At a Glance (As of December 31, 2023)



1926



y89 billion

Capital



11,906 (Ratio of overseas employees: 41.7%)



¥780.9 billion



101 companies in countries and regions around the world

(Production bases: 9 bases in Japan, 46 bases outside Japan)



Overseas sales ratio



(Operating income ratio: 9.7%)

Business Segments of the Kuraray Group

Vinyl Acetate

We manufacture and sell materials ranging from PVOH resin offering properties such as water solubility and high adhesiveness; materials for LCD display applications; PVOH film used in soluble unit dose system for detergent and other products; PVB film used as an interlayer for safety glass; to EVAL™ EVOH resin that offers excellent gas barrier properties.

Isoprene

We manufacture and sell isoprene chemical products made with a synthesizing method as well as SEPTON™ thermoplastic elastomer and GENESTAR™ heat-resistant polyamide resin, which are derivatives of isoprene chemical products.

Functional Materials

We manufacture and sell methacrylic resin that offers excellent transparency and weatherability, dental materials enabling restorations that closely resemble natural teeth, activated carbon whose high adsorption performance is used to purify air and water, and water treatment equipment.

Fibers and Textiles

We manufacture and sell KURALON™ PVA fiber, which is mainly used in reinforcing cement building materials and in automotive components; CLARINO™ man-made leather, which has a structure and functionality similar to natural leather; VECTRAN™ liquid crystal polymer fiber, mainly used as an industrial material due to characteristics such as high strength and low water absorption; KURAFLEX™ nonwoven fabrics which are used as household and industrial products: and MAGIC TAPE™ hook-and-loop fastener.

Trading

In addition to the manufacture and sale of polyester and other fiber and textile products, we sell Kuraray Group products in Japan and other parts of Asia.

* Others indicates business segments not included in the reportable segments, including the engineering business.

