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We will demonstrate the true value of the Sumitomo Chemical Group and bring about changes toward achieving a sustainable society.

In 2021, as the fight against COVID-19 continued with the vaccine rollout underway, the world economy showed signs of recovery. Meanwhile, society became more divided and its sustainability was in crisis as inequalities between generations and between the rich and poor, divisions of the world—represented by the U.S.-China relationship—and global warming became even more serious.

These enormous social issues would be difficult to solve with international politics and negotiations between nations or government efforts alone. We in the corporate sector have a substantial role to play in dealing with these challenges, particularly through innovation. It takes the power of science and chemistry to drive innovation, and this is exactly where the chemical industry should play its part.

In April of this year, we launched our new Corporate Business Plan under the leadership of President Iwata. We will take the seismic changes in society as sources of new business opportunities and advance our transformation to make each of our businesses stronger—accelerating green transformation, digital transformation, and innovation to reach the next stage.

We are convinced that in the years ahead, despite all the challenges, the world will make great strides in solving the problem of global warming and eliminating disparities and divisions and progress toward the realization of a sustainable society. We at the Sumitomo Chemical Group will continue to advance toward a new world and toward a new Sumitomo Chemical.

We would greatly appreciate your continued strong support and cooperation.

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