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- 1998 Environmental awareness questionnaire distributed to all Kubota employees
  - Environmental household accounts program initiated
- 1997 ISO 14001 certification acquired
- 1996 Environment home page set up
- 1995 Environmental management regulations revised
- 1994 Environmental monitoring system reviewed and supplemented
- 1993 Plans established for selfgoverned environmental activities
- 1992 Global Environmental Charter drafted
  - Global Environmental Committee formed
  - 1st Global Environment Prize awarded by Sankei Newspaper
- 1991 In-house Environmental Achievement Award established
  - Ranked 1st place in Nikkei Business Environment rankings
- 1984 Managerial organization of working environment reinforced
- 1978 Pollution Management
  Department renamed the
  Environmental Protection
  Department
- Central Pollution Patrol (audit) system set up
- Pollution Management
   Department set up at headquarters; Pollution Management sections set up in all plants
  - Pollution management regulations established



1st Global Environment Prize awarded



Example of commendation

#### Public recognition

### First Global Environment Awards: Sankei Shimbun Prize

In 1992, Kubota received the Sankei Shimbun Prize at the First Global Environment Awards. These awards, in cooperation with the WWF (World Wildlife Fund), are presented by the Fuji Sankei Group and the Nihon Kogyo Shimbun to corporations that help reconcile the twin goals of environmental conservation and economic growth — yet another example of the international recognition being awarded to the Kubota Group's environmental know-how.

#### Environmental prize awarded for "Separable-Film Wastewater Treatment System"

In 1993, Kubota's separable-film wastewater treatment system was awarded both the Director's Prize and the Award of Excellence by the Environment Assessment Center. Highly acclaimed both at home and abroad, this system is already at work in a number of water treatment fields such as groundwater treatment and processing of seepage water at reclamation sites.