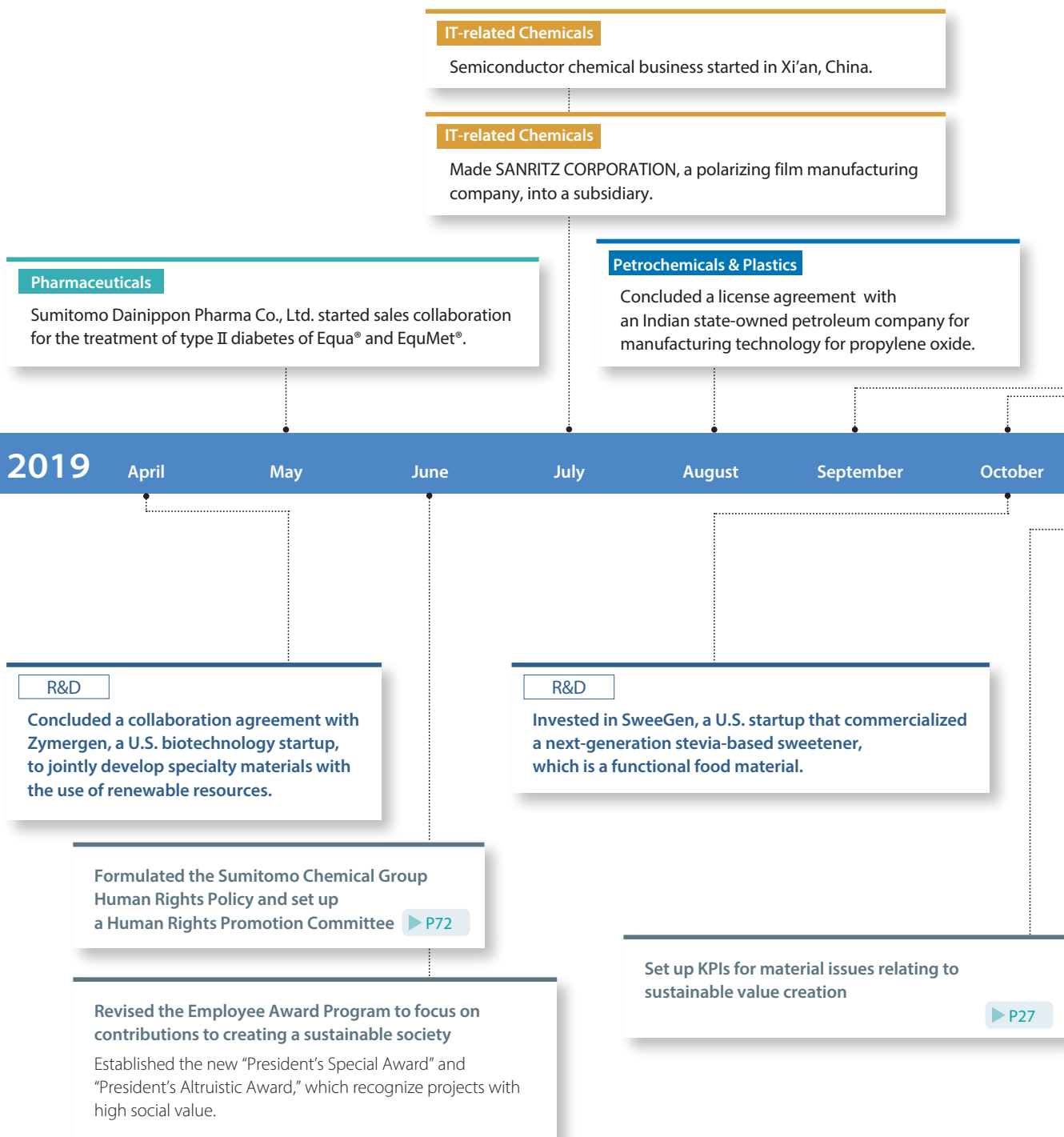


# One Year at Sumitomo Chemical

In fiscal 2019, core operating income decreased from the previous year owing to lower market prices for petrochemical products and methionine, decreased shipments of crop protection products overseas due to extreme weather, and upfront expenses relating to the strategic alliance with Roivant in the Pharmaceuticals sector. Meanwhile, we made large-scale investments in crop protection products and pharmaceuticals businesses to accelerate R&D for the development of next-generation business. Furthermore, we set up key performance indicators (KPIs) to steadily work on material issues. This was a year we took a great step forward to ensure that both Sumitomo Chemical and society as a whole remain sustainable.



**Health & Crop Sciences**

Completed the merger of our group companies in India (Excel Crop Care Limited and Sumitomo Chemical India Limited).



**Pharmaceuticals**

Sumitomo Dainippon Pharma Co., Ltd. and Roivant (UK) concluded a strategic alliance agreement.



**Pharmaceuticals**

Nihon Medi-Physics Co., Ltd. constructed a new research facility to accelerate the development of the "theranotics."

**Health & Crop Sciences**

Agreed to acquire four South American subsidiaries of Nufarm.



**Energy & Functional Materials**

Tanaka Chemical Corporation concluded an agreement with Northvolt Ett AB (Sweden), a manufacturer of lithium-ion secondary batteries, to sell precursor for cathode materials and to support the technology to manufacture precursors for cathode materials.

**Petrochemicals & Plastics**

Rabigh Phase II Project started commercial operations.



**Petrochemicals & Plastics**

The new catalyst plant at the Chiba Works started operations, in order to boost the polypropylene and propylene oxide licensing business.

November

December

2020

January

February

March

**Conducted an employee participation-based project, "For a Sustainable Future - JIRI RITA-," to promote sustainability.**

This project allows employees to learn about our Group's initiatives for sustainability in a quiz format, and to post what they can do to solve issues through their day-to-day tasks. During the project, The total number of participants in the quiz was 22,796 people, and the number of posts was 12,067.



**Received a Climate A List rating from the CDP for the second year in a row.**

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**R&D**

**Collaborated with Sekisui Chemical Co., Ltd. on initiatives for circular economy.**

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**Promoted joint research on chemical recycling technology with the Muroran Institute of Technology.**

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**R&D**

**Signed an agreement with Kyoto University to open a course, jointly held by industry and academia, to accelerate R&D for the practical implementation of solid-type batteries.**

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