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Inheriting the corporate vision of BenQ Group, "Realizing the Beauty of a Technological Life," BenQ Materials has taken on the mission of social responsibility, continuously promoting various sustainable actions, including environmental sustainability and social care. To realize this vision, in addition to regular "charitable donations," BenQ Materials promotes initiatives under four main themes: "charity care," "educational roots," "green actions," and "arts and culture." The company offers "3 days of paid volunteer leave" to encourage employees to participate in activities autonomously and collaborates with various local care programs to address social issues while continuing to contribute to Taiwan.

## Charitable donations



### Donation of Scar Removal Patches to Sunshine Foundation

BenQ Materials' wound care brand Ansikang, adhering to the concept of social care, donated scar removal patches to the Sunshine Foundation in December 2023 to help burn and scald patients with appropriate post-injury treatment, hoping to help them return to daily life with greater confidence.

Type	Item	Starting Year	Indicator	2023 Goal	2023 Actual Outcome	2023 Achievement Rate	2024 Goal	2023 Investment Amount
Community Care and Welfare	Vision Hope Project	2014	Assist medium and low-income household children Accumulated number of people with glasses fitting	2,200	2,307	104%	2,450	182,283
Educational Development	Science Camp	2014	Accumulated number of children serviced	5	5	100%	5	126,260
Green Action	Green Party	2011	Accumulated tree planting quantity	Determine the number of trees to plant based on the size of the designated planting area for the year.				
	Taiwan agricultural food plan	2016	Purchase amount of current year	4.5 Tons	4.7 Tons	104%	5.0 Tons	417,515
Art and Culture	Promotion of Local Arts and Culture	2014	Annual Sponsorship of Various Types of Arts and Cultural Groups or Events					



### Donation of Medical Gowns to Turkey

A severe earthquake struck the Turkish-Syrian border, causing numerous casualties. BenQ Materials' fabric brand Xpore, upon learning of the local medical units' need for medical hygiene supplies, donated 5,300 waterproof and breathable medical gowns to Turkish medical units in March 2023, hoping to ease the burden on the Turkish medical units in maintaining patient hygiene and cleanliness.



### Donation of Supplies to Rural Swimming Teams in Taiwan

In December 2023, BenQ Materials' fabric brand Xpore organized a sponsorship event to support school swimming teams. We understand the importance of school sports teams for the physical and mental development of students, especially in sports like swimming where the appropriateness and quality of equipment directly affect the athletes' performance and comfort. To support school sports teams, we provided a four-piece sports set to school swimming teams across Taiwan, including a storage bag, sports bag, shoe bag, and sports cap, ensuring high-quality, suitable sports equipment for competitions and training. This sponsorship program benefited 23 schools with a total donation of 11,750 items, valued at approximately NT\$18 million.



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# Community Care and Welfare

## Vision Hope Project

"Healthy eyes create a colorful life" is the original intention and belief behind BenQ Materials' vision care brand, Miroku. BenQ Materials collaborates with Kobayashi Optical and local child welfare centers to provide free lenses and frames to children from low-income households across Taiwan. The Vision Hope Project has been running for nearly 11 years, with a total of 2,307 pairs of glasses provided.

In 2023, 443 students applied for the Vision Hope Project, with applications from new collaborating agencies and schools doubling compared to 2022. However, we found that less than 70% of the applicants actually went to get their glasses. Through close discussions with the Family Support Foundation, we understood that this gap was due to the caregiving difficulties faced by disadvantaged families and intergenerational caregivers. To ensure better utilization of resources, two extension programs, "Glasses Fitting Follow-Up Mechanism" and "Eye Environment Assessment for Supported Cases," will be implemented in 2024. Through on-site inspections and assessment mechanisms, we will continue to focus on and improve the vision health issues of disadvantaged children.

## Participation in Optometrist Association Training and Industry-Academia Cooperation

As a pioneer in eye care, BenQ Materials' vision care brand actively participates in continuing education courses for optometrists. In August 2023, the company participated in the fourth annual meeting of the Taiwan Optometrist Association, where they introduced Miroku's advanced technology, allowing Taiwanese optometry professionals to understand the importance of new generation silicone hydrogels for corneal health. They also gained a deeper understanding of how Miroku's unique "dot-matrix oxygen permeable cross-linking technology" creates colorful yet breathable and comfortable lenses. In addition, they actively promoted eye care information through the brand's social media on Facebook, which was well received and shared by optical outlets, thus expanding the impact of health education. In terms of industry-academia cooperation, thousands of boxes of contact lenses were donated to the Optometry Department of Asia University in 2023, mainly to teach students how to identify correct product information and practice proper wearing techniques. Miroku is committed to nurturing talents in the field.

## Organize Medical Product Health Education Activities

The Ansikang team, a wound care brand of BenQ Materials, held workshops at care facilities to introduce Ansikang's medical products and health education activities. They provided wound care solutions for all stages, helping participants understand the importance of wound care and assisting patients in returning to daily life more quickly. During the process, they also listened to feedback from end users and relayed it to the R&D team, which helps improve product design and fosters a cycle of mutual benefit in society.

## Joint Seminar with Cheng Hsin General Hospital

In October 2023, Sigma, a medical packaging brand of BenQ Materials, held an event at Cheng Hsin General Hospital where they shared insights on the design and material usage of medical sterilization packaging and updates on ISO 11607 regulations. They also addressed the issue of packaging density in sterilization bags, providing a 75% maximum limit guideline to facilitate smoother operations for medical staff. This event not only promoted industry exchange but also provided practical solutions for medical work.





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# Green Actions



## GreenParty Green Carnival

To celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day, BenQ Materials has held the "GreenParty Green Carnival" tree-planting event for 12 consecutive years. Through the enthusiastic participation of employees and their families, they use fun ecological tours and tree-planting activities to make green promises with friends and family, demonstrating their commitment to environmental sustainability.

As of 2023, BenQ Materials has planted over 9,371 trees across various plants in Taiwan through the Green Carnival. The company not only focuses on planting trees but also on the care and maintenance of trees, including regular pruning, checking tree health, and fertilizing. To ensure proper growth, they also conduct periodic branch thinning and replanting. With proper care, the small forests formed by these trees, combined with the plant's ecological ponds, gradually create habitats for insects and birds, forming a small ecosystem. The sustainable and enriching Green Party aims to deeply root corporate resources in the land, hoping to continuously share with society and create a greener and better future.

## Taiwan agricultural food plan

BenQ Materials' Taiwan Agro-Food Project began in response to the unsold agricultural products in the Mariwan community in Jianshi Township, Hsinchu. With a commitment to supporting small farmers, BenQ Materials purchases unsold and organic agricultural products, which are used in employee cafeterias and made available for employees to buy directly. Through the enthusiastic support and purchase by employees, they not only enjoy and buy healthy and organic agricultural products but also help resolve the community's unsold produce issue, achieving the benefit of social prosperity.

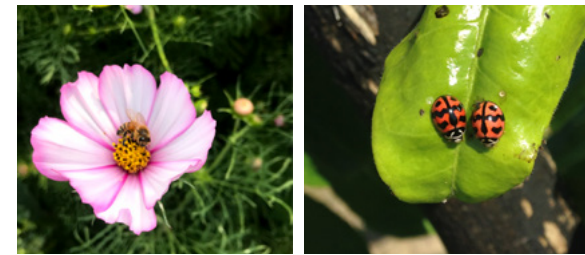
The Taiwan Agro-Food Project has been in operation for 8 years by 2023, with a cumulative purchase amount of NT\$4.25 million, including about NT\$410,000 for agricultural products in 2023. In addition to cooperating with the Mariwan community in Hsinchu and the local small farmers' platform "Sanxiao Market" in Yunlin, the project learned about the difficulties faced by small farming families in Lala Mountain, Taoyuan, and immediately initiated the purchase of cabbage. In 2024, the project will expand cooperation with social enterprises, evaluate more cooperation opportunities, and help more friendly agriculture in Taiwan. BenQ Materials' "Taiwan Agro-Food Action Support Plan" received recognition from the Taiwan Sustainable Action Award in 2023, winning a silver medal in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal "SDG 2: Zero Hunger" category.

## Biodiversity : Creating a Green Oasis

BenQ Materials' Yunke Plant, located in Douliu, Yunlin, spans 11 hectares of vast land. Over the past decade, the company has been committed to creating a green environment, planting more than 4,000 trees. In addition to regular pruning and maintenance, some areas follow a natural ecological method. These trees, with minimal human intervention, have added vitality to the plant and provided rich resources for the local ecosystem.

To further enrich biodiversity, the plant has extensively planted native species and honey plants, such as camphor trees, pomelos, and longan trees. These trees not only provide beautiful scenery but also offer habitats and food sources for local birds and other wildlife, further enhancing the plant's ecological environment.

In addition, the plant actively engages in carbon sequestration activities by planting a large number of trees and regularly pruning branches to enhance their carbon sequestration capabilities. Along the Yunlin River, they plant locally common and high carbon-sequestration species like *Phyllostachys pubescens* (green bamboo) to further green the plant's environment. BenQ Materials' Yunke Plant is not just a production base but also a potential biodiversity treasure. The company plans to continue green-related projects in the future, hoping to create more diverse green oases.





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## Educational Development



### Science Camp

BenQ Materials has long been concerned with the overall growth needs of children in Taiwan, particularly focusing on improving the education of children from disadvantaged families. They have been continuously implementing the one-day science camp project "Saian Science Camp," aiming to provide schools with more resources for science education through corporate support.

In line with the concept of integrating core business technologies, volunteers with professional knowledge regularly visit rural elementary schools to teach and conduct practical activities related to everyday science. Through interesting and lively course designs, they guide children to easily learn science, inspire interest in science through experiments, and lead students to think about experimental principles and teamwork. As of 2023, a total of 25 sessions were held, serving 748 people.

In 2023, BenQ Materials proactively sent invitations to rural elementary schools in areas with a higher number of schools in Taoyuan and Yunlin. Enthusiastic responses were received within just a few days. To cooperate more flexibly with the schools, they planned "one-day camps" and "half-day courses" for schools to choose from. In 2022, BenQ Materials also attempted SROI (Social Return on Investment) for the first time, inviting the teachers who accompanied the activities to fill out feedback questionnaires a month after the event to assess whether the children experienced positive changes from participating. In 2023, the annual impact reached 71% (children proactively asking questions in class, engaging in hands-on activities, and being more willing to complete assignments), an increase of 16% compared to the previous year.

In 2024, the company will incorporate its professional resources to design wound care courses, providing students with more diverse learning opportunities. During the science camp, they also learned about the lack of resources for experimental teaching equipment in rural elementary schools, which led to the evaluation and formulation of a science and education subsidy plan, aiming to provide more substantial support to schools in need.

## Art and Culture



Since 2016, BenQ Materials has collaborated with the Yuanyang Cultural and Educational Foundation to host quarterly art exhibitions with different themes at the company. These exhibitions provide employees with opportunities to engage with various forms of art, helping them relax and enjoy cultural enrichment, while indirectly stimulating their creativity and imagination. The company has invested over NT\$200,000 in this project.

As Generation Y continues to enter the workforce, the company has also started hosting trendy lectures for the new generation, inviting singer-songwriters and famous YouTubers to share their insights. We encourage employees to interact and exchange with people from different backgrounds and cultures, which helps promote cultural diversity and understanding. Supporting and promoting the development of arts and culture creates a richer and more vibrant work environment.