# **Annual Environmental Report** 2022 Edition Tianma Japan, Ltd.





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## Message from the President

One of our goals as a global corporation is to help achieve a sustainable society. We are actively engaged in global environmental preservation activities in the development of our display products and production technologies.

Tianma Japan, Ltd. (Tianma Japan), a wholly owned Japanese subsidiary of Tianma Microelectronics Co., Ltd., is a designer and manufacturer of a broad range of highquality, leading edge, display products.

There are few signs that the global COVID-19 pandemic is being brought under control, and furthermore, the business environment is facing major headwinds, including semiconductor shortages and resource price hikes.

With regard to the global environment, as part of the global response to the climate change problem, in a policy statement issued in October 2020 the Prime Minister of Japan announced plans for Japan to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050, thus clarifying that the country is aiming to realize a decarbonized society.

In response, industry needs to step up its efforts in energy conservation as well as expand its adoption of non-fossil energy.

While many issues remain to be addressed, the Company intends to do its utmost to overcome them in efforts to realize a sustainable society.

We intend to continue contributing to the development of a sustainable society by appropriately directing the knowledge and experience of all our employees. We welcome frank comments and opinions from our stakeholders to help guide our future actions in the area of environmental management.



U Tokuju, President Tianma Japan, Ltd.

### **Company Overview**

Company name: Tianma Japan, Ltd. Head office: Shin-Kawasaki Mitsui Building West Tower 28F 1-1-2, Kashimada, Saiwai-Ku, Kawasaki, Kanagawa 212-0058, Japan Established: April 1, 2003 President: U Tokuju Stated capital: One hundred million yen Business area: Research, development, design, manufacture, sale, and maintenance of color / monochrome display modules and related electronic devices

Employees: Approximately 600

#### [History]

1989	Color LCD Development Promotion Headquarters established.
1992	Color LCD Division established.
1993	Acquired ISO 9002 certification.
1994	Acquired ISO 9001 certification.
1997	Acquired ISO 14001 certification.
2003	NEC LCD Technologies, Ltd. established as independent
	company.
2007	NEC Akita and NEC Kagoshima were merged into NEC LCD
	Technologies.
2009	Production consolidated at Akita Plant.
2011	Joined to Tianma Group and changed the company name to
	"NLT Technologies, Ltd."
2014	Acquired ISO/TS 16949 certification.
2016	Became a wholly owned subsidiary of Tianma.
2017	Changed the company name to "Tianma Japan, Ltd. "

### Tianma

Tianma Microelectronics Co., Ltd. (Tianma) specializes in providing display solutions and efficient support services worldwide. Tianma was established in 1983 and publicly listed in the Shenzhen Stock Exchange (SZ. 000050) in 1995.

Tianma focuses on the mobile intelligent terminal and professional display markets and are expanding our focus to emerging markets including home automation, smart wear, AR, VR, UAV and charging facilities etc. Through global production and sales networks, we provide custom-designed display solutions to thousands of medium-high end customers.

In 2016, A significant number of domestic and overseas customers chose Tianma as their display supplier for their new products. Our product quality is frequently ranked 1st by many of our customers, resulting in a number of quality awards from some of our key customers.

Tianma's shipments of small and medium size modules are keeping the leading position among global display manufacturers. Our market share for high-end medical devices, aviation entertainment, navigation and VOIP products ranked first worldwide. Tianma is committed to continuous innovation, excellent customer service and support.

With our on-going development of new display technologies, production line development and talent reserve of display professionals, Tianma will continue to focus on serving the technology needs of display markets worldwide. With our core values of "Passion, Effectiveness, Win-win" and our mission, "To Create Colorful Life", Tianma is dedicated to be the world's leading display company.

## Map of Tianma Japan Business Sites

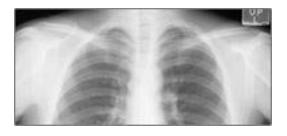
Our activities at our Kawasaki Head Office focus on research and development. We produce products for sale to our customers at our Akita Plant and at the production facilities of our parent company, Tianma Micro-Electronics Group, and other members of its group of companies.

We're deepening collaborative efforts with Tianma Micro-Electronics Group and other members of its group of companies across a broad range of spheres, including research, development, design, production, and sales.



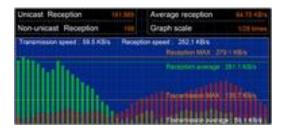
### Products

### LCD Products



#### <Medical Use>

These are used as monitor panels in highend and professional fields: for example, as high-definition monitors for the medical and graphics applications.



#### <Industrial Use>

These are used across a wide range of fields, including panel computers and measurement equipment and broadcasting.

### Prototype Business



Tianma Japan offers high reliability and quality products that utilizes own LCD manufacturing capability/know-hows, provides various types of film deposition, patterning, glass cutting and modularization, and can be a partner who can cooperate in the development of new technologies and new products in material, processing, machine manufacturers and research institutes.

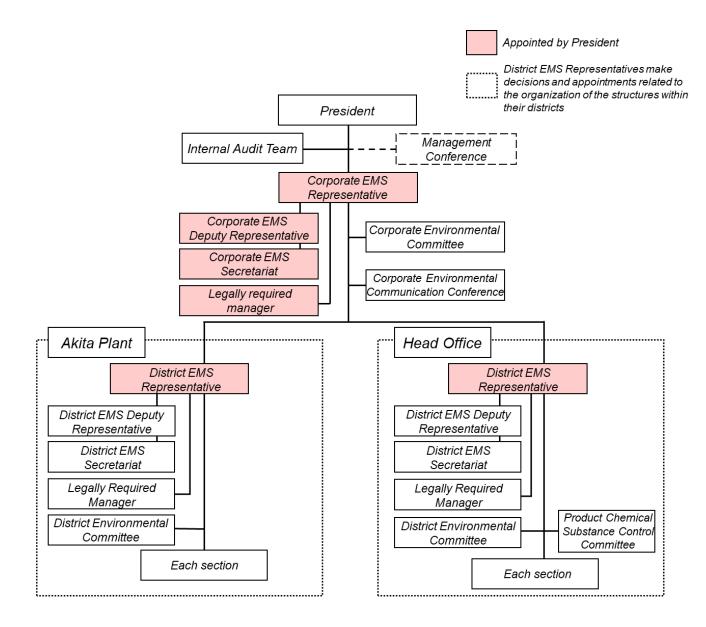
## **Environmental Policy**

Comply with legal and other requirements Promote efforts to conserve energy Prevent pollution and protect the environment Provide green products Continuously improve our environmental management system

> Established: January 1, 2019 U Tokuju, President Tianma Japan, Ltd.

### **Environmental Management Organizational Structure**

We established the environmental management organization outlined below to advance activities in accordance with our environmental management system (EMS). The President appoints the Corporate EMS Representative, Deputy Representative, District EMS Representatives, Corporate EMS Secretariat and others. The District EMS Representatives make decisions and appointments related to the organization of these structures within their districts, establishing clear roles and responsibilities of each position through in-house rules.



## **Environmental Management System**

We acquired ISO 14001 certification for the 2015 version in December 2017. We perform the following audits to accurately identify and confirm aspects of various issues, such as the state of compliance with ISO 14001 standards, environmental impact reductions, environmental conservation, and the control of chemical substances occurring in products: environmental internal audits performed by in-house audit teams; and environmental management system audits performed by third-party auditing agencies. We share information on issues and improvements in each district to promote sustained improvements.



Certificate Number : 09642 Initial Certification Date : 13 August 2013 Valid Until : 21 December 2023

## 2021 Results

Summarized below are the results of 2021 initiatives. 2022 initiatives will be based on these results.

◆Assessment◆ O: Achieved △: Achieved at rate of 80% or higher ×: Achieved at rate of under 80%

Items	Targets	Results	Assessment
Reduction in carbon-dioxide emissions (from energy)	1% Reduction from 2020	Achieved at rate 95%	Δ
Reduction of chemical substances	1% Reduction from 2020	Achieved at rate 86%	Δ
Reduction in waste emissions	1% Reduction from 2020	Achieved at rate 91%	Δ

### Chemical Substances Contained in Products System (1)

### Green Procurement

We do our part to further green procurement, in this way helping to establish a recycling society. We do this by expanding markets for green products, promoting the development of environmentally sensitive products, and raising awareness among designers and developers. Green procurement prioritizes the purchase of materials with low environmental impact. We have established green-procurement requirements for parts and materials and a green certification program for suppliers who meet these requirements. Since 2005, we have maintained a green procurement rate of 100%. In 2018, we continue to make 100% of our purchases from green certified suppliers.

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Category	Items to Be Checked			
Approach Environmental	Establishment of environmental management system			
management	Non-use of substances banned from manufacturing Process			
	Establishment of system for examination of chemical Substance content			
Products	Non-use of substances banned from products			

#### Restrictions on the Purchase of Substances Prohibited from Use in Products

In addition to green procurement, we provided a list of environmental substances restricted by Tianma Japan. These restrictions also include chemical substances prohibited by specific customers and other individually designated chemical substances. Copies of these restrictions are distributed to suppliers of parts and materials under the title *Common Specification of Green Procurement*. We ask suppliers to assess the chemical substances found in parts and materials delivered to us, based on design diagrams and the *Common Specification of Green Procurement*.

The data collected in this way is registered into an internal database and shared for use in selecting parts and materials at the design stage, as well as for product assessment. Procurement restrictions also apply to chemical substances occurring in shipping and packaging materials, for which similar surveying, data registration, and materials selection are conducted.

### Chemical Substances Contained in Products System (2)

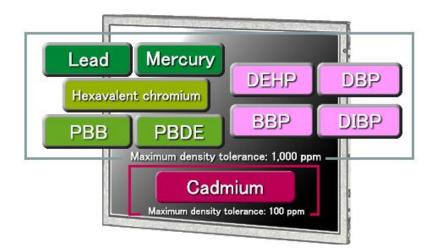
### Our products are RoHS compliant

The European Union (EU) issued a RoHS Directive,<sup>\*1</sup> taking effect from July 1, 2006, that restricts the use of certain hazardous substances. As a result, electrical and electronic equipment containing any of the six target substances (lead, mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, PBB<sup>\*2</sup> and PBDE<sup>\*3</sup>) is restricted from the EU market.

Out of concern for the environment, Tianma Japan began reducing the use of hazardous substances in our LCD modules prior to the RoHS directive. We have eliminated the six substances targeted in the RoHS directives as well as other substances we have identified as potentially hazardous, so that our products are now RoHS compliant.

The RoHS Directive underwent major revisions in July 2011. The updated RoHS Directive (RoHS II) went into effect in January 2013.

The addition of restrictions on four phthalates<sup>\*4</sup> went into effect on July 22, 2019.<sup>\*5</sup> We have completed compliance with RoHSII including phthalate ester regulation.



- \*1 RoHS: The Restriction Of The Use Of Certain Hazardous Substances In Electrical And Electronic Equipment
- \*2 PBB: Poly brominated biphenyl
- \*3 PBDE: Poly brominated diphenyl ether
- \*4 Four phthalates
  - DEHP: Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate
  - DBP: Dibutyl phthalate
  - BBP: Butyl benzyl phthalate
  - DIBP: Diisobutyl phthalate
- \*5 The restriction shall not apply to monitoring and control instruments placed on the market before 22 July 2021.

### Chemical Substances Contained in Products System (3)

### Compliance with chemical substances restriction (REACH regulations)

In place from June 1, 2007, the EU REACH<sup>\*1</sup> regulations require the registration, evaluation, and authorization of all chemical substances entering the EU, based on factors such as volumes imported or produced.

For molded products containing substances of very high concern (SVHC<sup>\*2</sup>) and SVHC candidates in concentrations of 0.1% or more, a system must be in place throughout the supply chain to communicate information such as substance names, volumes included, and information enabling safe use.

To comply with REACH regulations, we are currently developing a management system that incorporates BOM<sup>\*3</sup> management of the parts and materials used in products, surveys of the chemical ingredients used therein, and processing of the data collected.

\*1 REACH: Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals

\*2 SVHC: Substances of Very High Concern

\*3 BOM: Bill of Materials

### Joint Efforts with Suppliers

As required by various measures such as the European Union's RoHS directive, specifically designated harmful chemical substances occurring in products must be controlled. Each company in the supply chain must implement efforts to ensure proper control of the chemical substances found in various products.

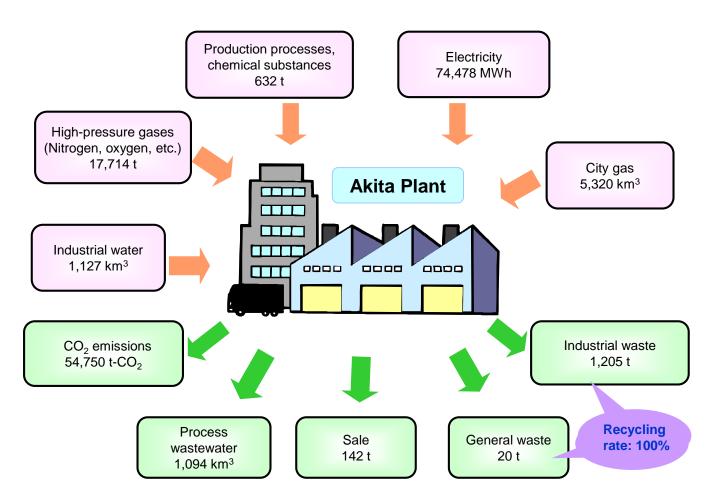
As part of these efforts, we have developed an evaluation tool that promotes the proactive control of chemical substances occurring in products among the suppliers themselves. To ensure PMR<sup>\*4</sup> assessments, we distribute supplier assessment check forms to our suppliers. These forms are used to control various chemical substances occurring in products. Alongside spot inspections by Tianma Japan, such efforts improve supplier control systems by enabling supplier self-assessments.

\*4 PMR: Process Management Review

## **Environmental Impact Mass Balance**

The diagram below shows the resource volumes used in and the wastewater, carbon dioxide, and waste generated at the Akita Plant in 2021.

In 2022, we will continue to strive to promote effective resource use; to promote energy conservation initiatives; and to reduce resource use and emissions still further.



## Preventing Global Warming (Promoting Energy Conservation)

Recognizing global warming as an important environmental issue, we promote a wide range of efforts to reduce carbon-dioxide emissions, including reductions in energy used by plants, turning off lights when not needed, and using air-conditioning system in energy conservation mode at our offices.

In addition, we are developing energy-saving measures that utilize subsidies for promotion projects such as the introduction of energy-saving equipment for Akita city small-and-medium sized companies person.

#### Examples of utilizing the subsidy program for promoting the adoption of energy-conservation equipment at SMEs, etc.

1. Installing inverters on cooling water pumps for absorption refrigerators Previously, these cooling water pumps had operated at fixed speeds regardless of the number of absorption refrigerators in operation. This project, however, reduced electricity use by using inverters to control the volume of cooling water in accordance with the number of units in operation.

2. Installing inverters on scrubber exhaust fans

These fans had been used to control suction pressure through the intake of outside air while operating at fixed speeds. This project reduced electricity use by discontinuing the intake of outside air and using inverters to control suction pressure instead.

3. Installing inverters on cooling water pumps for air conditioning in the main building Previously, these cooling water pumps had operated at fixed speeds regardless of the operational status of the air conditioners inside the main building. This project reduced electricity use by using inverters to control the volume of cooling water in accordance with the status of air-conditioner operation.



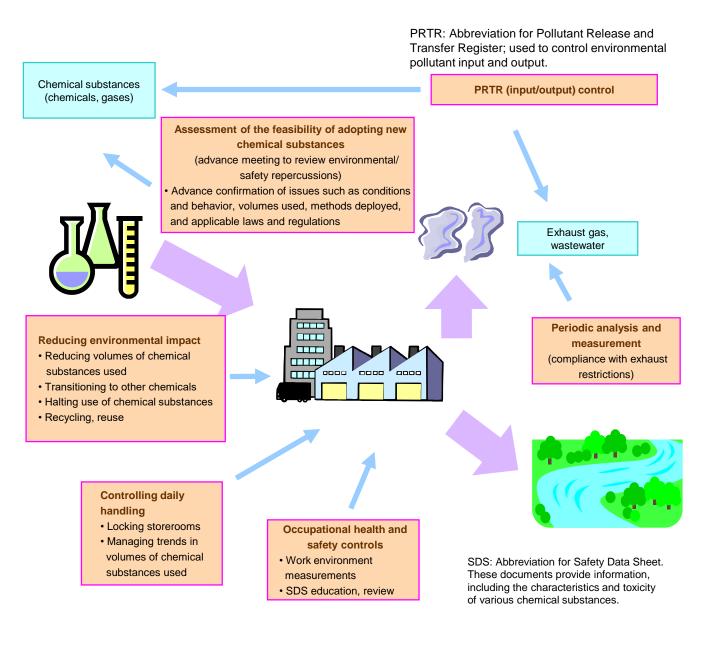
cooling water pumps for absorption refrigerators

scrubber exhaust fans

cooling water pumps for air conditioning in the main building

## **Controlling Chemical Substances**

Various chemical substances are used in processes related to manufacturing and processing wastewater and exhaust gas emitted from manufacturing processes. For purposes of monitoring environmental impact and control over handling safety, we maintain a control structure of chemical substances, reduce the volumes of materials used, and promote the transition to substances with lower levels of toxicity and environmental impact.

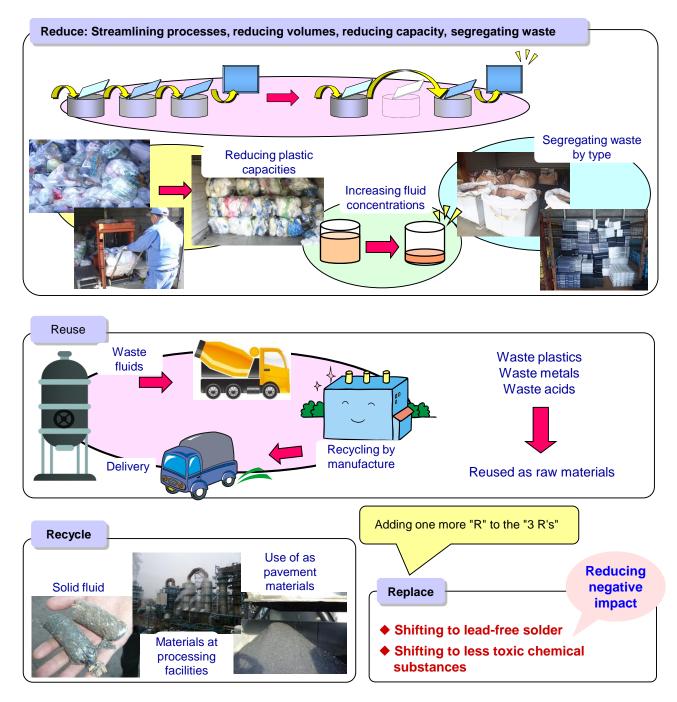


## Waste Control

The Akita Plant continues to recycle all generated waste through waste segregation and the "three Rs" (reduce, reuse, recycle).

To ensure all waste is disposed of properly, waste processing is contracted out to licensed, specialized waste processing firms. Final processing is confirmed using manifests. In addition, waste-processing facilities are periodically subjected to on-site inspections.

In 2017, allowed us to sell waste plastics and waste acids. Since then, these waste materials have found effective use as raw materials.



## Legal Compliance

We confirm legal compliance in various ways, including internal environmental audits, and environmental compliance audits. No notable problems emerged in 2021.

#### Results of analysis and measurement at the Akita Plant (2021)

#### <Wastewater measurements in mg/l (excluding pH)>

Subject	Item	Value established jointly by the company and Akita city	Self-imposed standard value	Measured value (average)
	Hydrogen ion density (pH)	6.0 to 8.5	6.2 to 8.3	7.5
	Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)	25	20	1.3
=	Chemical oxygen demand (COD)	25	20	4.4
Industrial wastewater	Suspended substances (SS)	30	15	1.0
rial v	Nonvolatile oil (normal hexane) content	10	1	< 1
vaste	Chrome content	1	0.05	< 0.05
ewat	Hexavalent chromium compounds	0.1	0.05	< 0.02
er	Fluorine content	8	6	1.5
	Phosphor content	To be measured	4	0.05
	Nitrogen content	To be measured	60	4.0

#### <Soot and smoke measurements>

Subject	Item	Value established jointly by the company and Akita city	Self-imposed standard value	Measured value (average)
	Sulfur oxide (SOx)	K = 5	K = 0.5	K = 0.12
Cogeneration	Nitrogen oxide (NOx)	130 ppm	120 ppm	73 ppm
Soot particles		0.1 g/m <sup>3</sup>	0.015 g/m <sup>3</sup>	< 0.02 g/m <sup>3</sup>
	Sulfur oxide (SOx)	K = 5	K = 0.5	K = 0.01
Once-through boiler	Nitrogen oxide (NOx)	150 ppm	120 ppm	27 ppm
	Soot particles	0.15 g/m <sup>3</sup>	0.12 g/m <sup>3</sup>	< 0.01 g/m <sup>3</sup>
	Sulfur oxide (SOx)	K = 5	K = 0.5	K = 0.04
Smoke-tube boiler	Nitrogen oxide (NOx)	150 ppm	120 ppm	80 ppm
	Soot particles	0.15 g/m <sup>3</sup>	0.12 g/m <sup>3</sup>	< 0.01 g/m <sup>3</sup>

#### <Exhaust gas measurements>

Subject	Item	Value established jointly by the company and Akita city	Self-imposed standard value	Measured value (average)
	Hydrogen chloride	To be measured	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Acid/organic exhaust gas cleaning tower	Hydrogen fluoride	To be measured	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	< 0.23 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
	Ammonia	To be measured	3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	< 0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
	Hydrogen chloride	To be measured	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.33 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Acid exhaust gas cleaning tower	Hydrogen fluoride	To be measured	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.23 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
_	Ammonia	To be measured	3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

## **Risk Management**

In-house facilities are inspected and swift countermeasures taken to prevent accidents. These activities incorporate information shared on cases arising common plant accidents across Japan.

We patrol facilities involved in environment activities and undertake periodic drills to ensure appropriate response to chemical leaks and other incidents. A certification system for operators based on certain standards has been established for firms involved in supplying or transporting chemicals or collecting or transporting waste fluids. Overall schedules are meticulously confirmed and comprehensive safety warnings issued.

Before using any new equipment or chemical substances, we undertake advance assessments and development procedures to closely examine aspects such as the potential impact of chemical substances on the environment, safety, and products.



## 2022 Targets

Based on inputs and the results of activities in the previous year, our 2022 activities will have the following targets:

Items	Targets
Reduction in carbon-dioxide emissions (from energy)	1% Reduction from 2021
Reduction of chemical substances	1% Reduction from 2021
Reduction in Waste emissions	1% Reduction from 2021

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## Information on our environmental initiatives is also available on the Internet: https://www.tianma.co.jp/en/

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#### Thank you for taking part in this survey.

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## Please answer the following questions concerning your reactions to and impressions of the Tianma Japan, Ltd. Annual Environmental Report 2022 Edition.

Q1.	21. Did you find the Annual Environmental Report clear and easy to understand?							
	$\Box$ Easy to understand $\Box$	Average	$\Box$ Hard to understand					
Q2.	Q2. How comprehensive was the coverage of the Annual Environmental Report?							
	□ Full □	Average	Insufficient					
Q3. Did you find any of the subjects of this year's report particularly interesting? (Chose all answers that apply.)								
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	Map of Tianma Japan Bu	usiness Sites	□ Products	Environmental Policy				
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	$\Box$ Environmental Impact Mass Balance		Preventing Global Warming (Promoting Energy Conservation)					
	Controlling Chemical Sub	bstances	Waste Control	Legal Compliance				
	Risk Management		2022 Targets					
Q4.	. Can you describe your rela	ationship to the	e company and your persp	ective as a reader of this report?				
	$\Box$ Active in business transa	actions with Ti	anma Japan	Product user				
	Government, administrat	tive body	Environmental NGO or	NPO staff				
	Corporate environmental	l staff	□ Media	$\Box$ Student or educational institution affiliate				
	$\Box$ Other ( )							
Q5.	. How did you first learn abo	out this Annua	I Environmental Report?					
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	□ Other ( )							

Q6. Please provide any comments below on the Annual Environmental Report overall or on Tianma Japan's initiatives.

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