



President's Message

Looking beyond Renewed Growth toward the Future to Address Social Issues through Innovative Solutions

Society is currently undergoing immense change with growing uncertainty. With the global population only increasing, global challenges such as holding climate change in check, recovering biodiversity and natural capital are becoming more dire and pressing. Rapid advancement of AI and other technological innovation has brought about new possibilities and new challenges at the same time.

Amid this situation, chemistry can not only become the foundation of so many things in our life but it also has the unique ability to spark innovation and solutions. Chemistry offers limitless options for realizing sustainable economy, society, and environment.

Since our founding, we at Sumitomo Chemical have striven to address social issues through technology. The Company began its journey by manufacturing fertilizers to prevent the damage caused by smoke from copper smelting, which is encoded in our DNA. While inheriting the spirit of "*Jiri-Rita Koushi-Ichinyo*" (which means that our business must benefit society at large, not just our own interests), we have continued to take on new challenges.

The Company has a long-term vision to become an Innovative Solution Provider—a company that solves society's challenges by leveraging innovative technologies. We have identified the following as specific examples of social issues to be addressed through our business: contributing to Realize regenerative agriculture, Innovative IT, Spreading leading-edge medicine, and Reducing environmental

impact. The Company reorganized its business sectors in October 2024 to address these four issues.

The main factor broadening the Company's future since its founding has been the determined endeavors by each and all of its employees. Going forward, we will bring together a diverse range of ideas, values, and technologies to create new value that extends beyond the realm of chemicals. In this way, we will continue striving proactively and boldly to provide solutions to social issues in such fields as food, ICT, healthcare, and the environment.

Although the path the Company must take is not at all easy, we aspire to return to a growth trajectory and grow into an organization with a global presence that helps solving social issues with innovative technologies.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support.



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