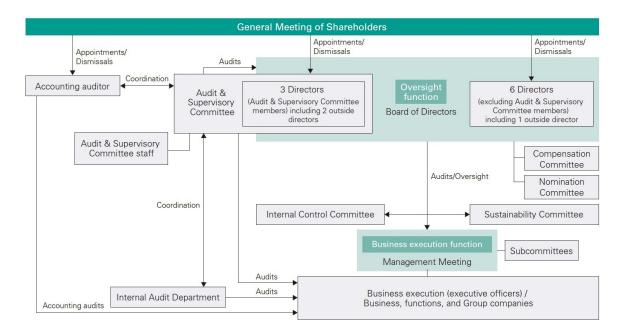
# **Sustainability Management**

# Sustainability Implementation System

### Sustainability Committee

Casio has amended its CSR implementation system and established a Sustainability Committee positioned between its Board of Directors and Management Committee. Since the beginning of fiscal 2022, in accordance with revisions to the business execution structure, the committee has been chaired by the director in charge of ESG strategy, with its members including the CFO, CHRO, heads of each business, heads of each functional headquarters, and officers in charge of staff departments. Important functions of the committee are to ensure that key issues relating to sustainability are candidly discussed by officers on the committee and to ensure that all committee members develop a consensus understanding of those issues. The results of the committee's deliberations are reported to the Board of Directors and then put into practice, following necessary procedures. In addition, the state of progress regarding each issue is continually monitored.



Themes that were deliberated on by the Sustainability Committee from fiscal 2021 through the beginning of fiscal 2022 and put into practice are outlined below, along with plans for fiscal 2022.

No.	Theme	Fiscal 2021 performance	Fiscal 2022 plan
1	Amend medium- and long-term greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets and join related global initiatives	Enhanced Casio's greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets to meet the latest SBTi criteria	<ul> <li>Receive validation from SBTi that Casio's targets are aligned with the scientific evidence-based goal of limiting global warming to well below 2 °C (validation already received)</li> <li>Join RE100</li> </ul>
2	Announce support for the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) and disclose relevant information	Announced support for TCFD recommendations and began disclosing climate-related information regarding governance, strategy, risk management, indices, and targets	Perform scenario analysis and formulate strategy based on analysis of risks and opportunities
3	Formulate an action plan (scenario) for greenhouse gas emissions reduction by FY2031	Formulated a scenario for scope 1 & 2 emissions reduction by FY2031	<ul> <li>Promote measures for reducing scope 1 &amp; 2         emissions based on a FY2031 scenario</li> <li>Verify actual conditions of scope 3 emissions and         formulate a reduction scenario</li> </ul>
4	Reconstruct the environmental vision/environmental policy	Formulated environmental philosophy system and plan consisting of an environmental vision, environmental policy, and action targets	Coordinate with each functional headquarters to formulate an environmental philosophy system and identify specific promotion themes
5	Reestablish sustainability goals	Implemented target-based organization of SDGs to aim for according to business unit/function	Specify SDGs and targets according to business unit/function and formulate KPIs based on their mid-term business plans

# **History of Sustainability Management**

Casio's CSR activities have evolved with social trends over the years. This section reviews that history, showing the increasing importance of management focused on social responsibility.

# 1990s: Establishing Environmental Management

The 1990s was a decade of growing public criticism of corporate practices, with repeated corporate scandals in Japan. Compliance measures were advanced, including the establishment of codes of conduct by large companies. Also, the issue of global warming came to light, and global environmental problems became apparent. Against this backdrop, many Japanese companies shifted to environmental management.

Casio established its Environmental Conservation Committee in 1991 and began to pursue environmental management. In 1993, the Casio Environmental Charter was established. This led to environmental activities across the Casio Group relating to both products and production/business sites.

As a company with a global presence, Casio understands that it is vital to comply with international norms as well as the applicable laws and regulations in each country and region. In 1998, the Casio Code of Ethics was created to ensure that all officers and employees act based on high ethical standards and sound judgment.

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### **Social Trends**

1990	•	Action Program to Arrest Global Warming established	
1001	•	Act for Promoting the Utilization of Recycled Resources takes effect	
1991	•	Keidanren Global Environment Charter established	
1993	•	Basic Environment Act takes effect	
1994	•	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change takes effect	
1996	•	ISO 14001 international environmental standard created	
1997	•	Kyoto Protocol adopted by the third session of the Conference of the Parties (COP3)	
1998	•	Act on Rationalizing Energy Use revised	
1770	•	Act on Promotion of Global Warming established	

#### **Casio Initiatives**

1991	•	Casio Environmental Conservation Committee launched	
1993	•	Casio Environmental Charter and Environmental Fundamental Policies established	
1997	•	Environmental activities reported on the Casio website	
1777	•	ISO 14001 certification acquired by Aichi Casio and Yamagata Casio	
1000	•	Casio Group Code of Conduct established	
1998	•	ISO 14001 certification acquired by Kofu Casio, Kochi Casio, Casio Korea, and Casio Electromex (Mexico)	
	•	Green Procurement Guidelines established	
1000	•	Environmental Report first published	
1999	•	First exhibit at Eco-Products	
	•	ISO 14001 certification acquired by Casio Electronics	

### 2000s: Shifting to CSR Management

In addition to environmental efforts, CSR themes including human rights, labor relations, society, and product liability began to be discussed in the 2000s. CSR reports also started coming out as part of stakeholder communication efforts. A growing number of companies established CSR offices and appointed officers in charge of CSR. These efforts took place in the context of management strategy, as an indispensable element for sustainable development of the company.

In 2003, Casio reviewed its corporate creed, "Creativity and Contribution," in light of the times, and established the Charter of Creativity for Casio to set the course for CSR management. In 2004, Casio established its CSR Promotion Office and CSR Committee. In 2005, the Casio Group identified its key stakeholder segments and started issuing the CSR Report, which clearly described the Group's responsibilities to each segment.

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		United Nations Global Compact initiated	
2000	•	Sustainability Reporting Guidelines issued by the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)	
	•	Containers and Packaging Recycling Act established	
	•	Green Purchasing Act established	
2001	•	Act on the Promotion of Effective Utilization of Resources, the Waste Management and Public Cleansing Act, and the Basic Act on Establishing a Sound Material-Cycle Society established	
2002	•	World Summit on Sustainable Development held in Johannesburg	
2002	•	Act concerning Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (PRTR Act) established	
2003	•	WEEE and RoHS Directives take effect	
2005	•	Kyoto Protocol takes effect	
2006	•	JEITA issues Supply Chain CSR Deployment Guidebook	

#### Casio Initiatives

	•	ISO 14001 certification acquired for production sites in Japan and four Casio Computer business sites	
2000	•	Environmental accounting introduced	
	•	Green Procurement Standards issued and business partner briefing sessions begin	
2001	•	Casio Taiwan and Casio Software acquire ISO 14001 certification	
2002	•	Casio Electronics (Shenzhen), Casio Electronics (Zhongshan), and Casio Techno headquarters acquire ISO 14001 certification	
2003	•	The Charter of Creativity for Casio established	
2007	•	CSR Promotion Office and CSR Committee launched	
2004	•	Environmental Report becomes Environmental Management Report	
2005	•	Environmental Management Report becomes the CSR Report	
2005	•	RoHS compliance achieved for all products sold in Europe	
2006	•	CSR Report and Corporate Profile combined to create Corporate Report	
2009	•	Casio Environmental Charter becomes the Casio Environmental Vision, and the Basic Environmental Policy becomes the Casio Environmental Declaration	

# 2010s: Integrating CSR into Management Strategy

In the 2010s, the attitude of external stakeholders toward companies has been changing dramatically. In particular, more companies are highlighting their own business activities based on how they address issues targeted under the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted at the United Nations in 2015. Many investors have begun to look at corporate CSR activities as part of investment criteria, labeling them as environmental, social, and governance (ESG) information. As a result, companies are starting to actively promote CSR as part of their management strategies.

Casio has also worked to meet the expectations of society through participation in international frameworks such as the United Nations Global Compact and the ISO 26000 standards for social responsibility. In 2016, Casio established a process for identifying materiality in dialogue with various stakeholders and incorporating public expectations into its CSR management.

Since 2018, Casio looking at how it can help achieve the SDGs. In 2019, in tandem with its Medium-Term Management Plan, Casio identified which of the 17 SDGs that it will contribute to and set sustainability goals for each business to address.

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2010		ISO 26000 standard created	
2013	•	G4 Sustainability Reporting Guidelines released	
2013	•	International Integrated Reporting Framework announced by the IIRC	
2014	•	Fifth Assessment Report released by the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)	
	•	Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted at the UN	
2015	•	Japan's Government Pension Investment Fund (GPIF) signs the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI)	
2015	•	ISO 14001 standard revised	
	•	Paris Agreement adopted	
2016	•	GRI Standards released	

### **Casio Initiatives**

2010	•	Corporate Report becomes Sustainability Report		
		Joined the United Nations Global Compact		
2011	•	Casio Group Biodiversity Guidelines established		
	•	Analyzed current status for ISO 26000		
2012	•	CSR Communication Book issued		
20.2	•	Replaced the Casio Environmental Vision with the Casio Environmental Vision 2050, and the Casio Environmental Declaration with the Casio Environmental Declaration 2020		
2017	•	Casio Group Basic Policy on Respect for Human Rights established		
2014	•	Joined the Consortium for Sustainable Paper Use		
	•	Casio Group Paper Procurement Policy established		
2015	•	CSR materiality studied		
	•	CSR Leader system established at Casio Computer		
2016	•	Material issues identified		
2017	•	CSR Leader system expanded to group companies in Japan		
2010	•	Transitioned from a "Company with a Board of Corporate Auditors" structure to a "Company with an Audit & Supervisory Committee" structure		
2019	•	Established sustainability goals for each business to address		
2020	•	Reset medium-term greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets		
2021	•	Greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets validated by SBTi		
2021	•	Endorsed recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Information Disclosures		

# Stakeholder Engagement

# | Main stakeholders of the Casio Group

Casio strives to ascertain and understand how its operations impact the environment and society and what kind of contributions it can make. It then identifies stakeholder groups and strives to implement appropriate measures for each.

Companies must not become complacent in their efforts to pursue sustainability and maintain social trust. The first step in earning stakeholders' understanding and trust for the initiatives of the company is listening to what they have to say. Good communication is a necessity, and it is not a one-way street. Companies must find solutions that benefit both their stakeholders and their business, as well as the global society as a whole. By actively disclosing information to stakeholders, and creating opportunities for dialogue with them, Casio finds out what stakeholders expect, evaluates its existing activities, and plans future initiatives.

Main Stakeholder Group	Main Casio Group Responsibilities	Main Dialogue Opportunities / Information Disclosure
Customers	Providing appealing, safe, and reliable products Ensuring stable product supply Providing the proper information regarding products Improving customer satisfaction Providing fast and accurate support to customersProperly managing customer information	Daily sales activities Customer Support Center Customer satisfaction surveys Casio's official website and social media Exhibitions and events
Suppliers	Fair and equitable transactions Requesting CSR implementation and providing support	Daily procurement activities Holding vendor conferences Sustainability questionnaires Whistleblower hotline for suppliers
Shareholders and investors	Timely and appropriate information disclosure Appropriate profit returns	General Meeting of Shareholders Financial result briefings Management briefings Investor Relations website Integrated report Financial reports (shareholder newsletter) Responding to questionnaires from ESG evaluation organizations
Employees	Respecting human rights Promoting diversity and inclusion Promoting balance of work and family life Human resource recruitment and utilization Fair evaluation and treatment Industrial health and safety and employee health promotion	Casio intranet and internal newsletter Group Workers' Labor-Management Conference Occupational Safety and Health Committees Career challenge system Whistleblower hotline for employees Employee training Employee questionnaire
Local communities	Respecting and preserving regional cultures Activities that contribute to local communities Preventing accidents and disasters at sites Providing support to disaster-stricken regions where sites are located	Factory and workplace tours School visit program Internships Employee participation in local volunteer activities and community events
Global environment	Environmental consideration in product development Environmentally responsible production activities Complying with environmental laws Protecting biodiversity	_
NGO/NPO	Protecting the environment, human rights, and biodiversity Support for local communities and cultural activities	Responding to questionnaires Holding dialogues Implementing social contribution programs together with NGOs and NPOs

# **Details of activities**

Customers and Casio	Suppliers and Casio	Shareholders and investors and Casio	
Quality Assurance	Supply Chain Management		
Activities to Improve Customer  Satisfaction	Respect for Human Rights	Investor Relations	
Intellectual Property Initiatives			
Employees and Casio	Local communities and Casio	Environmental Activities	
Making the Most of Human Resources	Social Contribution Activities	Building a Recycling Society	
and Maintaining Optimal Workplace Environments		Realizing a Decarbonized Society	
Human Resource Development		<u>Living in Harmony with Nature</u>	
Occupational Safety and Health			
Respect for Human Rights			

### **External Evaluation**

# Independent Opinion on the Sustainability Report 2021

The opinion presented here was written based on the content of this report, interviews with Casio personnel responsible for procurement, human resources, environmental and CSR initiatives.

Casio uses management cycles for its CSR initiatives, with a focus on reducing the company's environmental impact and ensuring socially responsible procurement. Casio is now at a stage where we can expect that these efforts, including the upgraded human rights measures, will expand into company-wide initiatives that include top management and human resource departments.

### Commendable efforts by Casio

- Regarding <u>CSR initiatives</u> at its suppliers, Casio revised the response options on its questionnaire on CSR implementation in the supply chain to a five-point scale in order to ascertain more accurately how suppliers are reducing their environmental impact and protecting the human rights of workers. The company received responses from all 454 suppliers in Japan, China and Thailand and provided feedback based on the overall results. The revision of the scale of response choices on its questionnaire is especially commendable as it represents a level that could become the industry's de facto standard. Moving forward, I hope that improvements will be made to the questions to improve the accuracy of responses regarding greenhouse gas emissions reduction and human rights, and that suppliers' CSR initiatives will effectively evolve to reach a higher level, with sharing of specific cases, introduction of electric power suppliers, and so on.
- Casio has established a Basic Policy on Respect for Human Rights and has its own tool for checking the status of human rights, and it continues to provide feedback to group companies concerning the overall survey results. It has expanded its whistleblower hotlines to give access to suppliers and discloses the number of reports to these hotlines. Looking to the future, I continue to strongly hope that an implementation framework for human rights due diligence will be established based on the commitment of the company's senior management, including its Sustainability Committee, in order to prepare for demands for the expansion of initiatives mainly from Europe. I look forward to seeing the company build a compliance promotion system with integrated daily management, such as incorporation of compliance efforts into the performance evaluation criteria for managers.

### Points for improvement while commending progress to date

• Looking at the group-wide <u>CSR implementation structure</u>, it is admirable that Casio established high material goals and KPIs and is managing progress. Going forward, I recommend that the scope of discussions by the Sustainability Committee be expanded mainly to human rights and greenhouse gas emissions reduction. In addition, in order to encourage value creation for the near-term future and to encourage initiatives on the front lines by Sustainability Leaders, I would like to repeat my recommendation that messages from top management be translated into multiple languages and delivered to workplaces around the world. This will increase opportunities for diverse front-line employees to get a more immediate and deeper understanding of CSR trends at the head office and at sites in various countries.

- With regard to its <u>medium- to long-term environmental management policy and environmental management promotion system</u>, Casio has specified the long-term goals of a 38% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by fiscal 2031 and zero emissions by fiscal 2051, as well as a 30% reduction in Scope 3 emissions by fiscal 2031, all compared to fiscal 2019. I admire the efforts to obtain science-based target (SBT) certification and join the RE100 (Renewable Energy 100%) and TCFD initiatives and to develop and market the label writer Lateco, which avoids single-use cartridges. Looking forward, I hope the company will encourage greenhouse gas emissions reduction efforts by raw materials suppliers by sharing case studies, cooperating with other companies in the industry, and so on, starting with measures with minimum customer impact at the stage of use, while taking an overall view of the product life cycle.
- Regarding <u>biodiversity preservation</u>, I applaud Casio for introducing more collaborative watch models made with NGOs, and for expanding conservation efforts based on surveys conducted at major sites in Japan, while taking care to prevent the spread of infectious disease, as well as its links with NGOs. I have high expectations that, going forward, Casio will continue to release models that will help conserve nature and biodiversity worldwide. At the same time, I hope the company will advance efforts to procure paper with an emphasis on sustainability while reducing plastic waste, which has a substantial impact on rivers and marine ecosystems.
- In terms of making workplaces more supportive, it is commendable that Casio has a 100% rate of return by employees who took childcare leave and that the percentage of employees of Casio Computer Co., Ltd., who utilize leaves of absence or the shorter working hours system for childcare or nursing care has reached 6.57%. I would also like to give Casio credit for improving the rate of employees who follow up on health risks identified during regular checkups, for setting up a nursing concierge desk, and for the health insurance association's resumption of a subsidy system for employees going through smoking cessation treatment. At the same time, I recommend setting KPIs for initiatives related to lifestyle-related diseases, smoking, and mental health, and sharing with employees and workplaces the progress made against them, as well as working to advance analytical and management approaches so that the diverse work styles that were promoted due to COVID-19 measures can be tied to higher productivity and value creation.

### Points for improvement

- In the area of <u>increasing and making the most of employee diversity</u> across the entire Casio Group, I find it commendable that Casio appointed a Chief Human Resource Officer (CHRO), but I have continued concerns that policies, targets, plans, and persons responsible have not been established, no global HR meetings have been held, and KPIs continue to be no more than defensive indicators. Going forward, I recommend concrete planning for portfolio-based global human resources management that crosses departmental and company boundaries, to be achieved during the 2030s. Casio needs an integrated system to promote the development, exchange and evaluation of human resources recruited worldwide, and to expand its human resource database including information on staff hired in each country. I hope that Casio will develop strategies and systems for the proactive utilization of human resource diversity.
- I am concerned that Casio's rate of <u>employment for persons with disabilities</u> was slightly lower than Japan's legally mandated rate in 2020. Along with regular interviews of employees every quarter, I hope the company will continue to build communities for each type of disability and occupation, while promoting even more supportive workplaces.
- Regarding the environmental impact reduction data in this report, it is commendable that details are provided on the principal sites in
  and outside Japan including group companies. My hope, however, would be that Casio do more than just explain its programs. It should
  continue to increase the level of accuracy of group reporting, by proactively disclosing not only environmental data, but also
  governance, personnel and procurement initiatives and data.

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# Inclusion in Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) Indices

### FTSE4Good Index

The FTSE4Good Index, developed by FTSE Russell, an index and data provision services company capitalized by the London Stock Exchange Group, evaluates corporate sustainability in terms of environmental, social, and governance aspects. Casio Computer Co., Ltd., has been included in the FTSE4Good Index since June 2016.



### MSCI ESG Leaders Indexes

MSCI ESG Leaders Indexes, developed by MSCI (Morgan Stanley Capital Investment), consist of companies that are excellent in environmental, social and governance (ESG) aspects. Casio Computer Co., Ltd., had been included every year in its predecessor, the MSCI Global Sustainability Indexes\* since October 2010.



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### SOMPO Sustainability Index

In June 2017, Casio Computer was selected for inclusion in the SOMPO Sustainability Index created by Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Asset Management Co., Ltd. Based on this unique active index, SNAM launched the SOMPO Sustainable Investment Fund in August 2012. This is a responsible investment product for pension funds and institutional investors that invests in a wide range of companies with high ratings based on factors. After the companies are selected with a focus on the results of ESG surveys by research firms, the portfolio weights are determined based on the SOMPO Sustainability Index. In addition, the Government Pension Investment Fund (GPIF) has been applied to the three components listed below among the environmental, social, and governance (ESG) indices selected in July 2017.



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### FTSE Blossom Japan Index

Developed by FTSE Russell, the FTSE Blossom Japan Index tracks the performance of firms with outstanding compliance activities that meet diverse standards for ESG performance.



FTSE Russell (the trading name of FTSE International Limited and Frank Russell Company) confirms that CASIO COMPUTER CO., LTD. has been independently assessed according to the FTSE Blossom Japan Index criteria, and has satisfied the requirements to become a constituent of the FTSE Blossom Japan Index. Created by the global index provider FTSE Russell, the FTSE Blossom Japan Index is designed to measure the performance of companies demonstrating strong Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) practices. The FTSE Blossom Japan Index is used by a wide variety of market participants to create and assess responsible investment funds and other products.

### MSCI Japan Empowering Women Index

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The S&P/JPX Carbon Efficient is designed to measure the performance of companies in the Tokyo Stock Price Index (TOPIX), , while overweighting or underweighting those companies that have lower or higher levels of carbon emissions per unit of revenue.

