

Sumitomo Chemical Contributes to Creating a Sustainable Society by Turning Risk into Opportunity through Technological Innovation.

The world is now at an inflection point in history. With the rise of populism and unilateralism in countries around the world, along with international conflicts, as represented by the US-China battle for supremacy, we have entered an era of geopolitical recession. Meanwhile, there has been significant progress in innovation, primarily in digital technology and biotechnology. In addition, the awareness of the sustainability of society—the awareness of climate change issues in particular—has been growing year by year. As there are less than ten years left to the 2030 deadline to meet the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Japan, among other nations, is called on to accelerate efforts to achieve the goals, such as promoting its initiative of Society 5.0 in tandem with the SDGs.

The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic since the beginning of 2020 has forced economic activity and the movement of people to be strictly limited. In these circumstances, people have come to perceive the sustainability of society from the perspective of risk.

For companies, however, risk and opportunity are the two sides of a coin. We should see where society is headed, spur innovation, and thereby turn risk into opportunity to contribute to creating a sustainable society.

We at the Sumitomo Chemical Group have been contributing to society through our business, with the Sumitomo philosophy in mind: “Our business must benefit society at large, not just our own interests.” Going forward, we will continue to take on the challenge of generating new value based on technologies and help resolve pressing social issues facing people around the world, including those related to healthcare, the environment, food, resources, and energy, while also achieving long-term sustained growth for the Group.

We would greatly appreciate your continued support and cooperation.

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