

Creating a Dynamic Corporate Culture

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Balance between Employees’ Personal and Professional Lives

Our company has been continuously taking the initiative in the support for balancing work and personal life and in accordance with the Act for the Promotion of Measures to Support the Development of the Next Generation, we became the first company in Nagano Prefecture to obtain Platinum Kurumin Plus certification on December 15, 2022. Only companies that meet certain requirements can obtain this certification. In addition to striving to maintain a high level as a “company that supports people who are raising children,” the eligible company must be making efforts to improve the working environment so that working people can undergo infertility treatment. In addition to ongoing initiatives to enable all employees to take annual leave simultaneously and to strengthen restrictions on overtime work, Shinko is making efforts to expand various systems aimed at balancing work with childcare, nursing care, and medical treatment (including infertility treatment), and promoting initiatives to realize diverse and flexible work styles. These kinds of initiatives have resulted in women having a longer average number of service years than men at Shinko. This average is at a high level even on a nationwide basis. Going forward, we will continue to improve systems and foster a corporate culture that enables employees in a variety of circumstances to be active, no matter their life stage.



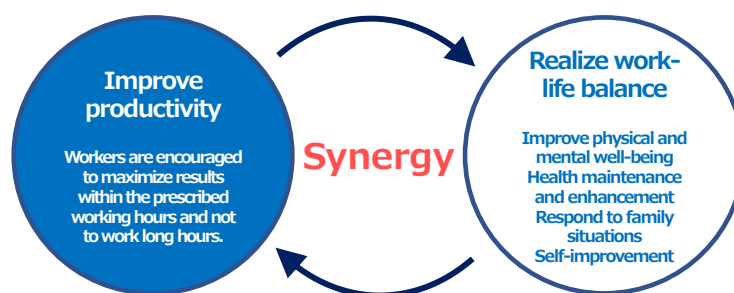
■ Main Programs to Support Work-Life Balance

Category	Program	Overview
Childcare	Childcare leave	Can be taken until the child reaches one year. The period can be extended for the longest up to the first April 20th after the child’s second birthday, depending on the circumstances at the daycare center.
	Parental Leave	Can be obtained within 8 weeks of the child’s birth for a total of up to 4 weeks (28 days)
	Shorter parental leave (paid leave)	If childcare leave or parental leave extends for less than one month, it is possible to make it paid leave within the scope of the remaining number of days of multipurpose leave.
	Shorter workhours for childcare	Available until March 31st of the child’s first year of elementary school. Also available until March 31st of the 6th grade of elementary school for a reason specified by the company.
	Exemption from working overtime	Employees who have children who have not yet graduated from elementary school can obtain exemption from overtime work beyond the regular working hours.
	Paternity leave	Can be taken for 20 days within 8 weeks before and after childbirth by a spouse.
Nursing care	Family care leave	Can be taken up to 1 year per eligible family member.
	Shorter workhours for family care	Can be taken until the reason for care ends.
	Exemption from working overtime	Exemption from working in excess of the prescribed working hours when caring for a family member in need of nursing care.
Rehiring	Rehiring employees who had resigned to raise children, care for a family member, or due to the transfer of a spouse	An employee who resigns at his/her own request to raise children, care for a family member, or due to the transfer of a spouse can be rehired, if the employee has registered before resigning.
Medical treatment	Leave for infertility treatment	Can be taken for periods deemed necessary by the company. (up to 1 year)
	Shorter workhours for care	Employees suffering from cancer, stroke, heart disease, diabetes, hepatitis, renal failure, and other serious chronic diseases recognized by the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, as well as those undergoing infertility treatment, can work shorter hours for their treatment plans, if they want to.
Multi-Purpose	Accumulated paid leave	Five days of multipurpose leave is provided per year and can be accumulated up to 20 days. Leave can be taken for any of the following reasons (in increments of one day or one hour): (1) Treatment for personal injury or illness for three or more consecutive days, (2) Volunteer work for a public organization, (3) Nursing care for a child, (4) Child care, (5) Nursing caring for a family member, (6) Symptoms during pregnancy, (7) Infertility treatment, (8) Treatment for cancer, stroke, heart disease, diabetes, hepatitis, renal failure, and other serious chronic disease recognized by the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, etc.

Providing a Pleasant Workplace Environment: Transforming Work Styles

Shinko is focusing on Transforming Work Styles in pursuit of corporate development and growth as well as healthy, fulfilling lives for each and every employee. In 2017, we established a Labor Management Council on Transforming Work Styles and affirmed that labor and management would work together to transform work styles. The leadership announced a Joint Labor Management Declaration on Transforming Work Styles. The Shinko Group is now working as one to implement and achieve “work styles that do not take long hours as a given” and “diverse and flexible work styles.”

As part of our countermeasures against COVID-19, we introduced a remote work system. The system was officially adopted in August 2020 because, on top of enabling business continuity in the event of a disaster, it is a work style that makes it easier for employees dealing with various life circumstances, such as parenting and caregiving, to continue to work. Holding internal meetings, internal training, and other online events has taken root, and improvements are being made to increase their effectiveness, such as the digitization of paper documents. Going forward, we will continue Transforming Work Styles in terms of both increasing productivity and achieving a work-life balance with the aim of creating a dynamic corporate culture and workplaces that are pleasant for all.



- Measure to reduce working hours
 - Lowering the upper limit on overtime work
 - Maximum weekly working hours and management
 - Setting and managing the maximum number of consecutive working days
 - Requiring employees to leave the office on time every Wednesday and on the second and fourth Fridays every month
 - Ensuring a fixed amount of rest by adopting a rule on work shift intervals
 - Understanding work hours, including for managers, etc.

- Measure to promote taking days off
 - Labor and management set specific numerical targets to promote annual leave taking
 - Establish a single day for taking annual leave
 - Eliminate the limit on half-day annual leave
 - Establish a multipurpose leave system (can be taken in hourly units and leave in the middle of the day is possible), etc.

- Set up work systems to create “diverse and flexible work styles”
 - Establish programs to support balancing work with childcare, nursing care, and medical treatment
 - Remote work system
 - Flexible working hours with no core time, etc.

Labor Relations

Since Shinko has adopted a union shop system, all ordinary employees are members of SHINKO ELECTRIC WORKERS UNION. The union participation rate is 91.3%.* Based on labor-management agreements with the labor union, labor and management representatives hold the Labor Council on a periodic basis (or whenever needed) to explain management policies and business conditions and hold discussions about various employment conditions. We have also established the collective bargaining rights of the union. With negotiation, we respect each other's position, and work with the union to resolve various issues.

We regularly share information on negotiations involving wage levels and various systems, including the deliberations of the Work Style Reform Labor-Management Council, which aims to resolve issues related to work styles, and the Safety and Health Committee, which is organized by labor and management to create safe and comfortable workplaces at each business site. Labor and management work together to promote the development and growth of the company and help each employee live a fulfilling and healthy life.

In addition, both labor and management participate in Nagano Prefecture's adopt-a-forest program and are collaborating on environmental conservation and social contribution activities. We will continue to develop a variety of initiatives.

* Union participation rate: The percentage of ordinary employees out of all regular employees (including managers)

Topic

First Company in Nagano Prefecture to Obtain Platinum Kurumin Plus Certification

Our company has received Platinum Kurumin Plus certification from the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare under the Act for the Promotion of Measures to Support the Development of the Next Generation (Next Generation Act) as a company that makes efforts to enable employees to balance work with childcare or infertility treatment, and we were issued a certificate by the Director-General of the Nagano Labor Bureau. Among the Corporate Values stated in the Shinko Way, our company has declared that it will "create a dynamic corporate culture that promotes a balance between employees' personal and professional lives." We strive to create workplaces that are pleasant for all employees.

In recognition of our company's efforts to date, the company was awarded the first Platinum Kurumin Plus certification in Nagano Prefecture, and a ceremony was held to present the certification.

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January 27, 2023 Certification Presentation Ceremony