

One Year at Sumitomo Chemical

Despite a variety of restrictions faced due to the impact of COVID-19, fiscal 2020 was a year in which we made steady progress on a number of projects, including the integration process for the South American crop protection business, the development of two candidate drugs acquired from the strategic alliance with Roivant, and the resolution of the completion guarantee for project financing for the Rabigh Phase II Project. It was also a year in which we continued to take steps to make both our company and society itself more sustainable, including setting up internal structures for achieving both carbon neutrality and plastic resource circulation.

Health & Crop Sciences

Acquired four South American subsidiaries of Nufarm.

Energy & Functional Materials

Opened an industry-academia joint research course at Kyoto University, for accelerating the research and development for practical Implementation of solid-type batteries.

IT-related Chemicals

Decided to strengthen development and quality assurance system of photoresists for advanced semiconductor processes in Osaka Works.

Health & Crop Sciences

Received registration approval for INDIFLIN™ fungicide in the U.S. and Canada.

2020 April

May

June

July

August

September

Established the “Sumitomo Chemical Group Basic Policy Towards a Circular System for Plastics.”

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R&D

Invested in Conagen, a U.S. Bio-Venture company, whose strength lie in the use of synthetic biology to enable integrated technological capability from the design and culture of the microorganisms to industrialization of fermentation processes.

R&D

Provided funds to NanoScent in Israel, which has been developing diagnostic sensor for COVID-19.

Provided materials for medical use to support the response to COVID-19.

- Donated emergency-use reserves of N95 masks to healthcare facilities.
- Supplied polyethylene film for agricultural use as a raw material for medical gowns. [P36](#)
- Worked with SEKISUI CHEMICAL to contribute medical gowns to the government and other related institutions.

Received Gold Medal in EcoVadis sustainability assessment.



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Petrochemicals & Plastics

The completion guarantee for Rabigh Phase II project financing came to an end.

Pharmaceuticals

Established and began operations of a joint venture company for CDMO business in the field of regenerative medicine and cell therapy.

Health & Crop Sciences

Integrated the biorational-related business functions of Sumitomo Chemical Group under Valent BioSciences LLC in the US; opened a new state-of-the-art facility that integrates the headquarters of Valent U.S.A. LLC and R&D operations.

Petrochemicals & Plastics

Began examining a possible combination of a propane dehydrogenation (PDH) technology that converts propane gas into propylene, with CO₂ utilization technology in Singapore.

Pharmaceuticals

Myovant, consolidated subsidiary of Sumitomo Dainippon Pharma, and Pfizer enter into collaboration to develop and commercialize relugolix.

Pharmaceuticals

Sumitomo Dainippon Pharma launched ORGOVYX™ for the treatment of advanced prostate cancer in the US.

Petrochemicals & Plastics

Licensed out high-pressure polyethylene production technology to a major petrochemical company in Russia.

IT-related Chemicals

Decided to expand capacity of a manufacturing facility of photoresists for advanced semiconductor processes in Osaka Works.

October

November

December

2021 January

February

March

Decided to construct a high-efficiency gas turbine power generator at its Chiba Works.

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Held an ESG Meeting



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R&D

Accelerated joint research on methanol synthesis from carbon dioxide with Shimane University.

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Established a Business Development Office for a Circular System for Plastics to accelerate the development of businesses based on its efforts towards building a circular system for plastics.

Established the Carbon Neutral Strategy Council and the Carbon Neutral Strategy Cross-Functional Team to achieve carbon neutrality.

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Received CDP's highest rating in corporate climate action for the third consecutive year, and in water security action for the first time.

