must be making a difference. A lot of people from our refinery were there, and we had a lot of fun. Even the little children were working hard to pick up garbage, so I also felt I had to do my best.

● Stimulating Internal Communication

In addition to beautifying the community, these cleanups offer the opportunity to talk with people, even those from my own company, who I wouldn't ordinarily see. It's fun to talk with new friends at the post-cleanup barbeque.

I grew up here in Kagawa Prefecture, and I wanted to work for a local company. So I joined Cosmo Oil in quality testing at the Sakaide Refinery. While learning about the petroleum business, something that was completely new to me, I thought it would be great to be able to contribute to the local community via this kind of volunteer activity. I will certainly participate again. (Tanikawa)



Employees and their families

◀ Shoreline cleanup
Barbeque afterwards ▶





The Cosmo Oil Group works hard at communicating with the public to earn trust. By fostering a corporate culture where all employees strive to contribute to society, the Group is strengthening local communities and fostering good relations by sharing the fun of making the world a better place.

Showing Appreciation

The garbage found on the beach is not left there by the locals, but rather brought in by the ocean. Most of the plastic bottles, styrene foam and other rubbish are made from petrochemicals. So it makes sense that we help pick them up. We have been refining oil here for more than 40 years and, although that ended in July 2013, we continue, as an oil terminal, to supply petroleum products to the local community. These cleanups give us a way to show our appreciation to the community, and they also promote interaction and cooperation among employees. (Okawa, Manager)



Sakaide Refinery

As part of a supply system reorganization, in August 2012 Cosmo Oil announced that refining operations would end at the Sakaide Refinery. Refining ended in July 2013, but the site continues to operate as an oil terminal and distribution base that ensures a stable supply of petroleum products for Western Japan.

Responsibility to Ensure Community Safety

Creating Accident Prevention Systems

Our disaster preparedness work involves a 24-hour system of refinery safety and security. The two main areas are safety management to prevent accidents, and acting to minimize damage in the event of an accident.

Specifically, we carry out onsite facility security, and perform firefighting with our own brigade when a fire occurs. Although there have been no major accidents so far, we hold a comprehensive disaster drill four times a year. We also participate in annual disaster drills held in cooperation with local petroleum industrial complexes. Since the Great East Japan Earthquake, people's awareness of disaster preparedness has really increased. By strengthening our initial earthquake response system, based on the scenario of an earthquake in the Nankai Trough, we are working to ensure peace of mind for everyone in the community.



Disaster drills



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