





Society

Employee Relations: Action Plan

We are identifying material issues to embed into Sustainability Action Plans.

We are promoting sustainability by laying down a concrete responsive approach and success indicators in order to fulfill our commitment to demonstrate medium- to long-term growth and show that we are providing value to society.

Risks	Opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Decline in labor productivity, loss of excellent human resources, missed business opportunities, increase in health-related expenses, and other events that would result from failure to take appropriate measures, and others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Improvement of labor productivity and health and motivation, securing of excellent human resources, enhanced capability of responding to changes and business opportunities, and other events that will result from the creation of a workplace that provides job satisfaction, and others.

SDGs Targets	Issues to address	Co	Business area	Commitment	Specific approach	Performance indicators (Non-consolidated)
	Improving operating efficiency and addressing the issue of long-working hours through work style reform	Head-quarters	Human Resources Affairs	We will promote a well-balanced working style and reduce the total number of working hours, aiming to improve employee engagement.	<p><ITOCHU Corporation></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Promote the morning focused working system. ● Conduct regular monitoring of employees' work situations. ● Promote work automation with IT tools, including the robotic process automation (RPA), as well as mobile work. ● Promote projects for improving the operating efficiency at each organization. <p><ITOCHU Group></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Efficient way of working, appropriate working hours management, and educational and awareness-raising activities at the ITOCHU Group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FY2021: Reduce the annual average overtime hours by at least 10% compared to the period prior to the introduction of the morning-focused working system. ● FY2021: Percentage of employees who leave the office building at 20:00 or later at 5% or fewer. ● FY2021: Paid leave acquisition rate at 70% or higher. ● Rate of positive responses to the "employee engagement" item in the engagement survey: 70% or higher.
	Improving the health of employees	Head-quarters	Human Resources Affairs	We will improve the health of employees to create an environment that will enable individual employees to better demonstrate their capabilities. We will build a system that helps employees with cancer or long-term illness to create a balance between treatment and work, thereby fostering a culture of mutual support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Keep the percentage of employees who receive regular medical checkups at 100%. ● Establish well-equipped in-house clinics and a system for supporting each employee in receiving personalized medical care. ● Promote measures for helping employees create a balance between cancer treatment and work. ● Offer healthy dishes in the employee cafeteria. ● Promote the program for supporting smoking cessation treatment expenses. ● Utilize Re: Body, a health management website for employees, and continue to provide special programs for employees at risk for lifestyle-related diseases. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Percentage of employees who receive regular medical checkups: 100%. ● FY2021: Improve health indicators (such as BMI) compared to FY2017 values. ● FY2021: Percentage of employees who leave work due to cancer or long-term illness at 0%. ● FY2021: Rate of employees found to have a high level of stress in the stress check at 5% or lower.
	Sustainable development of employees' capabilities	Head-quarters	Human Resources Affairs	We will develop training programs on a global basis that respond to the changing times and business needs. We will also utilize training programs to continuously produce excellent human resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continue to develop and provide training programs at all jobs levels. ● Continue and enhance overseas deployment of interns and language trainees. ● Offer diverse career path options and experience in diverse works through regular rotation. ● Foster career awareness among employees by enhancing personnel assessment, career vision training, career counselling systems and other programs/systems. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FY2021: Annual E&D expenses exceeding one billion yen. ● Rate of positive responses to the "education and training" item in the engagement survey: 60% or higher. ● FY2021: Percentage of career-track employees who acquire business-level English skills in their first eight years at the company at 100%. ● FY2021: Percentage of career-track employees who are deployed overseas in their first eight years at the company at 80% or higher.
  	Creating an environment that allows diverse human resources to exercise their potential	Head-quarters	Human Resources Affairs	We will prohibit all types of discrimination, including those based on age, gender and nationality, and respect human rights. We will create an environment that will permit the active participation of employees whose work hours are limited due to childcare, nursing care, diseases or similar circumstances.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continue fair and equitable recruitment and promotion. ● Create a work climate of mutual respect and support. ● Reasonable accommodations concerning the work environment of people with disabilities. ● Respond to LGBT considerations and provide employee training on LGBT. ● Enhance on-site day-care centers and nursing care support services. ● Enhance individual support for employees provided in accordance with their life stage and career. ● Promote flexible ways of working by making use of mobile work. ● Support the active participation of senior human resources over 65 years old. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FY2021: Percentage of female career-track employees among all career-track employees: 10%. ● FY2021: Percentage of female career-track employees among employees in leadership positions at 10%. ● FY2021: Proportion of our workforce with disabilities at 2.3%.

Employee Relations: Employees Status

In running a global business in a wide range of domains, consolidated group companies join together to operate as the ITOCHU Group. ITOCHU has more than 100,000 consolidated employees as of the end of FYE 2019. When our companies in Japan and abroad run their businesses in each of their domains and geographical areas, ITOCHU Corporation, the parent company, manages and supports. Group companies are connected to ITOCHU Corporation through their respective domains so that the Group's companies can benefit from support from above.

Employee Status★ (as of March 31 for each respective year)

	Non-consolidated					Consolidated
	Employees	Men	Women	Avg. Age	Avg. Annual Salary (Yen)	Employees
2017	4,285	3,269	1,016	42	13,838,699	95,944
2018	4,285	3,284	1,001	42	14,609,151	102,086
2019	4,285	3,283	1,002	42	15,207,832	119,796

Employees by Operating Segment★ (as of March 31, 2019)

(Unit: people)

	Textile	Machinery	Metals & Minerals	Energy & Chemicals	Food	General Products & Realty	ICT & Financial Business	Others	Total
Non-consolidated	390	452	171	342	452	270	191	1,013	3,281
Consolidated	9,386	14,345	498	12,971	46,624	16,936	16,232	2,804	119,796

Overseas Bloc Employees by Region★ (as of March 31, 2019)

(Unit: people)

	North America	Latin America	Europe	Africa	Middle East	East Asia	Asia & Oceania	CIS
National Staff	126	144	230	61	131	635	633	76
Rotational Staff	51	27	48	11	21	86	111	22
Overseas Trainees	11	4	7	3	3	14	24	1
TOTAL	2,480							

* Employees assigned to overseas subsidiaries and overseas branches/offices

- * Regarding range of tallied data, figures not labeled as Consolidated are placed under Non-consolidated.
- * Overseas bloc employees by region counts employees who are assigned to overseas subsidiaries or overseas branches/offices.

Turnover — Non-Consolidated Employees*★

	FYE 2016	FYE 2017	FYE 2018	FYE 2019
Voluntary resignation rate	1.1%	1.2%	1.6%	1.7%
Avg. Years Employed	16.7	16.9	17.3	17.5

* Positions: career-track, clerical, special

Turnover rate is calculated according to the following formula.

$$\text{voluntary resignations} \div \text{employees at end of fiscal year}$$

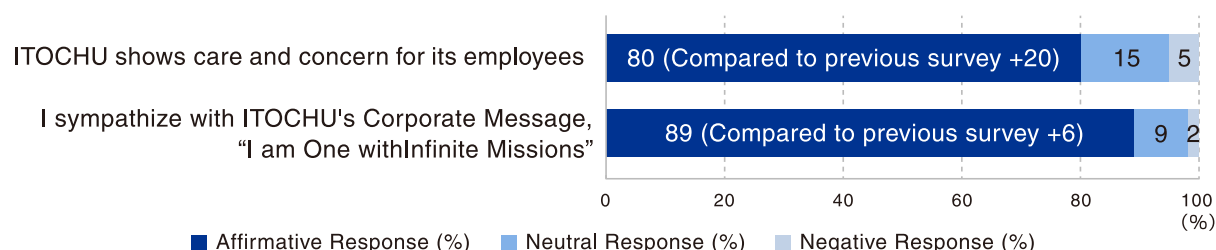
ITOCHU Corporation has a long average number of years employed of 17 years and only around 2% of employees voluntarily resign. It is a company where many employees choose to stay for the long-term.

★Data assured by KPMG AZSA Sustainability Co., Ltd, an external assurance provider based on the international standard ISAE 3000 (P200).

Employee Engagement

ITOCHU Corporation believes that raising the level of motivation, satisfaction and engagement (the degree to which employees with a strong desire to contribute to ITOCHU can capitalize on their own abilities optimally at their own initiative) of employees will improve the corporate value.

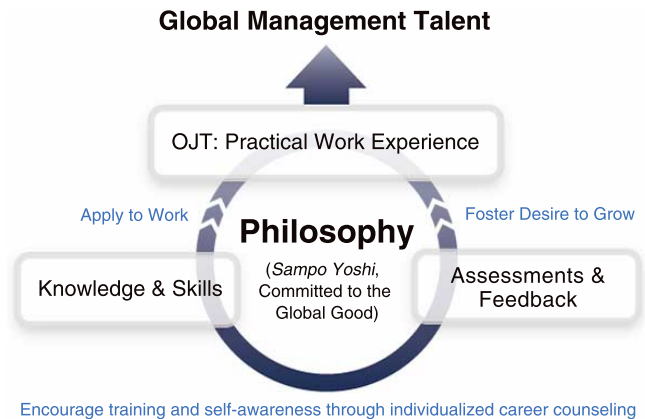
In the survey conducted in fiscal 2019, the results exceeded those of the previous survey (conducted in fiscal 2015) especially for the question "ITOCHU shows care and concern for its employees". The positive answers were 10 points higher than the average of Japanese companies that conducted the survey (over 60 large companies). Above all, the level of engagement remained high, which has allowed us to conclude that many employees are proud of working for ITOCHU Corporation and engage in work with strong motivation to contribute to the company and with the aim of achieving better-than-expected results on a voluntary basis.



Employee Relations: Employee Training

Policy and Basic Concept

ITOCHU Corporation's employee training is focused on providing practical work experience through on-the-job (OJT) training. This is supplemented by efforts to foster a desire to grow through appraisals, assessments and feedback, as well as employees' acquisition of knowledge and skills through the training. We also provide growth opportunities tailored to employees' individual situations and careers. After becoming industry professionals who can thrive in any field, we train them into Global Management Talent who will lead our worldwide business in the future.



Human resource development is based on this philosophy. We will accomplish infinite missions by inheriting the intentions contained in the spirit of sampo yoshi (good for the buyer, good for the seller and good for society) and our commitment to the global good.

Targets

Based on our employee training policy, ITOCHU Corporation works to achieve the following goals.

Issues to Address

Sustained employee skill development

Commitment

We develop training programs on a global basis. We do this with a market-orientated way of thinking toward the development of marketing professionals who are able to continually transform business in line with needs while inheriting our corporate philosophy. We then utilize these training programs to continually produce talented people.

Specific Approaches

- Continuously develop and implement training programs at all levels
- Continue and augment overseas practical training assignments and language immersion assignments
- Provide various career paths and work experience through regular rotations
- Foster career awareness in individual employee through personnel assessments, career vision training and an enhanced career counseling program

Success Indicators

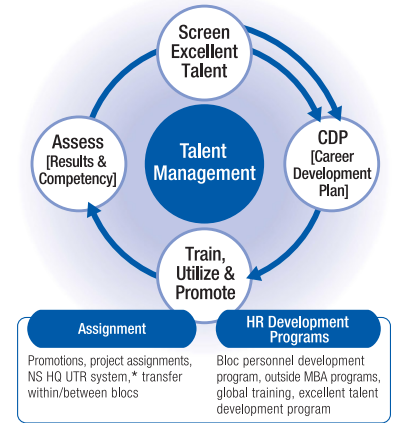
- FYE 2021: annual E&D spending over 1 billion yen
- Positive response rate of 60% or higher to "education & training" items on the engagement survey
- FYE 2021: 100% of career-track employees gain business level English skills after 8 years with the company
- FYE 2021: At least 80% of career-track employees take overseas assignments by eighth year with the company

Structures and Systems

ITOCHU Corporation has been implementing a globally-minded personnel strategy since FYE 2008 with the goal of maximizing the value of our worldwide work force and optimizing this group of employees as a whole. Specifically, in FYE 2011 we established leadership standards, we created a database of organizational leaders worldwide,* and we constructed the Talent Management Process to hire, develop, utilize and promote excellent talent who will expand overseas revenues worldwide by coordinating with division companies and overseas blocs.

We also reflect the philosophy and values we have inherited over the 160 years since the foundation of our company in our recruitment standards and evaluation and training systems. With this, we are recruiting and training people who match the values of ITOCHU on a global basis.

- * We created the ITOCHU Global Classification (IGC), global standards based on positions and duties for positions at all levels worldwide, in FYE 2010, which we use to place, promote and train personnel regardless of nationality.
- * Relevant data: Overseas Bloc Employees by Region(P79)



* Program to accept overseas bloc employees at Tokyo Headquarters

Talent Management Process

Training System

The ITOCHU Corporation training system consists of company-wide training, along with line training for specific companies and administrative divisions that is tailored to the nature of their industry, specialties and so on. There is a wide range of training opportunities at various levels, not only for Headquarters employees, but also for those at certain overseas bloc companies and Group companies.

Overseas blocs arrange their own training systems to teach the skills and expertise required for their business and markets. In combination with the ITOCHU Corporation training system, they develop management talent capable of global success.

Classification	Head Office Employees			Group Company Employees	Local Hires
	Essential	Elective	Selected		
Officers	Training for Newly Appointed Officers			Training for Newly Appointed Officers	
Core Staff	Training for Newly Appointed General Managers Training for Newly Appointed Administrative Officers of Group Companies Short-term Business School in Japan or Overseas Training for Newly Appointed Section Managers	GEP Training Short-term Business School in Japan or Overseas Next Generation Leader Forum GNP Training	Career / Support / Training English / Japanese / Chinese / Vietnamese / Indonesian / Thai / Filipino / Other Career / Support / Training	Strategic Management Training Subordinates Development Skills Training Basic Management Training Next Leaders Training Junior Employee Brush-up Training New Employee Training Senior Employee Training Junior Employee Training New Employee Training	GEP Training P3 Training GLP Training GNP Training NS UTR Training
	OJT Trainers OJT Trainers Training Basic Courses	Corporate Staff Skills Internship English Training in Emerging Countries Intensive English Course			
	8th Year Training 4th Year Training Basic Courses	Junior Chinese/Special Language Dispatch			
	Newly Appointed GRADE B2 Training GRADE B1 Training 6th Year Training 3rd Year Training New Employee Training	Career Workshop for Clerical Staff Overseas Training for Clerical Staff			
Prospective Employees	Training for Prospective Core Staff Training for Prospective Clerical Staff			Training Available to Employees of Group Company	

Training Results

Time/Cost Allotted for Employee Skills Development Training

	FYE 2016	FYE 2017	FYE 2018	FYE 2019
Total annual training time	193,839 hours	200,195 hours	217,734 hours	160,510 hours

	FYE 2016	FYE 2017	FYE 2018	FYE 2019
Average training/development hours per regular employee*	45.3 hours	46.72 hours	50.81 hours	37.46 hours
Average training/development cost per regular employee	266,000 yen	359,000 yen	334,000 yen	302,000 yen

* Calculation method: total annual training hours / employees at end of fiscal year

Attendance in Major Training

Training	FYE 2016	FYE 2017	FYE 2018	FYE 2019
Administrative Intern System	111	115	121	96
Global Development Program	126	128	134	141
Organization Manager Workshop	426	417	403	405
Short-Term Business School Dispatch	41	51	39	31
Junior Chinese/Special Language Dispatch	52	52	61	39
Chinese Lessons	390	469	614	237
Career Vision Support Training (total)	2,097	2,108	2,075	1,885

Key Points for Better Training

First, in FYE 2014 we created a training scheme for talent capable of shouldering administrative responsibilities at Group companies. Specifically, to further acquire fundamental knowledge and risk management techniques related to administration, we introduced the Administrative Intern Program. Also, along with building up a certain period of administrative experience for trainees in the Internal Audit Division or Legal Division, in FYE 2015 we started up a training program for efficiently studying accounting through hands-on practice. This program is mandatory for junior employees. Additionally, we have a replete lineup of Group company employee training so that domestic Group company employees can upgrade their skills and expand their networks within the Group. Next, we conduct training in the Global Development Program and the Short-Term Business School Dispatch to develop global management talent with an overseas perspective. Meanwhile, we were earlier than other companies in introducing a short-term overseas dispatch system in 1999. This program is designed to improve the English language skills of young Japan Headquarters employees and foster an international outlook for them. Currently, Junior Chinese/Special Language Dispatch is a program that sends employees to emerging markets in China and elsewhere. This program is central to our efforts at developing the potential future specialists in each market.



Training in the Global Development Program

For our training with an emphasis on practical on-the-job skills, we conduct Career Vision Support Training to develop industry professionals with diverse values, along with independent training programs that are based on each company or Headquarters administrative division's talent strategy and tailored for various objectives. Most recently, we have also been promoting the development of people capable of driving business into the next generation. We do this by providing our employees with opportunities for training and lectures aimed at studying cutting edge business model cases and acquiring IT expertise according to our Mid-term Management Plan.

Talent Synergy with CP & CITIC

In January 2015, ITOCHU Corporation formed a strategic business and capital tie-up with Charoen Pokphand Group Company Limited (CPG) and CITIC Limited (CITIC), which are some of the leading conglomerates in Asia and China, respectively. Thereafter, in January 2016, the three-company group signed a memorandum to strengthen talent synergies as the foundation for producing medium- to long-term business synergies and raising enterprise value. According to the memorandum, the goal for the future is to build a robust network of talent between the three companies and construct a foundation that will support their strategic partnership. This will be accomplished by dispatching and exchanging talent between the three companies from the short-term to the long-term, dispatching trainees to join training programs at other companies, and conducting new joint training.



The Third Three Companies' Combined Training Program (Thailand) (July 2018)

In FYE 2016, the three companies held their first joint training in Tokyo. We held this combined training seminar for the second time in Beijing, where CITIC is based, in FYE 2018 and for the third time in Thailand (Khao Yai and Bangkok), where CPG is based, in FYE 2019. Selected section manager-class ITOCHU Headquarters employees and their counterparts from CPG and CITIC worked to build a robust network of talent between partners by gaining a solid mutual understanding of each other's managerial policy, values, history and main businesses, as well as by engaging in thorough discussions so as to produce business synergies. We plan to hold this combined training seminar for the fourth time in Tokyo in FYE 2020.

The three firms are also steadily accepting trainees into their existing programs through short- to -long-term talent dispatch and exchange arrangements.

In addition, the strategic business and capital tie-up was accompanied by the FYE 2016 startup of a project to develop 1,000 Chinese-speaking employees, who account for one-third of all career-track employees. The project has made progress in laying a solid linguistic foundation. By the end of FYE 2018, we reached our goal of 1,000 people. We will continue to build the foundations to further promote the expansion of business in China and the rest of Asia in the future.

	July 2015	March 2016	March 2017	March 2018	March 2019
Certified Chinese speakers	361	430	793	1,043	1,025

ITOCHU Morning Activity Seminar

In September 2016, we began conducting early-morning training sessions and presentations as one measure to encourage shifts beginning in the early morning. The themes of these seminars are focused on the next generation of business and health. We held these seminars a total of 10 times with the participation of 2,786 people in FYE 2019. We received comments from the participants like the following: "I was able to hear stimulating stories before work, so I felt very positive." We plan to hold these seminars on a periodic basis in the future.



An ITOCHU Morning Activity Seminar

— Morning Activity Seminar Results

Major Seminars

Date	Title	Speaker
August 2018	New Common Sense of Business People! Strongest Strategy to Overcome Cancer - Japan's Greatest Enemy	Keiichi Nakagawa, Associate Professor in the Radiology Department at The University of Tokyo Hospital
December 2018	Give Life to Technology! OO × IT	Shunji Sugaya, President of OPTiM Corporation

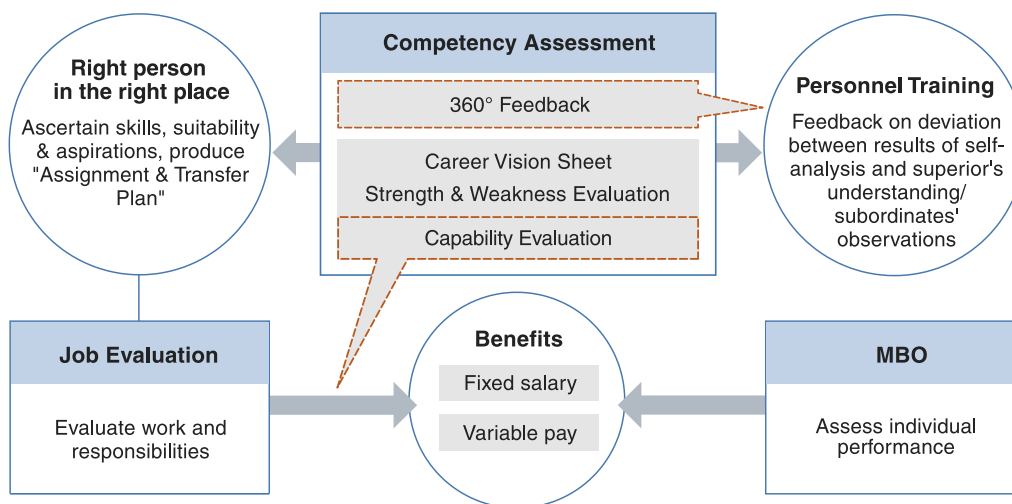
HR Appraisal & Assessment System

The HR Appraisal & Assessment System is a core part of the human resources organization that helps employees fully demonstrate their capabilities in a motivated and rewarding manner. It covers all ITOCHU Corporation employees. One part of the system is Management By Objectives (MBO), by which we assign individual employees with targets that match up with the management plan, then confirm execution. This approach helps us carry out business strategies. We have also created the Competency Assessment. This provides a comprehensive view of an individual employee's competencies, expertise, past career, aspirations and suitability, which we then use to plan assignments and transfers.

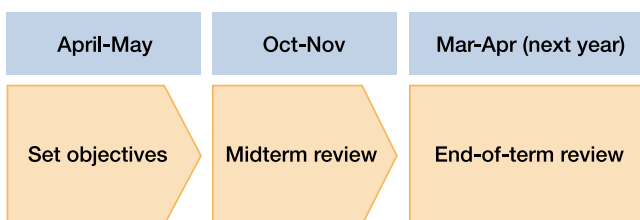
In order for these components of the HR Appraisal & Assessment System to function, we believe it critically important that superiors conduct fair and impartial evaluations and meet with their subordinates to provide feedback. 360° feedback* and assessor training enlighten superiors so that they will encourage employees to develop and grow.

* Multifaceted observation: A system by which feedback from observations by the organization managers themselves and subordinates are used to review everyday personnel management that the organization manager typically does not notice, followed, if necessary, by efforts to make improvements or upgrade capabilities. We make sure to apply this approach every year.

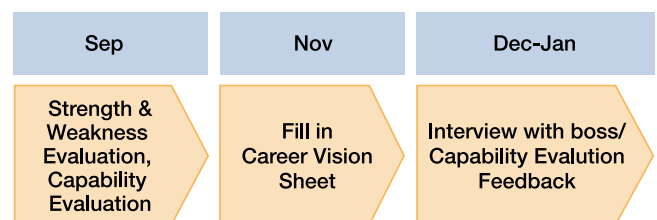
Overall picture of the personnel evaluation systems



Management By Objectives (MBO) Flow



Competency Assessment Flow



Career Support

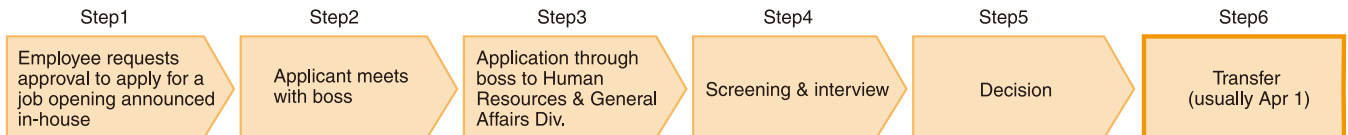
Career Counseling

The Career Counseling Center provides wide-ranging counseling and support services for the diverse careers of all employees, from new hires all the way up to organization managers. All the center's counselors are nationally certified career consultants. They discuss a broad array of topics with visitors to address their individual circumstances, including relationships with superiors, subordinates and other colleagues, how to go about one's work, one's future and so on. In addition, as a part of our employee training, we arrange for all young employees to undergo career counseling when they reach certain milestones in their ITOCHU careers. The center meanwhile serves experienced hires and middle-aged and older employees seeking to work beyond retirement age. There are over 500 consultation visits to the center each year. Here, visitors are provided complete confidentiality so they can feel at ease conversing with a counselor. The center's aim is for employees to develop an awareness about how to shape their career.

Formal Introduction of the Challenge Career System

We formally introduced the Challenge Career System in FYE 2019 in response to trials we conducted in FYE 2017 and FYE 2018. This will serve as a measure to increase the mobility of career-track employees (excluding organization managers) working in Japan. With the system, employees can check a list of job openings announced on the company intranet, then inform their superior of their desire for a transfer. With the superior's approval, the system will try to match the employee with the desired division and, if successful, may make a transfer between Division Companies or Headquarters administrative divisions. The aim of this system is to strengthen organizational capabilities by motivating employees and fostering their career awareness with the provision of career selection opportunities. Six people transferred in FYE 2019 following on from three people in FYE 2017 and two people in FYE 2018.

Challenge Career System Process



Employee Relations: Diversity

Policy and Basic Concept

Amid intensifying global competition, ITOCHU Corporation believes that organizational diversity is essential if we are to provide direct answers to the diverse needs of the market and continuously create new business and added value.

ITOCHU Corporation respects human rights and prohibits all forms of discrimination, including that based on race, religion, age, gender and nationality. ITOCHU Corporation uses diversity seminars and organization manager training to publicize the tools available to employees and to raise awareness about the importance of communication. We do this so that they do not fall victim to power harassment* or sexual harassment (including unfairly disadvantaging, engaging in hateful speech against or otherwise harassing employees who are sexual minorities). Another reason is so that pregnant employees and those who are doing their best to balance work while raising children or providing nursing care at home can feel their contributions to the workplace are worthwhile.

With regard to employees facing the constraints imposed by child-rearing or caring for a family member at home, superiors encourage them to make good use of the tools provided by the company to strike an appropriate work-life balance, while the company makes it known that it is also important to review the work duties, responsibilities and work arrangements for the workplace as a whole. Additionally, the company makes thorough efforts to provide a workplace environment where discriminatory remarks about sexual orientation/gender identity and comments premised on subconscious gender stereotypes are not tolerated. Employees also have access to consultation services.

* Acts toward a co-worker in the same workplace that utilize the perpetrator's superior position or advantageous interpersonal relationships (or other aspects of the workplace), thereby causing psychological or physical distress, or degrading the workplace environment, in a way that goes beyond the appropriate bounds of work duties.

Targets

ITOCHU Corporation is working on the following targets that were set in line with our diversity policy.

| Issues to Address

Provide an environment where diverse talent can thrive.

| Commitment

Respect human rights and prohibit discrimination of any type, including age, gender, nationality and disability. Provide an environment where employees can thrive even if their working hours are limited for reasons such as child-rearing, nursing care or illness.

| Specific Approaches

- Continue fair hiring and promotion practices
- Create a workplace culture supportive of mutual respect
- Rational consideration toward the working environment for disabled persons
- Adapt to the needs of LGBT employees and provide employee training on the subject
- Improve company daycare and nursing care support services
- Improve individualized support for employees' life stages and careers
- Promote flexible work arrangements through telecommuting
- Support to senior citizen employees above the age of 65 so they can thrive

Success Indicators

- FYE 2021: Share of women among career-track employees above 10%
- FYE 2021: Share of women in supervisory positions above 10%
- FYE 2021: Share of disabled employees at 2.3%

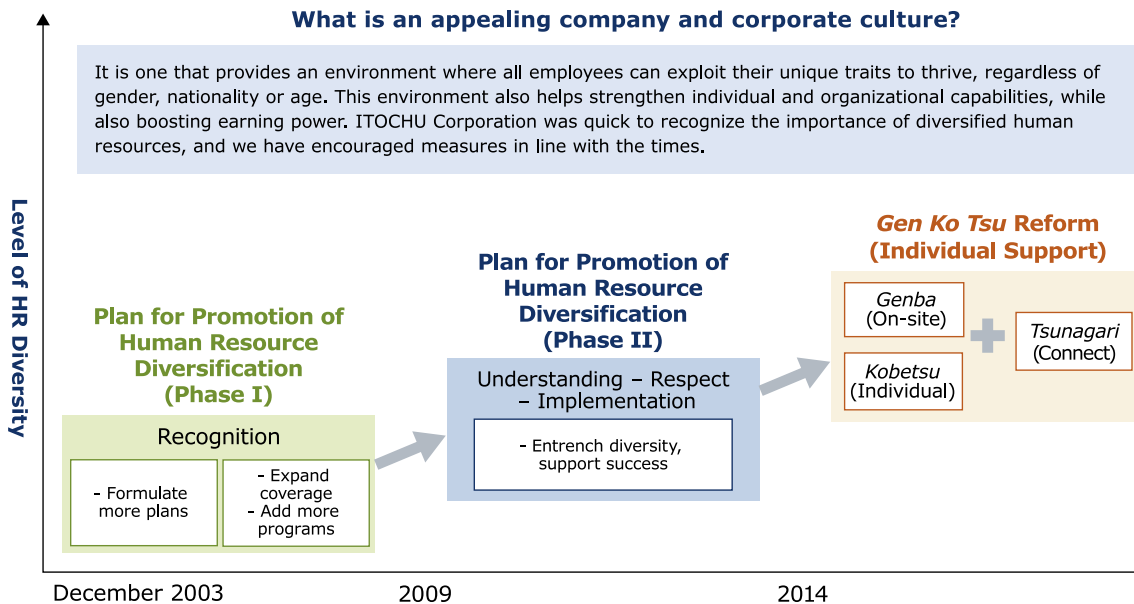
Women in Career-Track & Managerial Positions (as of March 31 for each respective year)

Year	2017	2018	2019	FYE 2021 Goal
% of Women Managers	5.9%	6.8%	7.6%	Over 10.0%
Women/All Managers	151/2,545	173/2,558	195/2,555	
% of Career-Track Women	8.9%	9.0%	9.4%	Over 10.0%
Career-Track Women/Total	304/3,435	313/3,461	327/3,463	

Support for Diverse Talent

ITOCHU Corporation formulated a Plan for Promotion of Human Resource Diversification in December 2003 that furthered the diversification of our talent, entrenched that diversification and helped these employees succeed. We will continue to build an appealing company and corporate culture by providing an environment where each and every employee can exploit their unique traits to thrive and by working to strengthen our individual and organizational capabilities.

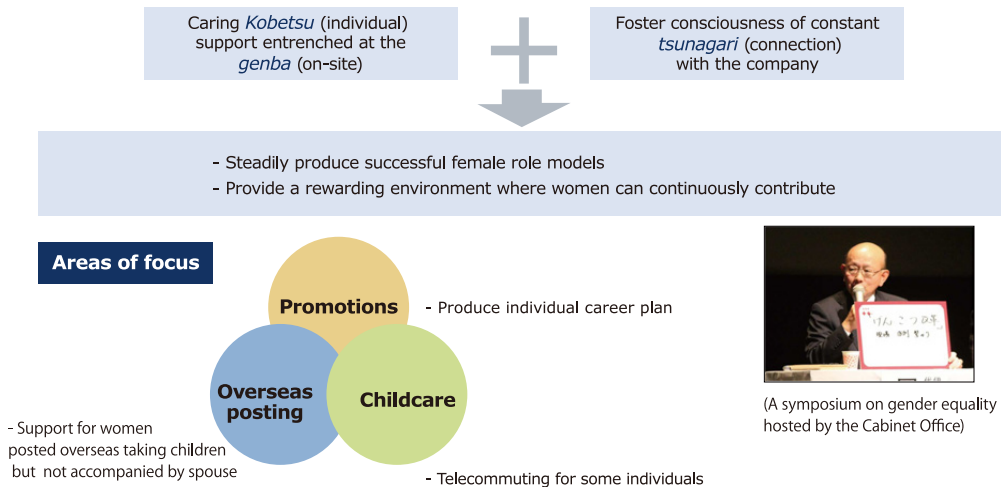
ITOCHU Corporation HR Diversity Efforts



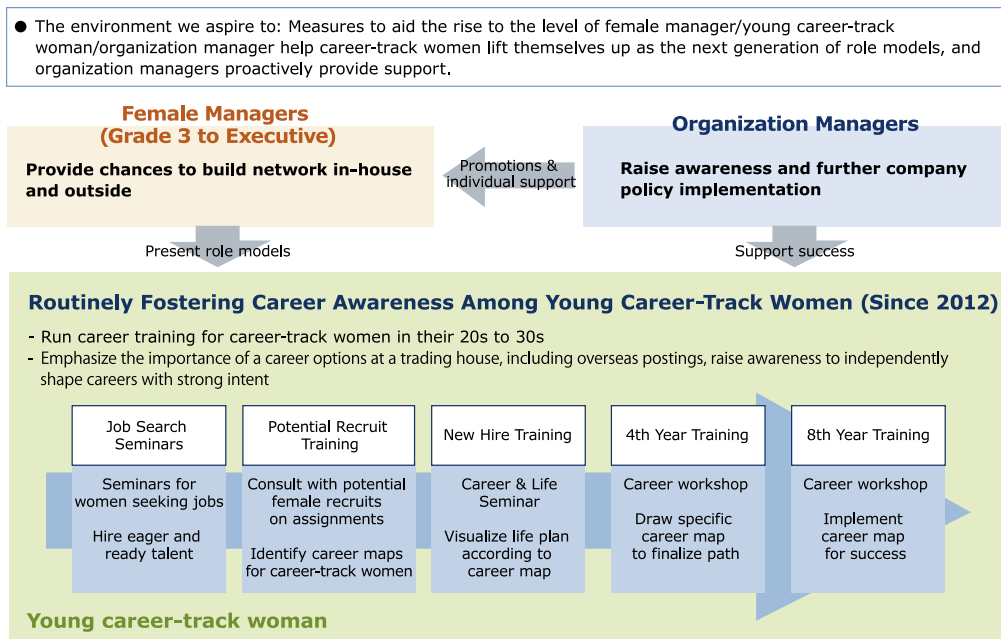
Support for Female Employees

Our support for women gets the greatest amount of focus in our efforts to diversify human resources. By implementing the Plan for Promotion of Human Resource Diversification, ITOCHU Corporation has hired more women to meet our target, while we also provide programs to support work-life balance beyond the level required by law. At present, while these programs serve as a safety net, we provide attentive individual support that is tailored to each person's stage of life and career through Gen Ko Tsu Reform. Meanwhile, to create models of successful women and provide them with rewarding work—with our focus being on developing future managerial candidates—we conduct training that fosters career awareness among young career-track women and raise awareness among organization managers through their training programs. (See below for our action plan stipulating specific targets and efforts moving forward.)

Gen Ko Tsu Reform



Fostering Career Awareness Among Career-Track Women



Measures to Support Career-Track Women

Stage	Environment & Issue Recognition	Specific Action
Initial Hiring (1989-2003) Legally required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hiring of women required by equal opportunity law for men and women enacted in 1986 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous hiring of career-track women (several every year) • Transfers from clerical positions • Introduce child-rearing support program
More female employees & programs (2004-2011) Welcoming company for career-track women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Formulation of Plan for Promotion of Human Resource Diversification (Dec 2003) ● Hiring more women and providing duties throughout the company is essential to proactively promoting women to leadership ranks ● To entrench women in the company, provide an environment where they can balance work with child-rearing/nursing care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set numerical targets • Introduce of mentoring program • Expand child-rearing support program • Introduce leave for employees whose spouses are transferred overseas • Set up company daycare • Hold various forums
Individual Support (2012-) Rewarding company for career-track women to work at	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Programs provided beyond legally required level ● Bulk of career-track women enter their 30s, with major life events to follow ● Via the Gen Ko Tsu Reform, individual support to hard-working women independently shaping their careers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Switch from job transfer/leave to rehiring program • Support overseas postings (for employees transferring overseas with children but without spouse) • Identify and develop candidates for promotion • Subcommittee gathers opinions from women in the workplace • Foster career awareness (forums, etc.) • Guidance before maternity leave, three-party meetings before returning from childcare leave • Interviews before and after overseas postings • Introduce work-from-home program • Greater use of transfer program (earlier year of eligibility, transferee follow-ups) • Career-track women sent to outside managerial training

**Share of Women in Career-Track/Managerial/Executive Positions★
(as of March 31 for each respective year)**

(Unit: people)

	Career-Track			Managerial			Executives & Directors		
	Total	Women	Share	Total	Women	Share	Total	Women	Share
2017	3,435	304	8.9%	2,545	151	5.9%	44	2	4.5%
2018	3,461	313	9.0%	2,558	173	6.8%	45	2	4.4%
2019	3,463	327	9.4%	2,555	195	7.6%	44	2	4.5%

* As of FYE 2019, we have changed the record date from March 31 for each respective year to that of April 1.

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Clerical Career Support

ITOCHU Corporation has been running the Career Workshop for Clerical Staff for top-grade clerical employees since FYE 2016. This is training aiming to improve skills to cultivate a mindset as a model of core personnel responsible for administration work and to demonstrate leadership in the workplace through company-wide role assignment. Every year, 10 to 20 employees participate in this training from targeted positions across the company. They experience missions such as preparing action plans for important company-wide challenges and mentoring clerical workers in their sixth year over approximately one year.

Balancing Work with Childcare and Nursing Care

ITOCHU Corporation goes above and beyond the requirements of the law to arrange programs available to both male and female employees that help them balance work with their childcare and nursing care obligations. This allows employees to continue making full use of their skills during their careers at the company, while resting assured they can handle stages of life where they must take care of children or elderly family members at home. Over 50 male employees have been taking childcare leave a year since FYE 2016, so the use of this system has become established. Meanwhile, in FYE 2016 we trialed a telecommuting program for employees raising children or providing nursing care at home. This was followed in FYE 2017 by the official introduction of a telecommuting program which employees who meet certain conditions can take advantage of. Eligible employees include those with time constraints due to childcare or nursing care obligations, as well as those who face difficulty making the commute to work due to pregnancy, illness or other such reasons. We continue to hold nursing care seminars every year in light of the fact the importance of preparing for nursing care has also become a social problem. At the same time, we introduced a service to provide nursing care information online in FYE 2018. We then introduced a one-stop nursing care assistance service to meet the needs of those seeking advice in April 2019.

Support Programs for Balancing Work with Childcare & Nursing Care

Support for Childcare

		85 days after getting pregnant	6 weeks before childbirth	Childbirth	8 weeks after childbirth	2 years old	3 years old	School age	Graduation from elementary school
		Pregnancy (women only)			Childcare (both men and women)				
Support for Childcare	Extended leave				Childcare leave (until the child turns two years old/ interruptible)				
	Working on chosen days					A system which allows employees to work on chosen days (1 year in total/ interruptible)			
	Leave	Pregnancy leave (20 days)	Maternity leave before childbirth (6 weeks)			Maternity leave after childbirth (8 weeks)	Leave to nurse sick children (5 days per year in the case of only one child; Ten days per year in the case of two or more children)/Until graduation from elementary school)		
		Miscarriage leave (5 days)					Special parental leave (A total of 40 days until graduation from elementary school)		
	Shorter working hours, etc.	Shorter working hours during pregnancy (Up to 90 minutes per day)				Family support leave (Included in leave as a reward for diligence)			
		Flexible time system				Shorter working hours for childcare (Up to 90 minutes per day/Until graduation from elementary school)			
	Limits on overtime work, etc.	Limits on night work (10 p.m. - 5 a.m.)				Exemption from overtime work			
		Limits on overtime work				Limits on overtime work (Up to 24 hours per month/150 hours per year)			
						Exemption from night work (10 p.m. - 5 a.m.)			
	Other support	Guidance for returning to job	Social media for employees on maternity/childcare leave			Career support training		Three-party meeting on return from childcare leave, follow-up meeting for those who have returned to work from childcare leave	
Handbook on childcare (edition for women, edition for men, edition for superiors)									
Various services	Working at home (individual basis)								
	Discount system for babysitter dispatch services								
	Childcare consultations, etc./Telephone health consultations								
					Use of I-Kids, a childcare center for employees (0 - 3 years old) *Temporary childcare services are available until the child reaches school age.				

Support for Nursing Care

		Commencement of use of the system	2 years	3 years	
Support for Nursing Care	Extended leave	Nursing care leave (2 years in total/interruptible)			
	Working on chosen days	A system that allows employees to work on chosen days (3 years in total/interruptible)			
	Leave	Leave for nursing care (10 days granted each year regardless of the number of family members in need of nursing care)			
		Special nursing care leave (30 days for those with fewer than 8 service years, and with an upper limit in the accumulated number of days at 60 days (half day off may be included) for those with 8 or more service years.)			
	Shorter working hours, etc.	Shorter working hours for nursing care (Up to 90 minutes per day for up to 5 years in total/Salary begins to be reduced accordingly in the 4th year/Interruptible)			
	Limits on overtime work, etc.	Exemption from overtime work			
		Limits on overtime work (Up to 24 hours per month/150 hours per year)			
		Exemption from night work (10 p.m. - 5 a.m.)			
	Other support	Nursing care seminars			
		Career support training provided for employees on extended leave			
Handbook on nursing care					
Various services	Working at home (individual basis)				
	"Furusato Care Service" for employees posted abroad (care for their elderly relatives)				
	Subsidy for use of homemaker services				
	Support for use of nursing care services/Telephone health consultations				
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■ Use of Childcare & Nursing Care Programs

Use of Childcare & Nursing Care Programs★

(Unit: people)

		FYE 2017			FYE 2018			FYE 2019		
		Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
Childcare	Childcare leave	55	71	126	57	76	133	52	100	152
	Leave to nurse sick children	65	118	183	65	123	188	66	124	190
	Shorter working hours for childcare	0	76	76	0	79	79	1	84	85
	Special parental leave	13	33	46	12	36	48	14	42	56
	Percentage of employees returning to work*	84%			97%			97%		
Nursing Care	Nursing care leave	2	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	1
	Special nursing care leave	2	3	5	2	4	6	0	8	8
	Leave for nursing care	14	26	40	17	36	53	16	44	60
	Shorter working hours for nursing care	0	5	5	0	10	10	0	4	4
Family Support Leave		122	102	224	122	108	230	130	95	225

* The percentage of employees returning to work after childcare leave is calculated according to the following formula : the number of employees returning to work after childcare leave during the current or the following fiscal year/the number of employees who finished taking childcare leave during the current fiscal year.

* We have re-calculated the past FYE data of the percentage of employees returning to work after childcare leave in FYE 2019, since we revised the calculation method of this indicator.

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■ ITOCHU Kids Day for Visiting Mom & Dad at Work

Since 2014, we have regularly invited employees' elementary-age children to ITOCHU Kids Day for Visiting Mom & Dad at Work. The children get business cards made especially for the event, which they exchange with employees at their parents' workplaces. They also attend a mock meeting in the executive meeting room and eat lunch in the employee cafeteria. These activities provide the children with a deeper understanding of the company where their parents work. The response from employees has been very positive for instilling an interest in what the children's parents do at their job and for sparking a desire to work at ITOCHU in the future. As we consider this an incredibly meaningful event for building family bonds and teaching children about ITOCHU, we plan to continue holding it.



Children exchange business cards with the President COO

Social Inclusion Support for Disabled Persons

To provide the handicapped possessing physical, mental or other disabilities with a workplace that is motivating and rewarding, we established ITOCHU Uneedus Co., Ltd., our first special subsidiary, in Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture in 1987. The disabled person employment rate in ITOCHU is 2.17% as of March 2019. We are promoting an expansion in the range of work and recruitment of disabled persons in anticipation of an increase in the statutory employment rate in the future.

Efforts by ITOCHU Uneedus Co., Ltd.

ITochU Uneedus Co., Ltd. provides services including dry cleaning, photo and document printing, mail delivery, laundry and cleaning. The company's motto is about stringent quality control and friendly service. All dry-cleaning processes are performed by mixed teams of disabled and non-disabled persons. To expand business as well as to create a more welcoming workplace environment for staff dealing with an array of disabilities, in November 2015 the company relocated to new offices in Yokohama's Tsuzuki Ward with 140% more floor space and the latest equipment. Since marking our 30th year in business in 2017, we have continued striving to proactively support social inclusion for disabled persons and help create a society where they can experience the joy of making a contribution through work.



Left: New offices of ITOCHU Uneedus Co., Ltd. (Tsuzuki Ward, Yokohama)

Right: Work in the cleaning department

<http://www.uneedus.co.jp/> (Japanese only) 

Employment of Disabled Persons

Employment of Disabled Persons★

(as of March 1 for each respective year)

	Percentage of Disabled Employees
2017	2.31%
2018	2.04%
2019	2.17%

* The figures of employment ratio of people with disabilities are the combined total of ITOCHU Corporation and the certified special-purpose subsidiary, ITOCHU Uneedus Co.,Ltd.

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Support for Senior Citizen Employees' Success

ITochU has long been proactively promoting activity support of seniors. We employ all those who so desire under the Employment Extension System after they reach retirement age at 60 years old in light of the point of view of the decreasing birthrate and aging population in Japan and activity support for diverse personnel. This means we are developing an environment in which seniors can continue to work utilizing the wealth of knowledge and experience they possess even after they have reached the retirement age. We also hold training such as life planning seminars for employees at the age of 58 years old and future course selection briefings for employees at the age of 59 years old. Therefore, we are supporting work styles and money plans after the extension of the employment of employees. We will do yet more to create an environment where senior citizens can continue performing motivating, rewarding work more than ever.

Accolades for ITOCHU Corporation

ITOCHU Corporation's efforts in "Creating Environments that Bring Out the Best in Employees" have won much praise.

We won the Excellence Award (Family-Friendly Enterprises Category) at the Minister Prize in Equal Employment/Work-Life Balance organized by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare in FYE 2018.

		 <p>〇ファミリー・フレンドリー企業部門 平成29年度</p>
<p>Platinum Kurumin Authorization</p>	<p>New Diversity Management Selection 100</p>	<p>2017 award for Excellence from the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare for "Excellent Equal Opportunity/Work and Family-Life Balance Companies" ("Family-friendly Companies" category)</p>
<p>Companies making excellent efforts to provide employees with support at work as well as with childcare receive approval to display the Platinum Kurumin Authorization mark. (Received in 2016 / Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)</p>	<p>A project for selecting excellent companies that provide diverse human resources with opportunities and an environment for exercising their potential. (Selected in March 2016 / Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry)</p>	<p>A program recognizing companies that promote exemplary programs with an equal emphasis on work and childcare/nursing care. (Selected in November 2017 / Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)</p>

* Related data: Employee Status (P79)

Share of Women in Career-Track/Managerial/Executive Positions (P90)

Number of hires by gender (P119)

Employee Relations: Occupational Safety and Health Management

Policy and Basic Concept

Occupational Safety and Health Management for our Employees

ITOCHU Corporation considers people to be its greatest asset. Ensuring that every employee can reach their full potential leads to increased corporate value. Based on this way of thought, we promote various policies aimed at realizing an environment in which all employees can leverage their unique talents and have the peace of mind to focus on their work.

The cornerstone for achieving our corporate message, "I am One with Infinite Missions," is reinforcing employee health while developing employee ability. Based on this idea, we have codified our company policy towards health management in the ITOCHU Health Charter (enacted June 2016). We hope this will help every employee reach their maximum potential. ITOCHU Corporation recognizes the diversity of its employees with regard to gender, age, nationality, race, religion and existence of handicaps. We have defined our health charter as follows in order to achieve our vision as One with Infinite Missions, and perpetually improve corporate value.

— 1. Taking responsibility for employee health

ITOCHU will take responsibility for the good health of each employee by actively supporting initiatives they take to maintain or improve their health.

— 2. Contributing to society by maintaining good health

ITOCHU will develop soundly over the long term based on an understanding that the good health of its employees is the foundation of the happiness of the employees themselves as well as their families, customers and wider society.

— 3. A legacy for future generations

ITOCHU will carry out its infinite variety of missions as a company in which healthy employees who are fulfilled both spiritually and physically unleash their individual strengths. By so doing, it will continue for years to come to fulfill its responsibility to promote prosperity and "the global good."

Going forward we will pioneer various efforts that lead the way toward work-style reform and health management. And we will build an environment that allows employees to find meaning in their work.

Occupational Safety and Health Management along the Supply Chain

Beyond our employees, ITOCHU Corporation also implements comprehensive measures to ensure the occupational safety and health of the stakeholders within our supply chain, including the companies we invest in and contractors. In 2013, we established ITOCHU Corporation's Sustainability Action Guidelines for Supply Chains to communicate our expectations for partners along the supply chain. The Guidelines covers key safety and health related issues such as "Management of working hours", "Management of health and safety", and "Management of employee health".

We believe it is important to gain the understanding and cooperation of all of our suppliers and contractors regarding our procurement-related policies. In keeping with this belief, in FYE 2014 we followed up on the Guidelines with approximately 4,000 suppliers with whom we have continuing relationships, in order to raise awareness and understanding of our expectations. In January 2015, we have made it a mandatory procedure to inform all new suppliers and contractors of the Guidelines. We anticipate that these activities will lead to an enhanced understanding among our business partners regarding our approach to sustainability.

Safety and Health Related Risk Assessments for Investment Projects

ITOCHU Corporation considers ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance related) aspects to be crucial in assessing potential risks for investment projects. In addition to financial risks and opportunities, our due diligence and risk assessment process for prospective investments therefore includes the use of a comprehensive ESG Checklist, which covers seven core subjects aligned with the ISO26000, as well as 33 sub-issues. One of the core subjects concerns Labor Practices, which includes sub-topics covering safety and health-related issues, such as labor standards, occupational safety and health, and stakeholder engagement to enhance health and safety practices. Our assessment of safety and health related risks for investment projects does not simply end at the initial investment. We conduct continuous management assessments and ensure that we monitor companies in our portfolio, ultimately to contribute to as much enhancement of business practices among investees as possible. For more information, please see Evaluating ESG Risks of New Investment Projects (P139).

Combatting Global Health Issues

ITOCHU Corporation has operations worldwide, with about 800 employees stationed overseas. As such, global health issues including HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, which are widely recognized as three of the deadliest infectious diseases today, are a major concern to our business, and we have implemented various initiatives in response.

With regards to our employees and their families, we conduct detailed preparatory seminars regarding safety and medical practices prior to overseas dispatch, including information on said global health issues. We also provide employees stationed abroad and their families with mandatory vaccinations aligned to the recommendations published by local governments. Vaccinations are administered by our Health Administration Center or a nearby travel clinic. Once dispatched, our employees and their families have access to specialized health care service companies that we partner with, which can provide information on local hospitals, details on how to avoid infection, and emergency treatment of illnesses.

In terms of community involvement, we have strived to enhance partnerships that can maximize our contribution to combatting global health issues. Since 2017, we are supporting [Friends of the Global Fund, Japan \(FGFJ\)](#) through our membership in the Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE), which is responsible for the operation of FGFJ. We also work with Dole Philippines, one of our subsidiaries, to combat global health issues including HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, in the local communities. We will continue to expand efforts in this area to fulfill our social responsibility as a global company.

Targets

Based on our policies regarding the management of occupational safety and health, ITOCHU Corporation aims to achieve zero workplace accidents and death incidents for FYE 2020 as well, and will work toward the following underlying targets.

Issues to Address

Strengthening employee health

Commitment

We will promote the health of each employee and establish an environment in which they can more fully display their individual abilities. We will foment a climate of mutual support by establishing a support system that helps employees with cancer and long-term illnesses balance work and treatment.

Specific Approaches

- Continue 100% participation in medical checkups
- Maintain complete in-house infirmaries and a support structure for dedicated medical care for each employee
- Promote support measures for those living with cancer
- Offer a healthy menu in the employee cafeteria
- Promote programs to help people stop smoking
- Continue to operate "Re:body" health management website for employees, and carry out special programs intended to prevent lifestyle-related diseases

Success Indicators

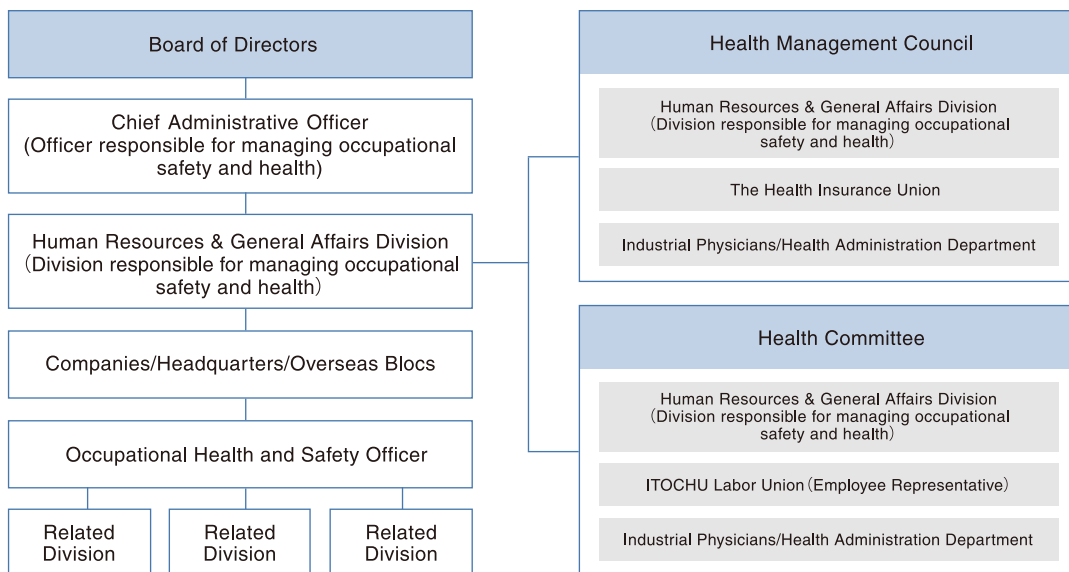
- 100% participation in medical checkups.
- FYE 2021: improve health indices (such as BMI) compared to FYE 2017.
- FYE 2021: 0% job separation rate due to cancer or long-term illness.
- FYE 2021: use stress checks to keep rate of high stress individuals below 5%.

Structures and Systems

ITOCHU Corporation considers employees to be assets. One of the company's vital responsibilities is to ensure health and safety in the workplace so that employees can reach their full potential. We have built a robust system led by the President & Chief Operating Officer, not just for incidents, accidents, disasters and other emergencies, but also health management. This ensures that both ITOCHU Corporation employees working around the world and their families stay healthy and safe.

To implement our corporate philosophy of being "Committed to the Global Good, " ITOCHU Corporation also discusses occupational health and safety with the ITOCHU Labor Union, which counts approximately 80% of employees as members. (see "Labor Union and Employee Benefits (P110-113)"). Recurrent, active discussion between labor and management makes both cognizant of the challenges facing the company and keeps them on the same page. This builds a healthy relationship that enables them to consider and implement measures for improvement. See P101 for the number employees who have undergone training on health and safety standards.

Overview of Itochu Corporation's Occupational Health and Safety Management Organization



We have a standard management and escalation procedure for all matters regarding occupational safety and health, both domestic and abroad. For each of our Companies, Headquarters, and Overseas Blocs, we have appointed an Occupational Health and Safety Officer, who is responsible for overseeing the execution of relevant initiatives. These Officers also serve as contact points to which workplace incidents and death incidents are reported to within their related divisions. Managers are also expected to relay and escalate these reports to the head office's Human Resources and General Affairs Division.

The Health Committee, chaired by the head of the Health Administrative Center and Human Resources and General Affairs Division, meets once a month to review and deliberate on important matters related to health. In case of emergencies that require immediate attention, relevant personnel are gathered to share insights on the issue at hand and escalate matters accordingly to the Health Committee. Emergencies can include health issues such as infection outbreaks, concerns raised by occupational physicians and risks associated with excessive working hours and working environments.

With regards to Health Management related initiatives and concerns, we hold a monthly Health Management Council to share progress and any concerns or risks regarding occupational health and safety.

Any critical issues identified in the Health Committee or the Health Management Council are escalated via the Human Resources and General Affairs Division to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), who holds the highest level of responsibility regarding health and safety. The CAO is responsible for reporting highly important issues to the Board of Directors and the Chairman & CEO. Matters that are not urgent are reported to the Board of Directors once a year, through the same reporting process.

OHSAS18001 Certification Rate of ITOCHU Facilities

OHSAS18001 (Occupational Health and Safety Assessment Series) is a framework that certifies facilities with management systems that fulfill strict requirements for health and safety that address risks appropriately and enable continuous performance enhancement. The certification requires comprehensive elements such as a health and safety management policy, targets and action plans, the evaluation of initiatives implemented, and a process to reflect evaluation results for further improvement of the entire process. As of March 2019, among the 502 subsidiaries under ITOCHU Corporation, one company (0.2%) has acquired the OHSAS18001 certification.

Health Administration Center

The Health Administration Center serves as the clinic for our headquarters in Tokyo and employs a total of 20 medical specialists, as well as x-ray technicians and pharmacists. For more than 30 years public health nurses have acted as "border-less medical concierges" who provide individual health guidance customized to the situation of every employee, both in Japan and overseas. This is based on close cooperation with medical specialists for various lifestyle-related diseases. In this way, the center supports ITOCHU Corporation health management through individual health management for each employee.

Specifically, in addition to the specialized disease management mentioned above, the office provides general practice medicine (internal medicine, orthopedic surgery, dentistry), checkups (regular medical checkups, half-day complete checkups, and medical checkups for employees traveling overseas or returning from abroad on a temporary or permanent basis), various vaccinations, and examinations (VDT examination, adult-onset disease examinations). It also offers medical counseling and provides information. In FYE 2017, almost 100% of our workers in Japan received regular medical checkups.

Mental Health


Concerning mental health, we have set up a stress management room in the company and offer counseling by a clinical psychologist. Employees can also seek counseling from a company physician or see a psychiatrist in-house. Our Health Insurance Union has set up a health consultation website called "Health & Mind Online" that enables employees to seek consultations by phone or over the net. On December 1, 2015, the Industrial Safety and Health Act was revised to require businesses to conduct employee stress checks once per year. ITOCHU Corporation's Health Administration Center took the lead in trialing stress checks a year early in October 2015. These were then introduced on a full-scale basis in FYE 2017.

Safety Measures for Employees on Travel or Stationed Overseas

ITOCHU Corporation operates worldwide with roughly 800 employees stationed overseas. The company also sends as many as ten thousand people on overseas business travel and works to offer health management to overseas staff. Since close communication between overseas locations and Japan is vital to overseas security management, we have stationed overseas safety specialists at our headquarters. They regularly exchange information about politics, economics, public safety and other factors with personnel and general affairs representatives assigned to each of the eight blocs worldwide. Staff meet through safety measures meetings, public security seminars, etc. They then disseminate appropriate measures throughout the company. We have also established a system to cover regions where information is more difficult to obtain through contracts with international security consultant firms.

Measures to Address Medical Issues and Prevent Infectious Diseases

Prior to being dispatched, all employees stationed abroad are required to undergo mandatory vaccination in line with governmental recommendations for each international region/country. ITOCHU's Health Administration Center provides employees with vaccination services – in case specific vaccinations are not available, we direct our employees to nearby clinics that specialize in vaccinations. All vaccination costs are also covered by the company. Moreover, we provide both the employees and their families with thorough preparatory seminars on health and safety matters regarding the countries they are assigned to. Global health issues such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria are especially crucial for certain countries. Therefore, we ensure that the preparatory seminars cover these issues, and also provide follow-up seminars following their return to Japan.

Once our employees and their families arrive in their assigned countries, we provide medical support in various ways, such as partnering with a specialized health care service company ([International SOS](#) ), to provide information on any potential issues that may occur, information on how to address and manage health emergencies, and support during emergencies, such as those that require emergency transportation.

— Basic Health Management Support

- **Concierge Without Borders:** This is a service that we provide to employees and their families to support them in addressing chronic conditions. Employees and their families can reach out via e-mail or phone call to occupational health nurses supported by specialized physicians, and receive advice on health-related issues as necessary.
- **Introduction of local medical facilities:** We are able to introduce reliable local medical facilities in the countries we operate in, where employees can receive necessary medical services.
- **Routine health checkups:** In addition to pre-dispatch comprehensive medical examinations, we provide employees and their families with annual health checkups. These checkups can either be conducted upon short-term return to Japan, or in the countries where they are stationed in – including surrounding countries.
- **SECOM Furusato Care Service:** We provide support for our employees' elderly family members living in Japan. Our support covers a medical care system run by SECOM, which can be accessed year-round, at any time of day. The service allows for elderly family members to receive phone-based health support from a specialized nurse center.

— Health-Related Emergency Support

- **International SOS:** This is a service that we provide employees and their families to support them in addressing acute medical conditions. The service provides access to a multi-language call-center where users can inquire about any local issues regarding safety, including terrorism, social disturbances, and medical concerns. Additionally, if our employees or their family members encounter any emergency such as injuries or acute medical conditions, they can access International SOS to request relevant support, which includes arrangements for appropriate transportation, accompanying doctors and nurses, as well as access to medical institutions that are equipped to address the emergency.
- **JOMF Kids' Net:** This is a service that we provide employees and their families to address child-related medical issues abroad. The service can be accessed via international phone call to receive advice from pediatricians in Japan.

| Addressing Health and Disease Related Issues in Local Communities

ITOCHU Corporation engages in community investment in the Philippines to address global health concerns. This is conducted mainly through the Mahintana Foundation Inc. (MFI), an NGO that was developed by the Dolefil* SR Division of Dole Philippines, one of ITOCHU's subsidiaries. Along with MFI and local municipalities, ITOCHU has engaged in comprehensive development initiatives for over 40 years, including the creation of industries and labor markets, environmental conservation and reforestation, education, provision for basic needs, enhancement of employee benefits, and health and safety. Specifically regarding health and safety, global health concerns such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria are particularly crucial, and we have implemented the initiatives listed below to prevent outbreaks of infectious diseases among employees and the local community:

* Dole Philippines's Pineapple Division

Social Issues	Initiatives
Infectious diseases	Vaccinations, education and training for dengue fever prevention, disseminating insecticide-treated nets (ITNs), extermination of insects, and promotion of vitamin A consumption
Healthcare	Promotion of vitamin A consumption, provision for pregnancy support, dental services, and education and training on adolescent health issues

Regarding malaria, the positive impacts of these prevention efforts are continuing to spread, with an increasing number of surrounding regions reporting to be free of malaria infections.

Occupational Health And Safety Data

Safety initiatives in Japan incorporate countermeasures against large-scale disasters like earthquakes. These include creating a business continuity plan, preparing disaster supplies such as drinking water, food, and toilets, conducting emergency drills, and training employees to use our safety confirmation service. We encourage employees to prepare for large-scale disasters by making sure they have a way to contact their families in the event of an emergency, keeping a pair of comfortable walking shoes at work, and being sure they know their way home on foot.

Occupational health and safety data (Individual employees*1) ★

(Unit: people)

	FYE 2017		FYE 2018		FYE 2019	
	Full-time employees	Part-time employees	Full-time employees	Part-time employees	Full-time employees	Part-time employees
Number who suffered from occupational accidents (number which occurred during commute)*2	5 (4)	1 (1)	7 (5)	1 (1)	4 (2)	0 (0)
Number of Fatalities	0	0	0	0	0	0
OIFR (Occupational Illness Frequency Rate)*3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Number who suffered Lost Time Incidents (LTI)*4	0	0	0	0	0	0
LTIFR (Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate)*5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

*1 Employees targeted: Full-time employees — career-track employees, clerical employees, those in special positions
Part-time employee — contract employees

*2 Number who suffered from occupational accidents: The total number of those who suffered from of occupational accidents or non-LTI due to their work and those injured during their commute.

*3 OIFR: The rate of incidence of lost-time accidents corresponding to disease per million hours (calculated as the number of people suffering from LTI due to illness divided by the total number of working hours times 1 million)

*4 Lost time incidents (LTI) are situations in which a work-related injury or illness causes the victim to be absent from work on the following day. (occupational accidents)

*5 LTIFR: The rate of occurrence of incidents that caused employees to miss work per million working hours (calculated as the number of sufferers of LTI divided by the total number of working hours times 1 million)

Performance benchmarking against industry average (wholesalers and retailers with over 100 employees)

	2016	2017	2018
Lost-time incident rate	1.74	1.94	2.08

* The data above references the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare's 2018 Research on Work-related Accident Trends

Total number of participants in training related to health and safety standards (individual employees)★

	FYE 2017	FYE 2018	FYE 2019
General training on health and safety standards *1	2,744	3,410	3,543
Human resources-led training on health and safety standards *2	48	61	48

*1 Training new recruits (career-track employees and clerical employees), managerial workshops, training in preparation for overseas assignments and training in preparation for JOT/JOT-M, evacuation drills at the Tokyo headquarters.

*2 Career vision training (including mindfulness classes and mental health management)

FYE 2019 Number of employees that received our main health and safety-related training

(unit: number of employees)

Type of training	Training details	Number of employee attendees
Training new recruits	Employees newly joining ITOCHU are informed on the importance of health for their personal life and their career. The training includes information on mental health and lifestyle-related diseases. Employees are also educated on the company's health and safety management by our occupational physician and our clinical psychologist.	138
Managerial workshop on building a healthy workplace	This workshop is for all employees in management positions to educate and train them on building a healthy work environment. Training topics include how to manage the mental wellbeing of employees, and how to prevent and address cases of harassment.	405
New manager training on health management	For newly promoted junior managers, we provide training on how to guide and manage the health and safety of subordinates through case-studies. The training also provides guidance on how to maintain one's own health once promoted to their new positions.	44
Training in preparation for overseas assignments or junior overseas training	The training is mainly conducted by our occupational physician, and covers health issues that are likely to occur in relevant countries, as well as crucial differences in medical environments and lifestyles between Japan and assigned countries. The training also covers necessary preparations that are recommended prior to dispatch, and information on how to receive health checkups during their assignment. We also provide the same training for the family members of our employees, and provide information on key contact points and resources in case of emergencies.	292

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Health Management

In FYE 2017 we began to work on health management in earnest. This entailed promoting a range of measures to improve employee health, based on the ITOCHU Health Charter (established in June 2016). These include the introduction of "Health MyPage," which allows all employees to manage their health status, individual programs for employees with a high risk of lifestyle-related disease (distributing wearable devices and offering expert advice on health and diet), and better support for those trying to quit smoking (reimbursing medical costs involved in quitting). And in April 2018, we opened a new health-focused integrated dormitory for unmarried employees. In an effort to increase the health awareness of each employee, we introduced the "Health MyPage" app in April 2017. This app lets employees view medical checkup results via a PC or smartphone, and permits centralized management of lifestyle data, such as number of steps walked that day, weight, percent body fat and calorie intake. We also launched a personal guidance program for young employees with a high potential risk of lifestyle-related diseases. Participants receive wearable devices which collect data on exercise and sleep, and manage data on diet as well. This enables them to receive daily diet and exercise instructions online from a health coach and national registered dietitian. So far, more than 240 people have taken advantage of the opportunity and made progress under the program.

Our Health Insurance Union operates two recreation centers in Japan, and implements initiatives which include cooperating with the Health Administration Center to fully cover the cost of treatment that helps employees stop smoking.

Moreover, in August 2017 we began to lead the way in Japan with company efforts to support balancing cancer care and work from the three perspectives of prevention, treatment, and coexistence. We are striving to create a workplace in which all employees, regardless of whether they suffer from cancer or long-term illness, can continue to work without concern toward their fullest potential, all the while maintaining motivation and finding meaning in their work.

| Policies for Living with Cancer

In August 2017, we began to implement measures to support balancing cancer treatment and work in accordance with the ideas behind the ITOCHU Health Charter enacted in June 2016.

It is said that, today, one in two Japanese will develop cancer at some time in their life. Every year, 850,000 individuals are diagnosed with cancer, with working-age adults accounting for 30%. Cancer typically requires a certain period of intensive treatment, followed by careful, long-term follow-up care. At ITOCHU, some employees continue to work while fighting cancer, and some have succumbed to the struggle. We believe that providing a work environment where employees may continue to work without fear, and without giving in to cancer, leads to positive work on the part of the employees and energizes the organization. So we have decided to keep the following three perspectives in mind as we implement this measure.

- Establish an environment in which employees can seek counsel and share information without concern
- Strengthen the system that the entire organization uses to support prevention, early detection, and treatment of cancer
- Establish internal systems and programs which permit employees to continue to work and play active roles while they receive treatment

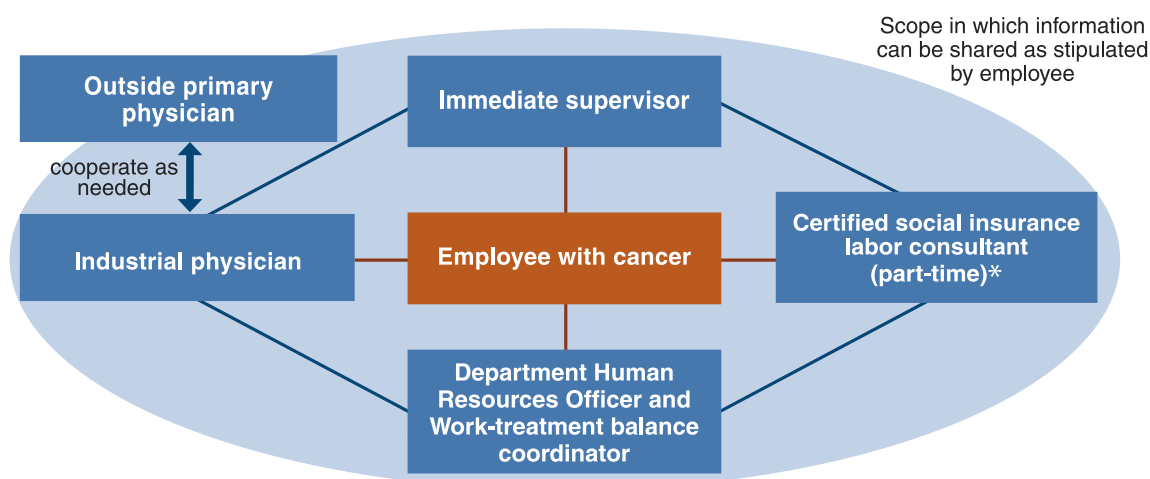
Thus far ITOCHU has maintained a support system for long-term illness that included an enhanced health management system, subsidies for high-cost medical care, and a flexible work/leave system. We have now decided to add the following new initiative to support balancing cancer care with work from the three perspectives of prevention, treatment, and co-existence.

- Cooperate with National Cancer Center
 - Prevention: To improve the rate of early detection, we have added special cancer examinations under the supervision of cancer specialists to our regular medical checkup.
 - Treatment: If an exam comes back positive, we refer the employee to the National Cancer Center for detailed examination. If cancer is detected, we immediately coordinate with specialists from the National Cancer Center to arranged state-of-the-art treatment.

- Establish a system that offers support for balancing work with cancer treatment (See the figure below.)
 - Assign a coordinator who supports balancing work with cancer treatment, and foster a system and climate in which other employees, including the head of the organization, can help the employee with cancer to balance treatment and work. After receiving the initial report, formulate a plan to support balancing treatment and work which follows a prescribed flow that is dictated by the individual patient's condition.
 - Create a handbook explaining how to support balancing treatment and work, and establish a leave system that allows such support to be provided.
- Enhance financial support for advanced cancer treatment
 - The company purchases a blanket policy to provide financial support to employees who receive advanced medical treatment not covered by insurance.
- Expanded scholarships for children and job search support
 - Increase the amount of scholarship money paid to bereaved children through graduate school by roughly two to three times what it had been previously.
 - If a bereaved child or spouse desires to work for the ITOCHU Group, every effort will be made to find a place for them within the Group.

By promoting these measures, we hope to create a workplace in which all employees, regardless of whether they suffer from disease, can continue to work as much as they like without concern, and reach their fullest potential. We aim to build a working environment where employees are able to maintain their motivation while finding a sense of worth in their work.

ITOCHU Corporation support system for balancing work and cancer treatment



* Career consultation desk provided by qualified counselor

Application to Group Companies

Due to our consolidated management, our efforts with regards to occupational health and safety, and safety management, cover not only our employees (including contract employees) but also those of our group companies. Specifically, Group companies also conduct things like stress checks, safety initiatives in Japan, information on safety measures overseas, collaboration with overseas security and medical service companies, and seminars prior to overseas assignments. Group companies are increasingly adopting a morning-focused work style, and the group overall is striving to reduce the total number of working hours and promote employee health. In addition, we are working to strengthen the labor management of the overall ITOCHU Group by regularly conducting workshops that hone the knowledge and expertise of our personnel, and assessments of labor and human resources.

Details of Personnel and Labor Support Provided to Group Companies in FYE 2019

1. Labor management case study workshops

These workshops focus on case studies that highlight possible labor management cases including mental health problems and working hours management. Participants gain specialized knowledge and learn how to handle these types of problems. In addition to Tokyo, we held this workshop in Osaka for the first time in three years in FYE 2019. Tokyo: 38 participants from 23 companies (July and November) Osaka: 16 participants from 10 companies (October)

2. Labor management case study workshops (special edition)

In these workshops, lectures explain key points that are likely to cause problems for human resources and labor management and propose solutions to these problems. In FYE 2020, the workshop's theme was "Equal Pay", and gathered 104 participants from 61 companies.

3. ITOCHU Group Human Resources and General Affairs Liaison Council

This council aims to allow those in charge of human resources and general affairs from our Group companies to exchange information and strengthen relationships. Activities include discussing the latest trends in human resources and general affairs, sharing information about ITOCHU Corporation measures and support situation, and updating one another about the content of revisions to laws. FYE 2019, 138 employees participated from 85 companies.

4. Human resources and labor management assessments

These are health assessments aimed at checking whether rules, systems, and management related to overall personnel and labor affairs are operated in an appropriate manner. These include labor contracts, internal rules, occupational health and safety, and time management. We conducted assessment of 11 companies in FYE 2019.

5. ITOCHU Group Human Resources and Labor Management Portal Site

We established a new portal site in May 2018 to share the regulations and expertise of ITOCHU with group companies. The aim of this site is to strengthen the human resources and labor management in group companies.

Ensuring Safety in Uranium Exploration

Uranium exploration is one of our business areas that requires careful attention to ensure the safety of employees and surrounding communities. Our engagement in uranium exploration occurs through JCU (Japan-Canada Uranium), in which we have a one-third share ownership. JCU currently owns interest in 13 uranium assets in Canada, where it conducts uranium exploration. Only one of these assets has completed the prefeasibility study, with the rest being suspended or still requiring more exploration work. Thorough prefeasibility and feasibility studies are crucial for us to understand the quantity of potential resources and economic value of each site, as well as technical and safety-related parameters and concerns. If JCU and its JV partners determine to proceed to development and production in the future, our policy is to continuously conduct meticulous measurements of radiation levels and implement necessary measures to limit radiation exposure among employees and surrounding communities to a minimal level. Likewise, it will also be our policy to minimize any risk of emitting low level radioactive waste.

Peaceful usage of nuclear fuel

If JCU and its JV partners determine to proceed to uranium development and production, our policy is to strictly limit any usage of sold uranium concentrates to peaceful usage. The sole objective of our uranium exploration business is to contribute to the enhanced power generation for civilian use. Our minimum commitment to achieve this policy will be to meet any local or international regulations regarding security trade control. Furthermore, we will implement a chain of custody monitoring structures to ensure peaceful use among our direct customers as well as any customers involved in further resale.

Radiation hazard assessments

All JCU business activities related to uranium exploration are ensured to meet local laws that align with the International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA) guidelines for uranium development and production regulations. This includes our commitment to meeting IAEA recommendations and requirements, as well as Canadian local regulations regarding implementation of radiation hazard assessments and management to ensure its appropriate execution.

Management of radiation exposure to employees and communities

If JCU and its JV partners determine to proceed to uranium development and production, our first and foremost priority across all activities regarding uranium concentrates will be health, safety, security, and environment (HSSE). It is therefore fundamental for us to implement necessary measures to ensure the safety of employees and the community – especially those in close proximity to the site. This includes our commitment to meeting IAEA recommendations and requirements as well as Canadian local regulations regarding measurement of radiation exposure among all personnel at relevant facilities, cumulative radiation dosage management for employees, and thorough monitoring.

Regarding JCU's uranium exploration activities, throughout the past three years (2016-2018) we have not identified any cases of radiation levels that exceed natural levels in relation to employees and the community.

Management of radioactive operational waste

All uranium exploration projects we are involved in via JCU aim for the development and production of natural uranium concentrates. Therefore, any radioactive operational waste occurring from the mine and the refining facility will predominantly be limited to having naturally-induced low level radioactive wastes. We will commit to meeting IAEA recommendations and requirements as well as Canadian local regulations regarding the appropriate management and disposal of these radioactive wastes.

Throughout the past three years (2016-2018), we have not generated any high-level, mid-level, or low-level radioactive operational waste.

External Appraisal/Assessment

In FYE 2016 ITOCHU Corporation obtained the highest rank in the Development Bank of Japan (DBJ) Health Management Rating System for the first time as a general trading company. We were also selected as a Health and Productivity Stock for two years in a row in 2016 and 2017 in the health and productivity management program jointly sponsored by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

We succeeded in these areas thanks to positioning work-style reforms and Health and Productivity Management as important management strategies. We introduced a morning-focused working system ahead of other companies, and cooperated with industrial physicians and the Health Insurance Union to promote aggressive measures for improving health throughout company.

In FYE 2018 ITOCHU received the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare Prize during the 2017 Award for Companies Promoting Cancer Control in the Action Plan for Promotion of Cancer Control, which is sponsored by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare. The award was granted in recognition of our Support Measures for Balancing Cancer Care and Work, which began in FYE 2018. We also won an award of excellence, during the Tokyo Metropolitan Government awards commending companies that implement excellent initiatives to help cancer patients balance cancer treatment and work.

Our Balancing Cancer Care and Work Support System was acknowledged in FYE 2019. We received the Award of Excellence in the Corporate Human Resources category at the Nihon no Jinjibu HR Awards 2018. The Nihon no Jinjibu HR Awards are awards that honor innovators in fields such as human resources, personnel development and labor management. We also received the Gold Award at the 1st gan-ally-bu Awards. The gan-ally-bu Awards are awards aiming for workplaces and a society where it is possible to work actively while receiving cancer care.

		
<p>Health and Productivity Stock 2016-2017</p>	<p>Award for Companies Promoting Cancer Control in the Action Plan for Promotion of Cancer Control, sponsored by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare</p>	<p>Tokyo Metropolitan Government award commending companies which implement superior initiatives to help cancer patients balance cancer treatment and work</p>
<p>Selects companies engaged in strategically carrying out efforts with regard to employee health from a management perspective (Selected February 2017 / Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) and the Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE))</p> <p>* First general trading company to be selected two years in a row</p>	<p>This program recognizes companies that are proactive in taking cancer control measures and which are engaged in comprehensive, advanced cancer control measures. (Selected in February 2018 / Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)</p>	<p>This program recognizes companies that implement superior initiative to help employees with cancer balance treatment with work. (Selected in February 2018 / Tokyo Metropolitan Government)</p>
		
<p>The Best Practice Enterprise</p>	<p>Nihon no Jinjibu HR Awards 2018 Award of Excellence in the Corporate Human Resources Category</p>	<p>1st gan-ally-bu Awards</p>
<p>These awards are held once a year to select just one company in each prefecture as The Best Practice Enterprise that is working proactively to reduce long working hours as a part of the overwork elimination campaign. (November 2017 / Tokyo Labor Bureau)</p>	<p>This is an award system that honors innovators in fields such as human resources, personnel development and labor management. (November 2018)</p>	<p>These awards were established to realize workplaces and a society where it is possible for cancer patients to work actively while receiving care. They were established by the gan-ally-bu private sector project working on the problem of cancer and employment in which employees work while receiving cancer care. (October 2018)</p>

Employee Relations: Workplace Environment / Work-style

Working Hours Management / Morning-Focused Work

Not only do we comply with legislation like the 36 Agreement, but we are focusing on work-style reform aimed at reducing total number of hours worked.

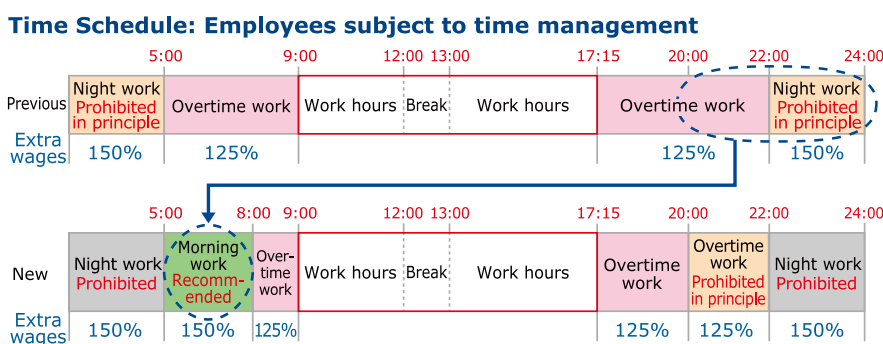
ITOCHU has long sought to reduce overtime work from a perspective of managing employee health and promoting effective operations. To achieve a more effective working style, we reconsidered the way of thinking that assumes employee will work overtime and determined that a shift in employee awareness was needed. So in October 2013 we introduced a morning-focused work system intended to help shift work habits from night-focused to morning-focused. This progressive approach has impacted not just the industrial world, but the political and business establishment as well. It has grown into a large movement that is changing the way Japanese people work. More than five years after its introduction, the approach continues to produce steady results and is the core element in our work-style reforms.

ITOCHU believes its efforts as a pioneer in work-style reform will both empower individual employees to change their approach to work, and promote balanced operational reforms. In this way, the Company is striving to achieve a work environment that enhances operational effectiveness, helps maintain and improve employee health, support the activities of employees who face time constraints from raising children or caring for family members in poor health and allows a more diverse set of employees to make full use of their capabilities.

Outline of Initiatives

- Night work (10 p.m. - 5 a.m.) is prohibited. Working between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. is prohibited in principle. However, work after 8 p.m. may be allowed in special circumstances after prior approval if it is unavoidable.
- We pay increased wages at the same rate as for night work to encourage employees to work earlier in the morning (5 a.m. - 8 a.m.)(employees subject to time management: 150%; employees not subject to time management: 25%).
- * When an employee starts working at 7:50 a.m. or earlier, the higher wages are applied not just for the hours of 5 a.m. to 8 a.m. but also for 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
- We also provide light meals to employees who begin work before 8 a.m. to aid in managing their health.

Morning-Focused Work System Diagram



Providing light meals to employees

Effects of Efforts

		Prior to introduction	First year after introduction	Five years after introduction
Left bldg.	8:00 p.m. or later	Approx. 30%	Approx. 7%	Approx. 5%
	(10:00 p.m. or later)	(Approx. 10%)	(Almost 0)	(Almost 0)
Entered bldg.	8:00 a.m. or before	Approx. 20%	Approx. 34%	Approx. 44%
Hours of overtime per person		-	Approx. 7% decrease	Approx. 11% decrease

Dress-down Days

In June 2017, ITOCHU introduced "Dress-down Days" as a new work-style reform aimed at creating an environment in which each employee can vibrantly participate and more fully demonstrate their capabilities.

Wednesday and Fridays are designated "Dress-down Days," and employees are allowed to dress down even more than they could during the previous Casual Fridays. In lieu of business suits, they can wear what they like as long as it can be considered "work clothes" suitable for business settings. Employees may even wear jeans and sneakers, and are encouraged to wear outfits that express the freedom characteristic of ITOCHU. This program aims to have employees consider how best to dress down with consideration for their relationships with customers and the people around them. This will develop their ability to think flexibly and foster a workplace environment that facilitates the creation of new ideas. The following key measures were implemented in FYE 2018 to increase employee awareness of the program and encourage its spread. We intend to continue to develop similar programs appropriate to each season.



FYE 2018

- A program in which personal stylists give 10 or so employees a complete makeover and get them to try new styles. The program is conducted three times a year (summer, autumn/winter and spring) in cooperation of Isetan Shinjuku Store of Isetan Mitsukoshi Ltd.
- Internal company events that invite employees to wear a specific item ("Jeans Day" and "Sneakers Day", etc.) and which involve related events on the same day. These could be sales, lectures by stylists on dressing well, etc. in cooperation with ITOCHU Group/associated companies.

FYE 2019

- We have established a new permanent concept space called the "D+ Lounge" just for Dress-down Days on the second floor of the Tokyo Headquarters. This space offers events relating to personal appearance every month to refine the power of expression of our employees. These events include personal color diagnoses, stylist consultations, shoe shining, first-class shaving experiences and make-up lectures for working women.

FYE 2020

- We have established Dress-down Every Day to enable employees to think about what clothes to wear to work in response to the time, place and occasion (TPO) and the weather every day only in the summer (May to September). Every day during this period is a Dress-down Day regardless of the day of the week.

* Applies to both full-time and part-time employees

Cooldown Rooms

In June 2012, ITOCHU Corporation introduced Cooldown Rooms on the first floor and first basement floor of its Tokyo Headquarters. These rooms seek to help beat the summer heat by keeping visitors comfortable inside the building and giving employees a comfortable place to work. To help fight global warming and save electricity in summer when demand for power is high, ITOCHU stipulates that air conditioners in the building not be set lower than 28 degrees Celsius. However, the Cooldown Rooms have lower ceilings than other rooms and can be cooled more efficiently. Cool air is supplied at 15 degrees Celsius to keep room temperature below 20 degrees. This makes them great spaces for visitors to the building and employees returning from sales activities to cool down on hot summer days. In December 2016, we began to make effective use of the Cooldown Rooms in winter as well by raising the temperature settings so that people could use these spaces to warm up. We also established a permanent history exhibition corner called "ITOCHU History" in December 2016. This is so that many people can learn about the founding principles of our company while effectively utilizing the Cooldown Rooms in the winter.

* Can be used by both full-time and part-time employees

Shower Lounge and Shower Room

In the summer of 2016, ITOCHU installed a shower lounge on the third floor of our Tokyo Headquarters, and a shower room on the second basement floor. Their goal is to help create a workplace environment that encourages job satisfaction. The seeds of this idea were accounts from employees who often found airport shower rooms crowded when returning from business trips on early morning flights. Many reported using external facilities (such as gyms and saunas) on their way to work. In response to this feedback, ITOCHU established shower facilities at Headquarters so that employees returning from business trips can be more comfortable as they begin work. The facilities are equipped with overhead shower heads, which warm the body quickly in winter, and amenities like towels, hair driers, shampoo, and conditioner. A total of 1,100 employees have used the facilities in the two years and 9 months since they opened. The facilities have been well received, with employees reporting they are able to work in comfort. In response to employee requests, the facilities now stay open longer and can also be used by employees who exercise to improve their health. They are also open to employees of affiliate companies.



* Can be used by both full-time and part-time employees

The Hiyoshi Dormitory

In March 2018, ITOCHU Corporation opened the Hiyoshi Dormitory in the Kohoku ward of Yokohama, Kanagawa prefecture. The dormitory has approx. 360 units to house unmarried employees. It brings together unmarried male employees who had been scattered across four locations in the Tokyo Metropolitan area. The design concept for the dormitory is "under the same roof," as opposed to positioning it as a mere welfare facility. Accordingly, it is equipped with a variety of common areas designed to bring residents together and deepen communication across boundaries like age and department. These include a dining room with shared kitchen, a multi-purpose meeting room, a large bathroom with a sauna, and communication spaces on each floor (including study areas and an open terrace).

It also incorporates measures that take into account Health and Productivity Management. The cafeteria provides breakfasts and dinners that take into account a nutritional balance from the viewpoint of policies such as health and productivity management. We have also partnered with a local fitness club to give residents opportunities to exercise. As a rule, smoking is prohibited throughout the dormitory, including private rooms, and is only allowed in designated smoking areas. We also provide a program that utilizes a smartphone app to assist those who wish to quit smoking. Through efforts like these, we hope to create an environment that encourages employees to voluntarily reform their work-style and improve their health.

This dormitory is designed to function as a secondary office for the Tokyo Headquarters and is vital to our business continuity plan (BCP) for disasters. It uses the same Internet environment as our offices and we have installed emergency generator equipment. We have also stocked the dormitory with food, water, emergency supplies and other items.

* Intended only for full-time employees

Employee Relations: Labor Union and Employee Benefits

Policy and Basic Concept

ITOCHU Corporation hopes to achieve an environment in which employees can leverage their individual talents and concentrate on their work without worry. To this end, we maintain a system of rich employee benefits and employee welfare facilities. Our original employee welfare measures include a morning-focused work style, health management, support for living with cancer and dress-down day. These have met with praise both inside and outside the company, and have contributed to increased employee motivation.

* See "Employee Benefits (P113)" for details on the primary employee benefits that have been introduced and expanded in recent years (for both full-time and part-time employees).

Targets

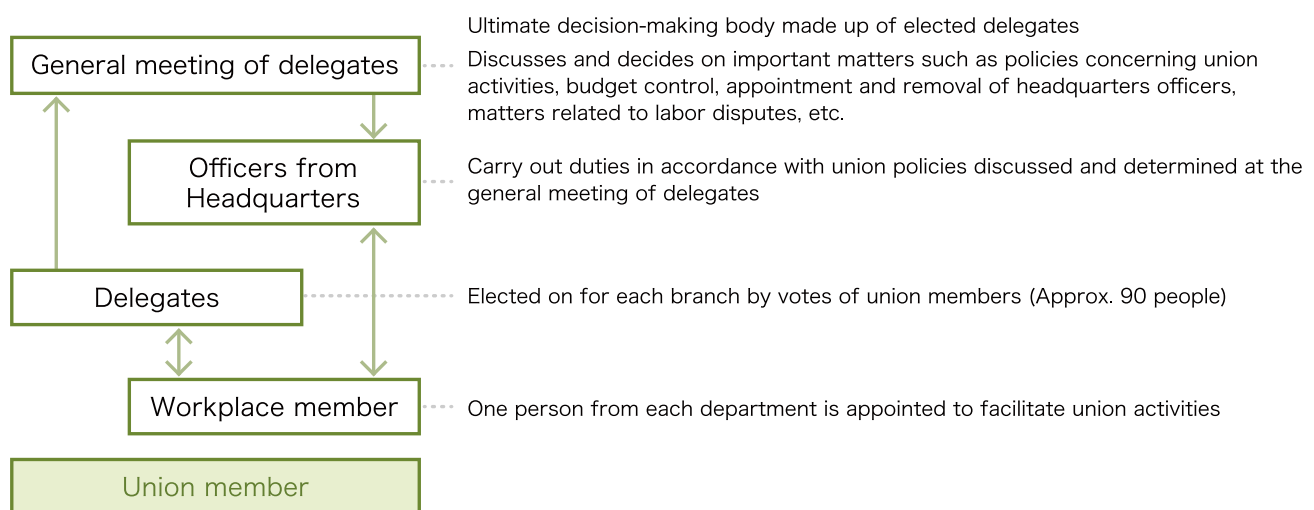
- We are aiming for a 70% or higher rate of positive responses to the "employee engagement" items on our engagement survey.
- FYE 2021: improve health indices (such as BMI) compared to FYE 2017.
- FYE 2021: 0% job separation rate due to cancer or long-term illness.
- FYE 2021: use stress checks to keep rate of high stress individuals below 5%.

Structures and Systems

ITOCHU Corporation has had a labor union since its founding. The objective of the Labor Union is to improve labor conditions and other economic concerns of its members. The Labor Union carries out all required operations to fulfill this objective.

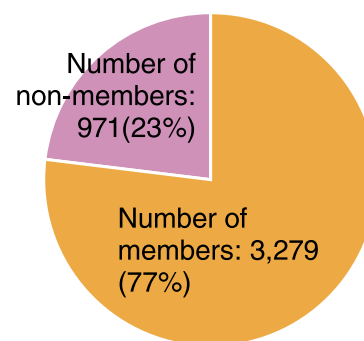
(Article 3, Rules of the ITOCHU Labor Union)

- Headquarters: General meeting of delegates and officers at headquarters (Secretariat: Liaison for labor management negotiations consisting of the president and secretary general)
- Branch: Six branches (Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Tohoku, Hokuriku and Kyushu)



The company is prohibited from taking any of the following actions:

1. Providing disadvantageous treatment to a worker because the worker is a union member, or on similar grounds
Example: Discharging or transferring a worker because the worker has gone on strike as a union member, or on similar grounds
2. Refusing to bargain collectively without justifiable cause
Example: Refusing to come to the bargaining table or sending someone without authority as a representative to attend a collective bargaining session as a representative
3. Interfering with or providing financial assistance for the organization or operation of a labor union
Example: Interfering with or interrupting the union's events or providing financial support for union operational expenses
4. Providing disadvantageous treatment, such as dismissal, to a worker in response to an allegation made by the worker to the Labor Relations Commission
Example: Providing treatment, such as dismissal or wage reduction, to a worker in response to an allegation made by the worker to the Labor Relations Commission, or to a similar action by the worker



Ratio of ITOCHU Labor Union members as of April 1, 2019

Efforts Together With ITOCHU Labor Union in FYE 2019

April 2018 to March 2019 (monthly)	Health Committee
June-18	Account settlement meeting
July, August, September and November-18	Collective bargaining & Labor-management committee for salary revisions
November-18	Labor-management committee for overseas compensation and benefits
January-19	Labor-management committee for time management
March-19	Management meeting with the President COO

Activities by the Headquarters of the Labor Union in FYE 2019

April and May 2018	General Meeting of Delegates
June-18	Meeting attended by three top-ranking officers from each branch
September-18	General Meeting of Delegates
October-18	Sports Day
February-19	General Meeting of Delegates
March-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting attended by three top-ranking officers from each branch ● Labor Union event at Tokyo DisneySea



Shion Shinohara
President,
ITOCHU Labor Union

Comments from the ITOCHU Labor Union President

We negotiate and discuss with the company to achieve compensation and benefits and an environment suitable to be called a "top trading company both in name and substance." We do this in light of the two missions of the labor union - to protect our members and to build a good company.

- 1. Philosophy:** Our philosophy is "Moving on Together - Working together actively with enthusiasm and motivation." With this in mind, we aim to create a work environment that allows employees with diverse characteristics, values and circumstances to remain motivated to actively and enthusiastically work together, and which allows each individual to achieve their best performance.
- 2. Vision:** We aim to achieve a "virtuous cycle of corporate management" by improving labor conditions and the economic status of members. This "virtuous cycle of corporate management" describes a positive cycle of: improved work environment → active participation by employees → improved company performance → improved employee treatment → improved morale → improved work environment, and so on.
- 3. Action Guidelines:** The entire union (members, worksite committee members, liaison officers, delegates, branch officers and headquarters officers) make concerted efforts based on the three key concepts of "Stay ahead," "Speak up," and "Be reliable."
 - Stay ahead: Always think one step ahead and work on something new. Think and move forward together.
 - Speak up: Each member should take the initiative to speak up.
 - Be reliable: Build an organization that can be depended on and meets expectations.

Dialogs with the Labor Union

ITOCHU Corporation discusses a wide range of issues with the ITOCHU Labor Union in order to achieve our corporate mission of being "Committed to the Global Good." We held a total of eight sessions of management meetings with the President & COO, settlement of accountings meetings with the CFO and other collective bargaining and labor-management committee meetings in FYE 2019. Recurrent, active discussion between labor and management makes both cognizant of the challenges facing the company and keeps them on the same page. This builds a healthy relationship that enables them to consider and implement measures for improvement.

Dialogs with the President

ITOCHU proactively establishes opportunities for the President and employees to engage in direct two-way dialogue. The President visited approximately 30 Japanese and overseas branches and overseas local subsidiaries where opportunities for dialogue with the President are usually limited to hold dialogue meetings in FYE 2019. The President personally conveyed the management policy and his passion toward the realization of that directly to employees in these dialogue meetings. At the same time, the employees were also able to directly express their own opinions and ask questions to the President. Therefore, these were valuable opportunities to deepen two-way communication. The content of these meetings is wide-ranging - even including private matters in addition to the management policy. Accordingly, these are always extremely lively meetings.

Employee Benefits

ITOCHU Corporation employs a variety of welfare facilities and schemes to stimulate communication between employees and provide opportunities for exchange. Stimulating communication helps foster a sense of belonging and job satisfaction in individual employees. It also helps to invigorate the organization as a whole.

| Employee Cafeteria

The employee cafeteria at the Tokyo Headquarters underwent large-scale renovations in May 2013 that transformed it into a brighter and a more comfortable meeting place. Since then we have taken further steps to make the cafeteria a more attractive space for employees. These include introducing a Wellness Cafeteria menu created under the supervision of Kagawa Nutrition University* which aims to help employees improve their health. We have also revised our menus and altered the layout of the room based on employee feedback. Nearly 1,600 people use the employee cafeteria every day.

This special cafeteria can also be used to share meals with customers, and operates as a pub at night. It has a regular Happy Hour, during which alcoholic beverages are available for free or at a discount. This boosts communication between people from both inside and outside the company. In 2017, the menu was fully revised and the cafeteria underwent major renovations once again. This has made it a great place for employees to interact over meals.

- * Kagawa Nutrition University is a pioneering force in nutrition education. The menu it helped create focuses on daily specials with healthy dishes that fulfill different nutritional requirements. These include an energy value of around 600 kcal, salt content of 3 g or less, and vegetable servings of 140 g or more.
- * Can be used by both full-time and part-time employees

| "SOGO-KAI" Associations

"SOGO-KAI" associations are groups where fellow employees can assemble to enjoy the same sports or cultural activities. Spreading out from Tokyo and Osaka, there are more than forty such associations active within the company nationwide. They boast a combined membership of more than 800 employees. The associations are not limited to current ITOCHU Corporation employees. Many former employees and Group company employees also take part. These associations use sports and cultural activities to promote exchange and communication across different generations and organizations.

- * Both full-time and part-time employees can join

Respect and Consideration for Human Rights

Action Plan

Risks	Opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business delay or business continuity risk resulting from the occurrence of a human rights problem in business activities that expands (geographically). Decline in credibility that may result from defects in the social infrastructure services we provide. And others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stabilization of business or securing of excellent human resources resulting from harmonious coexistence with local communities. Establishment of safe, stable supply system for product enabled by the consideration of human rights and improvement of work environment in the supply chain. And others.

Materi-ality	SDGs Targets	Issues to address	Business area	Commitment	Specific approach	Performance indicators	Degree of Progress
Textile Company							
Respect human rights	 	Establishing a supply chain reflecting consideration for human rights and the environment	Supply chain management	We will promote information-sharing in the overall Group and establish a safe, secure supply chain, thereby helping customers with risk reduction and contributing to sustainable economic development.	Make Group-wide efforts to review the social and environmental safety of the supply chain and make improvements as necessary, thereby promoting the establishment of a safe, secure commodity supply system.	FYE 2024: Establish and visualize the supply chain of the overall Group, from material procurement to sales, to ensure a responsible procurement policy.	In FYE 2019 we conducted an investigation of 50 of our suppliers from the standpoint of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) criteria. In FYE 2020 we plan to increase this to 80 companies, and continue to work to establish a healthy supply chain.
Machinery Company							
Respect human rights	 	Improving water and hygiene infrastructures	Water and environmental projects	We will contribute to improving the hygiene environment, the development of economic activities, and the protection of the global environment through the appropriate treatment and effective use of water and waste.	Expand water and environment projects to promote the appropriate use and treatment of water and the effective utilization of resources, and reduce the environmental impact.	Expand and diversify the investment portfolio in the water and environment field.	Water Sector We are participating in Water Supply and Sewerage Treatment Companies in the UK and Spain, Seawater Desalination Projects in Australia and Oman. Our Project in Oman started commercial operation in 2018. We continue to invest in portfolio in the water sector. Environment Sector We invested in four Waste Management Projects in the UK and awarded a 25-year Waste Management and Resource Recovery Project in Belgrade, the republic of Serbia in 2017.
		Establishing a supply chain reflecting consideration for human rights and the environment	Overall electric power and plant projects	We will contribute to improving the quality of life of all stakeholders in the supply chain and business investment destinations.	Set rules on due diligence related to social and business environmental safety for suppliers and business investment destinations based on the distinctive characteristics of each business, implement due diligence, and strengthen monitoring continuously.	FYE 2020: Aim to implement the due diligence described on the left in all new development projects.	We observed ESG checklist for all new investment of development and also checked 7 main issues on guideline of social responsibility. (Organizational Governance, Human Rights, Labor Practices, The Environment, Fair Operating Practices, Consumer Issues, and Community participation and Development.)
Metals & Minerals Company							
Respect human rights	 	Sustainable mine development that reflects consideration of the risks in occupational safety and health and environmental risks, and that contributes to local communities	Mining business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will promote sustainable development of natural resources by fully committing to EHS (environment, health, occupational safety) and harmonious coexistence with local communities in areas which we operate. We will improve local infrastructure such as medical care and education. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure the thorough application of the EHS guidelines. Contribute to local communities through activities for improving medical care, education and infrastructure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of annual internal seminars to ensure our employees are fully aware of the EHS guidelines. Donations to medical care, education and build infrastructure in local communities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We held internal EHS (Environment, Health and Safety) training courses for supervisors and company employees belonging to sections engaged in resource development. The attendance rate of those subject to this training was 100%. In FYE 2019, we checked five existing projects and one new project under EHS guidelines using the check sheet, and set follow-up items. We carried out CSR activities that contribute to the local community as part of each project we invest in. As an original initiative, our Australian subsidiary, ITOCHU Minerals & Energy Australia Pty. Ltd., co-sponsored citizen awards in the communities surrounding the port of our iron ore projects.
Energy & Chemicals Company							
Respect human rights		Establishment of an energy resources development system that goes well with local society and environment	Exploration & Production of Oil & Gas	Contributing in the development of local society by advancing exploration & production projects that accommodate social and environmental concern.	Implementation of projects in compliance with the laws and regulations of the respective government and internationally-recognized administrative body.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be compliant with HSE (Health, Safety and Environment) standards in the respective government and the ones set by internationally-recognized administrative body. Reduction of HSE issues that involve serious damage to human beings and/or environment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are duly complying with the HSE management standards set by the governments and relevant authorities. In accordance with our internal regulations, we monitor the number of incidents, seriousness and contents of the cases on a monthly basis. (In FYE 2019, no major operational incidents have been reported as of the end of February.)
Food Company							
Respect human rights	 	Establishing a supply chain reflecting consideration for human rights and the environment	Provisions	We will establish a procurement system that conforms to third-party certification criteria and unique codes of conduct of manufacturers as our customers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start procuring coffee beans in Latin America in a way that conforms to the unique codes of conduct of manufacturers as our customers. Participate in conferences of RSPO, a third-party certification body on palm oil, and start supplying RSPO-certified oil. 	Proceed with discussions of targets for the sustainable procurement of palm oil by collaborating with the trading industry organization based on customers' situations and industry trends.	By 2025 we aim to switch the palm oil we handle to sustainable palm oil (RSPO/MSP0/ISPO, etc.). On the basis of the industry trends and customers' circumstances, we are going to improve our procurement system to provide sustainable palm oil with industry groups.
General Products & Realty Company							
Respect human rights		Providing an environment that enables the focus to be placed on stable production activities	Construction	We will operate industrial estates in a high-quality manner that will permit tenant companies to focus on stable production activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a safe, secure, environmentally-friendly infrastructure, including facilities such as those for power supply, industrial water/wastewater treatment, security and fire prevention systems, or improve the existing infrastructure to make it like the above. Create employment by inviting companies, and in addition, promote locally-based contribution activities. 	Undertake further improvements of infrastructure facilities and the service system in industrial estates and continue diverse local contribution activities.	We continue to carry out the following initiatives at the Karawang International Industrial City <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a service structure that takes into account safety, security and the environment. Activities that contribute to neighboring areas. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Support for establishment of a pediatric health contact center, supplying baby food, providing medical equipment to midwives. Provision of scholarships to Jr. high and high school students. Afforestation/donating saplings to local governments and establishing agricultural parks.

Policy and Basic Concept

The ITOCHU Group has adopted the ITOCHU Mission of being committed to the global good as our corporate philosophy. This "global good" means a sense of well-being that offers both material and mental satisfaction. We are committed to the good of society and the good of individuals as a company deploying diverse businesses throughout the world and we respect human rights and individuality.

The ITOCHU Values in our corporate philosophy are five values that we must cherish to fulfill our commitment to the global good. We have adopted diversity as one of these values. We cherish the human rights and individuality of each and every person. The human rights policy of the ITOCHU Group is as below.

Human Rights Policy of the ITOCHU Group

1. Basic Principles and Position of This Policy

The ITOCHU Group has established the ITOCHU Group Human Rights Policy (hereinafter "this Policy") and is promoting efforts to respect human rights. We have established this Policy based on various international norms. These include the UN Declaration of Human Rights, the International Labour Organization's (ILO) Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, the code of conduct on human rights in the United Nations Global Compact that we have participated in since 2009, and the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. This Policy is also a declaration of our efforts to respect human rights based on the ITOCHU Group's corporate philosophy, code of conduct, corporate message and Basic Policy on Promotion of Sustainability.

2. Scope of Application

This Policy applies to all organizations across the world in the ITOCHU Group. The ITOCHU Group also requests that our business partners and other stakeholders comply with this Policy.

3. Responsibility to Respect Human Rights

We, the ITOCHU Group, are working to fulfill our responsibility to respect human rights. We do this by not violating human rights and by responding to the negative impact on human rights that occurs in our business activities.

If a negative impact on human rights is induced by the ITOCHU Group's business partners or in our value chain, we encourage an appropriate response to be taken toward rectifying that to fulfill our responsibility to respect human rights.

4. Compliance with Applicable Laws and Ordinances

The ITOCHU Group will comply with the laws and regulations in the respective countries and regions where we perform our business activities in addition to Japan. If there is a contradiction between internationally recognized human rights and the laws and ordinances of a country or region, we will pursue a method to maximize respect for international human rights principles.

5. Organizational Structure

The ITOCHU Group will build structures to realize this Policy. The Sustainability Officer will bear the responsibility to oversee the compliance and implementation situation of this Policy.

6. Education

The ITOCHU Group will raise awareness internally by providing appropriate education and instruction to all our officers and employees (including contract workers and temporary workers) so that this Policy is incorporated and enforced in all our business activities.

7. Human Rights Due Diligence

The ITOCHU Group will fulfill our responsibility to respect human rights. We will do this by building a human rights due diligence mechanism to identify any negative impact on human rights based on the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and then aim to prevent and reduce that negative impact.

8. Dialogue and Discussion

The ITOCHU Group will utilize independent and external human rights expertise in the efforts of this Policy. At the same time, we will engage in sincere dialogue and discussion with our various stakeholders.

9. Remedy and Rectification

If the business activities of the ITOCHU Group induce a negative impact on human rights or if involvement in such becomes clear, we will strive to remedy and rectify that through appropriate procedures and dialogue.

10. Policy Publication

This Policy will be approved by senior executive in charge of sustainability and be reported to our Board of Directors and we will widely publish it to the public. We will also report on our human rights efforts based on this Policy on the ITOCHU website and in our sustainability report.

Individual Policy

Respect and consideration for human rights is an important issue for ITOCHU as we deploy our business activities in various regions around the world. ITOCHU also asks all our stakeholders to approve, understand and put into practice the human rights policy of ITOCHU in addition to education for employees to respond to this important issue.

Response to Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking

ITOCHU is committed to efforts to ensure that there is no modern slavery or human trafficking in our supply chain and business activities. We are participating in the United Nations Global Compact. Together with this, we are reflecting the concept of the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in our business activities. The existing principles of ITOCHU contain efforts to ensure that modern slavery and human trafficking do not occur in our sales activities and supply chain across the world.

* Reference : [Status of Initiatives at ITOCHU Europe PLC. \(FYE 2018 Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement\)](#) 

Consideration for Foreigners

If foreign workers, interns and trainees are accepted in our supply chain, we pay full attention so that we comply with the labor related laws and ordinances in the country concerned and so that we do not commit acts contrary to the purpose of that acceptance system. We do this from the point of view of respect for human rights and relief because such people are liable to become the target of illegal acts due to their low social and economic status.

Respect for the Rights of Children

ITOCHU supports the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and Children's Rights and Business Principles. We respect the four pillars of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child – a child's right to life, development, protection and participation.

ITOCHU has adopted the development of the next generation as one part of our Basic Activity Guidelines on Social Contribution. We perform activities to support the healthy development of the young people who will be responsible for the next generation.

Related activities can be found in the [Growth of Future Generations](#) page.

Security Company Appointment Concept

The United Nations adopted the Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials in December 1979. This aims to ensure that member states thoroughly implement and promote the appropriate roles of law enforcement officials (e.g., the police and military authorities) and respect and protect the dignity of humans while carrying out their duties. ITOCHU supports the Basic Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms by Law Enforcement Officials in which the United Nations has established the principles on the use of firearms by law enforcement officials under the above code of conduct. We select security companies according to the content of that.

Respect for the Rights of Indigenous People

We recognize that indigenous people have their own culture and history when we conduct business activities in regions where indigenous people live as part of our commitment to respect human rights. We respect and take into consideration the rights of indigenous people established in the laws of the countries and regions where we perform our business activities and international agreements (e.g., the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the International Labour Organization (ILO) Convention 169). When examining new business investment projects, we also strictly enforce prior checks concerning the impact on the rights of indigenous people by that business.

Structures and Systems

ITOCHU promotes the formulation and implementation of action plans with respect and consideration for human rights serving as one of our key issues. Under the sustainability promotion structure, the person responsible for this issue is the Sustainability Officer while the Sustainability Management Department serves as the secretariat. The secretariat performs a review every year together with the persons responsible for ESG in each division. This content is deliberated on and reported to the Sustainability Committee. Important matters are also discussed and reported to the Board of Directors.

* Reference : Sustainability Promotion Structure Chart (P11)

Human Rights Due Diligence

ITOCHU's Understanding of Human Rights Due Diligence

Human rights due diligence as understood by ITOCHU is a mechanism in which the impact on human rights in the business of ITOCHU is identified and evaluated. Those evaluation results are then incorporated into risk management. Finally, the implantation and effectiveness of measures are tracked.

It is necessary to report externally how we are addressing the negative impact on human rights through due diligence.

New Business Investment Projects

For more details, please refer to "Evaluating ESG Risks of New Investment Projects (P139)".

Existing Business

When entering into business with new suppliers, ITOCHU informs all applicable suppliers in advance of the ITOCHU Sustainability Action Guidelines for Supply Chains. If a matter in violation of the purpose of this policy is confirmed, we seek corrective measures from that supplier. At the same time, if it is judged that correction is difficult even though we have made continuous requests for correction, we deal with this under a stance of reviewing our business with that supplier.

We also perform due diligence with the seven core subjects of ISO26000 serving as the mandatory survey items (including modern slavery and human trafficking) when making new investments with major suppliers. We conduct additional due diligence with external specialist organizations for investment projects requiring a professional point of view.

Supply Chain Management

For more information see Sustainability in the Value Chain (P136).

Risk Assessments

We conduct risk assessment on human rights including modern slavery and human trafficking. We do this through group company fact-finding surveys in which we visit sites together with external experts as appropriate. This is in addition to our supplier surveys in due diligence. We have also established policies and responses for procurement by product in regards to products with a significant impact on society and the global environment. This is an attempt to reduce the risks in our supply chain.

* Reference : Human Rights Audits in the Poultry Industry in Thailand (P137)

Consultation Desk

Employee Consultation Desk

We have established an employee consultation desk called 7830 (Nayami Zero) to respond to worries and consultations from each individual employee. We have also posted the HR Help Guide Book on the Intranet and have widely informed employees about the consultation desk. This means we have established a structure in which it is possible for employees to consult with us.



HR Help Guide Book on the Intranet

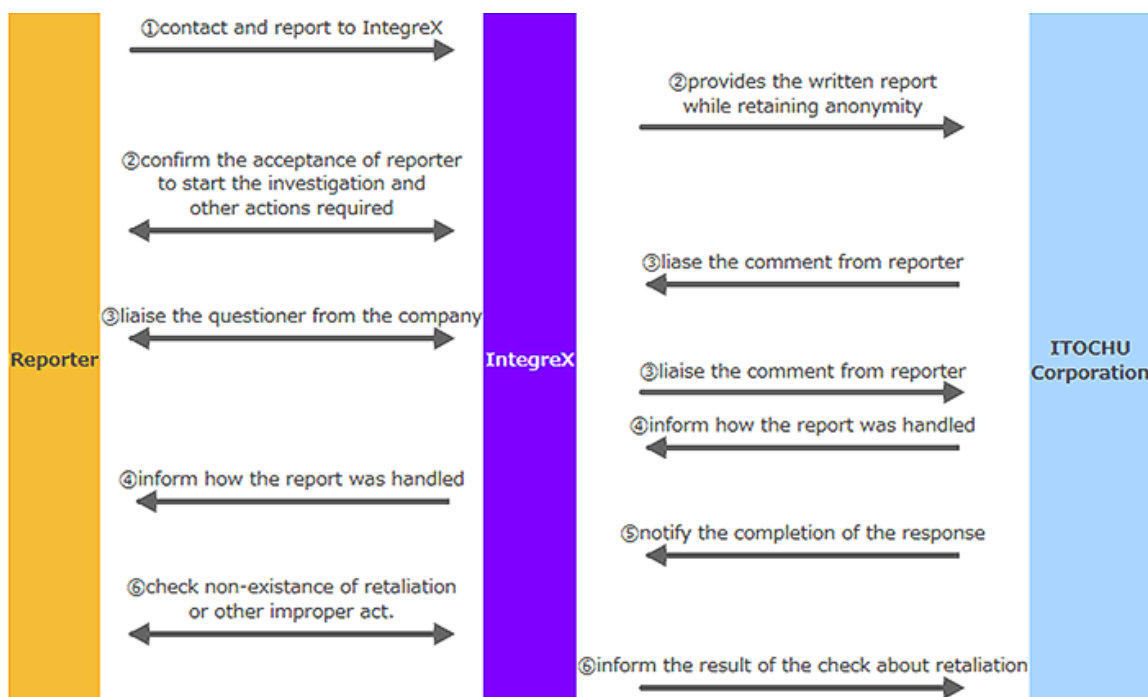
Career Counseling Center

ITOCHU established our Career Counseling Center ahead of other companies. This office accepts workplace culture, human relations, treatment and harassment related consultations in addition to consultations on the careers of individuals by telephone, fax, e-mail and the post. Full-time office employees deal with these consultations.

Employee Hotline

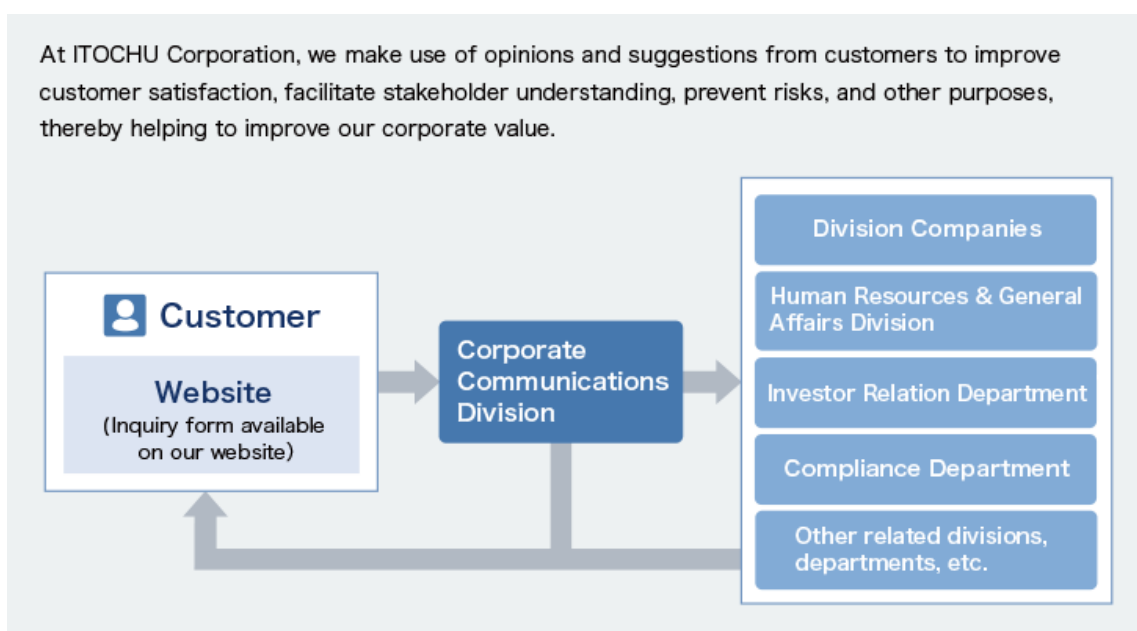
In addition to a direct hotline to those responsible for compliance in each division, we have also established a consultation desk to external lawyers and an external hotline.

Flow of report



Business Partner Consultation Desk and Hotline

ITOCHU accepts opinions, proposals and grievances from all our stakeholders.



Inquiries

<https://www.itochu.co.jp/en/inquiry/index.html>

Efforts

Implementation of Fair Recruitment

Human resources are the greatest management resources for ITOCHU - a general trading company deploying a variety of businesses around the world. ITOCHU conducts activities to recruit those newly graduating from universities and graduate schools every year. We also separately recruit those who have experience in the middle of their careers. Combining new graduate and mid-career hires, we recruit 150 to 160 employees a year. The table below gives our recruitment record over the last three years.

Number of hires by gender★

(Unit: persons)

	New-graduates			Mid-career			Total
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
FYE 2018	121	29	150	7	5	12	162
FYE 2019	103	35	138	11	4	15	153
FYE 2020*	96	31	127				

* The figures as of April 1st, 2019

We also offer internships (work experience workshop) every year separate to our recruitment activities. The aim of these internships is to provide support to university and graduate school students in forming their careers. We provide opportunities to deepen knowledge about the business of trading companies and about working in a trading company.

ITOCHU recruits employees chiefly on the basis of their personal character. We recruit employees fairly and impartially without concern for their age, gender, nationality or otherwise. We have provided human rights education with lecturers from the Tokyo Metropolitan Human Rights Promotion Center and have also reflected that content in our interviewer education. We have also established a watchdog system in which employees are selected and notified to serve as watchdogs to establish a fair recruitment screening system.

Training

We raise awareness about the relationship between our corporate activities and human rights in our various internal training programs. We develop the mind to respect human rights that should be possessed as an ITOCHU person in our new employee training. For example, we hold training to acquire consideration for nationality, age and gender (including sexual minorities such as LGBTs) from the basic concept of human rights and points of concern. We raise the problem of sexual harassment (including discriminatory behavior and harassment toward sexual orientation and gender identity) and abuse of authority in internal training aimed at organizational heads. We provide education and instruction for measures when harassment has actually occurred and when we have received reports of such. We strive to create an environment that does not allow harassment on a daily basis. Through these efforts, we are aiming for a thorough understanding toward human rights. We are also striving to raise awareness in various regions by looking at consideration for human rights in our supply chain in pre-overseas assignment training. There were 789 participants in our human rights training in FYE 2019.

FYE 2019 Human Rights Training Record

(Unit: persons)

	No. of Participants
New employee training	131
Organization Manager Workshop	405
Pre-overseas appointment training	253

In addition to the above training, we made business and human rights one of the themes in our sustainability e-learning in FYE 2019. Please see the Spreading Sustainability at Itochu page (P26-27) for more details.

Sustainability Seminars

We have continued to hold internal seminars since 2007 on human rights issues. The aim of this is to adopt insight and opinions from those outside the company. We made business and human rights (in the supply chain) a theme in FYE 2019.

We conducted awareness activities for business and human rights. The purpose of these was to learn about the latest trends concerning corporate activities and human rights problems and to make use of that in our business as a general trading company which deploys various businesses across the world and which plays an important role in the supply chain.

Seminar Details (P27).

Various Publications

We are endeavoring to raise awareness of human rights. The aim of this is to ensure that human rights violations do not occur in the workplace. We are doing this through various publications that we distribute to all our employees.

- We convey our basic concept on respect for human rights in a booklet that explains to all our employees the ITOCHU Group corporate philosophy and code of conduct.
- We call on our employees not to induce human rights violations in business in our compliance handbook. We do this by establishing pages on respect for human rights and harassment with concrete examples.
- We have written rules (e.g., the strict prohibition on harassment) on cards of a size that can be carried around at all times.
- We have prepared a handbook on communication with our suppliers. We deploy a check mechanism in which those in charge of surveys can understand the actual state of the management of human rights and labor practices in important suppliers more clearly and so that they can then offer advice on making improvements. At the same time, we utilize this in keeping our employees informed.

Countermeasures Against Harassment

ITOCHU is raising awareness on the importance of making systems well-known and engaging in communication through organizational head training. We are doing this so that pregnant employees and employees persevering with their work while being engaged in childcare and nursing care can also contribute to their workplaces with a sense of their work being worthwhile. This is without employees in the workplace being subjected to abuse of authority or sexual harassment (including disadvantaging and harassing employees who are applicable to sexual minorities). Superiors encourage employees with restrictions due to balancing their work with childcare or nursing care to make use of the related systems appropriately. In addition to this, we are also ensuring employees are fully informed about the importance of reviewing work content, work division and work styles over the entire workplace. Furthermore, we have thoroughly established a workplace environment which does not allow discriminatory remarks relating to sexual orientation or gender identification and remarks made under unconscious assumptions of gender segregation. We have also established a desk to receive consultations from employees. We have stipulated that discrimination due to race, gender, religion, creed, nationality, body, illness, age or other illogical reasons in relation to duties and sexual harassment (including discriminatory behavior and harassment concerning sexual orientation and gender identification) are clearly prohibited in the Human Rights Protection Violations in our work regulations. We have determined penalties against those who commit such acts.

Cooperation with Stakeholders

— Participation in Workshops on Human Rights Issues

- Business and Human Rights Training: Effective Stakeholder Engagement
- Supply Chain Labor and Human Rights Audit (Practical) Training (Lloyds's Register Japan)
- Caux Round Table
- Human Rights Education Subcommittee (GCNJ)

Responsibilities to Customers

Action Plan

Risks	Opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decline in credibility that would result from the occurrence of a problem related to the safety or health of consumers and service users. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in demand for food safety and security and health improvement.

Materiality	SDGs Targets	Issues to address	Business area	Commitment	Specific approach	Performance indicators	Degree of Progress
Food Company							
Contribute to healthier and more enriched lifestyles		Supplying safe, secure food	Overall food-related businesses	We will select and concentrate on suppliers who are capable of manufacturing and supplying safe, secure food stably.	Increase the number of persons with international certifications/ qualifications related to judgment on the Food Safety Management System (FSMS) to enhance the capability of human resources for selecting suppliers.	Proceed with the appropriate allocation of human resources as judges mentioned on the left to business departments, with the leading role played by the food safety management organization of ITOCHU Corporation.	In FYE 2019 three more personnel were certified as ISO22000 Provisional Auditors. We expect a similar increase in the qualified personnel in next fiscal year.

Policy and Basic Concept

Responsibilities to Customers

ITOCHU, which engages in multifaceted corporate activities in a wide range of fields in various regions around the world, believes that meeting the expectations of society through our business activities will maintain sustainability and lead to further growth.

ITOCHU has limited direct access to consumers in much of our business due to our characteristics as a trading company. Nevertheless, we recognize the importance of quality and safety management. We fulfill our responsibilities to customers by promoting efforts to ensure this concept penetrates into the value chain.

Product Safety

ITOCHU complies with our obligations as stipulated in safety related laws and ordinances for the products we handle. We are striving to ensure safety by formulating product safety manuals for each company based on our policy of providing even safer products with greater peace of mind to our customers. We will continue to work on providing safe products with peace of mind in the future. We will do this while promoting internal education, setting up departments responsible for product safety, establishing information transmission routes and reviewing our response in the event a product accident does occur. Please refer to Sustainability Efforts by Product (P140-163) to learn about our efforts in detail.

| Responsible Marketing

We engage in responsible advertising and marketing that fully takes into account our social responsibility. We do this under our corporate philosophy of being "Committed to the Global Good," our code of conduct and our corporate message of "I Am One with Infinite Missions." We accept expectations and requests from society through two-way dialogue with stakeholders. We then put them into practice.

— Advertising

We have unified the visual image of ITOCHU to improve and ensure the penetration of our brand image to customers. Internal regulations have been developed to advertise and perform publicity with the appropriate expressions, content and media. We also give due consideration to slander, discriminatory expressions, exaggerations and false representations, religious and political beliefs, the environment, third party privacy, personal information and intellectual property rights. This is done in accordance with our sustainability policy. We promote appropriate advertising and publicity efforts by sharing knowledge on advertising and publicity activities through regular meeting for our group companies.

— Marketing

We are thoroughly committed to creating content and expressions that do not cause misunderstanding and which do not infringe upon the rights, credibility and honor of others. This is done under relevant laws and ordinances, our internal regulations, various internal training programs and our company-wide compliance structure. We carry out responsible marketing activities by emphasizing dialogue with the various stakeholders around us in the diverse business activities we deploy on a global scale.

Individual Policy

| Safety of Food Products

— Policy, Basic Concept and Structure

The Food Company is engaging in food safety management based on the following mission and activity guidelines.

Philosophy

FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

Mission

1. To contribute to the sound development of society while gaining strong trust from consumers
2. To provide health and happiness to people by realizing rich food lifestyles through the stable supply of safe food
3. To contribute to the interests of consumers, business partners, shareholders and employees through fair corporate activities

Activity guidelines

The following serve as the concrete activity guidelines to achieve our basic philosophy and mission. We comply with laws and ordinances and the ITOCHU Group corporate philosophy and code of conduct. We then thoroughly inform all relevant employees in the Food Company about these. Upon doing that, we engage in food safety management and fair business which form the basis of trust from consumers.

The Food Safety and Compliance Management Office gives instructions and guidance on the above in the Food Company Group.

Responsible Food Business: Commitments and Policies

The ITOCHU Group aims to support people's lives by providing various products and services. In doing so, we aim to ensure the best quality in our offerings by comprehensively managing the entire supply chain of our products and services, from the procurement of raw materials to the retailing of finished products. In keeping with this business approach, our Food Company consists of three divisions: the Provisions Division, the Fresh Food Division, and the Food Products Marketing & Distribution Division. The three divisions are designed to allow us to develop a value chain that caters to consumer needs, is ensured to add top-quality value, and seamlessly connects various processes, from the development of food resources, the supply of raw resources, production and processing, midstream distribution, and retail. Our Food Company synergizes these business aspects throughout the Japanese, Chinese, and greater Asian markets. At the same time, by continuously improving and refining our management and controls around food safety, we aim to become a leading company in the global food industry.

ITOCHU Group takes a market-oriented approach, incorporating the needs and expectations of the market and consumers as an integral part of our business model. Our food retailing business, which includes FamilyMart, is no exception. We first and foremost consider the needs of our customers, and based on key insights we draw from market and consumer trends, we build our strategy and approach. This allows us to build a value chain that adds value from the procurement and production of raw materials, to the development and manufacturing of products. As for our food business, we identify the issues noted in the table below as material topics that especially require our careful management to provide safe and reliable food products. It is subsequently our policy to commit to addressing each of these issues.

Material issue	Description	Management approach
Reducing negative product impact of food products on customers	Ensuring the safety of imported food products, processed foods, and fresh food produces (e.g. managing issues regarding pollution, pesticide residues, abnormal prions, additives, and genetic modification)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Self-management system for food safety ● Assessments for supplier's management systems in place to ensure food safety (factory inspections and audits)
Responsible advertising, marketing, and promotion of food products	Provision of information regarding food allergies and additives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Management rules for the registration of food labels ● Improvement initiatives regarding checks and verifications of food labels ● Training certified personnel regarding food labeling
Responsible advertising, marketing, and promotion of alcoholic beverages	Provision of information regarding the prevention of drinking among minors and pregnant women	Internal education programs on the liquor tax law
Access to better nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Medical Foods – a service catering to home care patients ● Providing nutritiously balanced solutions to the elderly 	Cooperation with regional hospitals and nutritionist organizations

Improving Access to Better Nutrition

As part of its commitment to realize a high-value-adding business, one of our major concerns in the food business area is access to nutrition.

In developed countries, aging society is a pervasive issue. Elderly populations with unbalanced nutrition or lack of nutrition are increasing, straining medical budgets as well as caregivers. Furthermore, for conditions such as acute forms of diabetes and liver disease that require home care, there is a widespread need to secure nutrition balances that are healthy, nutritious, and prevent obesity.

At one of our subsidiaries, FamilyMart, we sell Medical Foods to home care patients that require dietary limitations due to conditions such as acute diabetes and liver diseases. Through our Medical Foods service, customers including those elderly can gain access to lunch deliveries that aim at the improvement of their nutrition. Furthermore, based on thorough consultation with certified nutritionists, we provide health support products such as nutritious products that limit calorie and salt intake, health enhancement products that supplement the body with lactic acid bacteria and dietary fibers, and health enhancement products that limit the body's intake of excessive sugar or salt.

Furthermore, we recognize that in developing countries, hunger and malnutrition are socially important issues caused by various elements including poverty. At ITOCHU Group, in order to take action in solving these issues we have implemented various initiatives. For example, we provide financial support to the World Food Programme (WFP) and working with Table for Two (TFT), which aims to alleviate the dietary inequality between developed and developing nations. In this way, we aim to provide high quality, nutritious food solutions to the children of developing countries.

Throughout the initiatives introduced above, we provide products and services and engage in community investment activities to support the nutrition and health of people in and out of Japan. We will commit to continuing these efforts to enhance self-care, reduce medical expenditure, and provide healthy food options to children living in poverty, to contribute to solving issues of access to better nutrition among underprivileged groups.

Structures and Systems

Quality Management

At our Food Company, the Food Quality and Compliance Management Team is responsible for implementing our quality management system. The Food Quality and Compliance Management Team is responsible for addressing the following issues:

1. Facilitation of the Food Company and their respective domestic and overseas subsidiaries in their efforts to design a food safety self-management system.
2. Management of the labeling, safety, and trade-related issues of our food products.
3. Provision of education and training to employees regarding food safety.
4. Provision of training to members of our food safety management team in China.
5. Enhancement of the food safety management audits and subsequent corrective guidance for subsidiaries and supplier factories.

In addition to the above, the Team is responsible for management of trade and logistics, management of compliance related issues, and CSR/environmental activities.

Due Diligence for New Suppliers

When the Food Company conducts business with a new business partner, the Company is required to assess the potential supplier's management level of the manufacturing process, and whether it has received certification from well-recognized institutions such as the ISO22000. In doing so, we use an internal assessment criteria that is designed to evaluate practices around food safety management.

Factory Audits

Based on the Food Safety Management Manual (issued in December 2002), we conduct factory audits for relevant business partners, including subsidiaries and overseas suppliers. For overseas suppliers, our factory audit procedure is as follows:

Process	Description
Agreeing on a frequency for audits	The sales division and the Food Safety and Compliance Management Team are required to agree upon a frequency for audits (at minimum once a year) for each manufacturing factory for import food products.
Conducting the factory audits	The sales division is required to conduct factory audits based on the agreed frequency to assess the safety management systems – currently more than 150 sites are subject to this mandatory audit.
Issuing a findings report and requesting corrective measures (as per necessary)	The final report must be created in line with the GFSI/Global Market Program Ver 1 factory audit framework.

Participation in Food Safety-Related Initiatives and Organizations

At ITOCHU Group, we aim to maintain and enhance our quality management to ensure that we supply safe and reliable processed foods. In doing so, we make sure to cooperate with external parties and are members to industry groups in order to engage in knowledge sharing and collaboratively work toward enhanced solutions.

— Association for the Safety of Imported Food, Japan (ASIF) (Japanese only)

A group of concerned companies involved with importing, manufacturing, distribution, and sales formed ASIF in November 1988, beginning to work towards solving imported food safety issues. These activities led to the ASIF receiving permission from the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare in September 1992 to become an incorporated association. ASIF received authorization to become a public interest corporation on April 1st, 2011. ASIF is involved in a wide variety of activities to support food vendors in fulfilling the social responsibility of "delivering safe and secure imported foods."

— Japan Food Hygiene Association (Japanese only)

This association was established on November 1st, 1948 as a collaborative effort between private companies in the food sector and administrative organizations regarding the food hygiene law in order to enhance self-regulation in the market. The establishment of the organization shortly followed the enactment of the food hygiene law in 1947, which was created to prevent any accidents or issues regarding eating and drinking, as well as improve public hygiene in Japan.

Ever since its establishment, the association has continued its efforts to cooperate with organizations throughout Japan, and contribute to the enhancement of food safety and hygiene among private companies. The association participates in a wide range of purpose-led initiatives for public interest, and provides training regarding the self-regulation of food safety management, provides assessments and verifications of certain food products, promotes food sales legal liability insurance, holds seminars and events, issues and promotes food hygiene related books and reports, provides informative guidance to consumers, participated in international cooperation regarding food hygiene, and promotion of relevant research.

— Japan Plant Quarantine Association (Japanese only)

The Japan Plant Quarantine Association was founded on October 1st, 1986, with approval from the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, aiming to comprehensively pursue public interests regarding plant quarantines. The Association engages in a variety of initiatives to enhance the safety of Japan's agricultural production and conserve its natural resources. For example, the Association conducts promotional activities to disseminate knowledge on plant quarantines to the general public, engages in research regarding plant quarantines, facilitates the establishment of inspection systems, and other various activities to enhance the smoothness of plant quarantine processes.

Efforts

Securing the Safety of Food through Regular Audits of Overseas Suppliers

Eating habits are diversifying, food distribution is becoming globalized and health consciousness is rising. Against this background, interest among consumers for food safety and peace of mind is increasing ever further. On the other hand, there have been incidents and problems which have threatened food safety and peace of mind. These include the problem of BSE, residual agricultural chemicals in excess of the standard values and distribution of food using additives that have not been inspected for safety. ITOCHU established the Food Safety Management Office (now: Food Safety and Compliance Management Office) in the Food Company in FYE 2003. We are taking wide-ranging measures to ensure safety in the food business. As part of this, we have been conducting regular visits and audits of the food processing factories of overseas suppliers for imported food since FYE 2012.



Food Audit

These regular visits and audits are directly conducted by employees, local staff, or subsidiary employees, based upon an agreed frequency and sites subject to the audit that are agreed upon with the local factory, with consideration given to variables such as the supplier's local laws, management capability, product, and hygiene-related risks associated to the manufacturing process. Auditors are required to reference a Plant Audit Check Sheet that we have originally devised, which incorporates elements of well-known international food safety standards such as Codex HACCP, ISO22000, and FSSC22000. Any points of improvement identified through the checklist are appropriately addressed, and necessary corrective measures are ensured to be communicated. We conducted visits and audits on 196 companies in FYE 2019. In addition to the above, we set up a new China Food Safety Management Team in Beijing in January 2015. The aim of this is to strengthen the safety management of food imported from China in particular. We have been dispatching a member of our Japanese staff with a wealth of practical experience in factory audits (IRCA* ISO22000 lead auditor) as a trainer. Through this, we have been building a management structure at a comparable level to that required in Japan. In addition to regular audits by Chinese supervisors, we are increasing opportunities for mutual confirmation through follow-up audits to ensure continuous improvement. We conducted regular audits and follow-up audits on 57 companies in FYE 2019. The systematic implementation of hygiene management according to HACCP is scheduled to begin with the recent revision to the Food Sanitation Act in Japan. We are considering expanding the sites we will visit and audit along the food chain in accordance with the sites subject to management in this system.

* International Register of Certificated Auditors

Furthermore, we also ensure food-related safety among our direct subsidiaries by implementing a management system that aligns to well-known international frameworks on food safety, such as HACCP, ISO22000, and FSSC22000.

Subsidiaries that have ISO22000 or FSSC22000 certifications

- Japan Nutrition Co., Ltd.
- Mirai Shiryo Co., Ltd.
- Prima Meat Packers, Ltd.
- Fuji Oil Holdings Inc.
- Sho-wa Co., Ltd.
- ITOCHU Sugar Co., Ltd.
- DOLE ASIA HOLDINGS PTE. LTD.
- PT. ANEKA TUNA INDONESIA
- PT. ANEKA COFFEE INDUSTRY

Staff Education and Training to Ensure Compliance to Responsible Advertising, Marketing, and Promotion Standards and Food Safety Standards

We provide e-learning as an education and training program to ensure responsible advertising, marketing, and promotion of food products, and compliance to food safety standards. We are looking to raise awareness and improve knowledge about responsible marketing, food safety, and compliance with relevant laws and regulations among employees. Furthermore, given the expansion of our food business and the subsequent increase in our auditing scope, we are also invested in training personnel capable of site audits.

Main content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Food safety and responsible advertising, marketing, and promotion ● Compliance ● Internal regulations and manuals ● ESG
Those subject to taking the education and training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All employees in the Food Company (including part-time workers, temporary workers, employees seconded from the company and employees seconded to the company) ● All employees in the Food Management Support Corporation (subsidiary to complement the functions of the Food Company)
Number of trainees	689 in FYE 2017, 699 in FYE 2018 and 754 in FYE 2019
Attendance rate	99.3% in FYE 2017, 99.9% in FYE 2018 and 100% in FYE 2019

We will continue to provide this education and training with the aim of ensuring that knowledge becomes reliably entrenched.

Initiatives to Support Socially Vulnerable Groups

FamilyMart

At FamilyMart, one of ITOCHU's subsidiaries in the Food Company, we engage in food retailing that first and foremost values the local community's needs. This means that we highly value the contributions we can make to socially vulnerable groups, and implement measures to address this issue throughout the FamilyMart business such as in the following ways.

Responsible advertising, marketing, and promotion of alcohol

At FamilyMart, we are promoting initiatives to prevent sales of alcohol and tobacco products to minors. In July 2017, we upgraded our register system to trigger an audio guidance after scanning alcoholic and tobacco-related products, which requires both the clerk and the customer to recognize a mandatory warning. This has allowed for us to improve upon maintaining and increasing awareness of the issue among our store staff, as well as facilitating the communication between store staff and customers to identify ages.

It is also mandatory at FamilyMart to train new staff members on age identification prior to selling any products in the store. Additionally, we conduct biennial trainings for all staffs throughout all FamilyMart stores on the selling of alcohol and tobacco-related products.

Furthermore, in order to ensure that our employees comply with these standards, in addition to tracking training records on a staff-by-staff basis, we also require store managers and supervisors to conduct checks on critical elements such as the installation of appropriate labels and signs above what is legally required, the appropriate division of products, and posters that we require be put up to clearly communicate that we conduct age identification and strictly prohibit sales of alcohol and tobacco-related products to minors.

Reducing negative impact of food products

In an increasingly ageing society, the demand for medical budgets and caregivers is rapidly increasing, becoming pervasive social issues in Japan. In light of this social issue, FamilyMart proactively sells products and services aimed at supporting the health of its customers, and has combined part of its business with drugstores. These initiatives aim to support the enhancement of healthy diets among customers, increase a self-care mindset among community members, and reduce medical expenditures.

Examples of health-supporting products and services

- Selling Medical Foods: Medical Foods are products that specifically limit its containment of salt, sugar, and protein, which aims to meet the dietary requirements of people with acute diabetes and liver diseases who are subject to dietary restrictions and home care. FamilyMart provides these products in cooperation with local hospitals and relevant medical institutions.
- Selling products certified by nutritionists and the Smart Meal Certification: With thorough consultation with certified nutritionists, we have produced products that cater to nutrition needs, which limit calorie and salt, and increase nutrition balance. One of our lunch boxes sold on a reservation basis, known as the Aburi-Salmon Bento became the first convenience store produced food product to be certified as a Smart Meal^{*}, meaning that the lunch box was recognized for having a particularly balanced nutrition.
- Sales strategy that balanced an "on-and-off concept": We sell a variety of food products that as a collective, aim to increase intake of nutrition, such as products that focus on vegetable, lactic acid bacteria, and dietary fibers, and at the same time decrease intake of salt and sugar without compromising on flavor.

* This certification scheme is managed by the Healthy Food and Food Environment Consortium, which is composed of 10 academic organizations that specialize in health-related issues such as high blood pressure and diabetes.

Food safety and reliability

At FamilyMart, we aim to provide ready-made meals such as rice-balls, sushi, lunch boxes, deli dishes, salad, and sandwiches that ensure safety and reliability for our customers. In order to achieve this, we have voluntarily enhanced our safety and quality requirements to build upon what is legally required. Throughout each and every process of production, from procurement of raw materials and manufacturing to the logistics and sales of products, we make it mandatory to follow these strict requirements, and have implemented support systems to ensure that this can be sustained. We also especially value the continuous improvement of hygiene management among contracted manufacturing factories for our ready-made meals, and are implemented measures accordingly. Moreover, we are also invested in reducing additives in our food products, and aim to ensure that the safety and reliability of our products is at a high level.

Process	Initiative
Procurement of raw materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mandatory food plant inspection (50 items are comprehensively examined) ● Assessment and approval of raw materials (identification of necessary quality certifications) ● Responsible labeling of fast-food ingredients (including raw materials and country of production)
Manufacturing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Promoting HACCP implementation among contracted manufacturing factories for our ready-made meals ● Training provision to our suppliers and contractors through the Nationwide Quality Management Conference ● Quality audits conducted by third parties ● Inspections conducted by FamilyMart plant managers ● Reducing the inclusion of additives in our products
Logistics and sales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ensuring a sales environment that addresses three fundamental requirements: hygiene management, expiration date management, and temperature management ● Training for stores based on a hygiene tool

Community engagement for a brighter future

As a member of the Japan Franchise Association, FamilyMart has been promoting the Safety Station Activity, an activity to help protect the safety of local communities, since 2000. This activity was launched by the National Police Agency, where efforts, such as anti-crime measures, disaster prevention, safety measures, thorough prohibition against the sale of cigarettes and alcohol to people underage to urge those people to go home at late night, are actively promoted in collaboration with the government, municipalities, and community people. As part of our Safety Station activities, we also provide protection to vulnerable groups such as children, women, and elderly in case of emergencies, and provide guidance and support for youths to build an inclusive community. Furthermore, at our stores we also set up donation boxes as part of an initiative to contribute to the protection and development of future generations, as well as preserving the natural environment for these future generations.

— ITOCHU Sugar (Japanese only)

At ITOCHU Sugar, an ITOCHU group subsidiary, we produce and sell a trademark oligosaccharide product made from domestically procured sugar beets, which contain only about half the amount of calories in normal sugar. This product is effective in maintaining a healthy intestinal environment by enhancing the performance of Bifidobacteria. The health and nutrition benefits of this product have been widely recognized, with the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare certifying it as a Food for Specified Health Uses (FOSHU). FOSHU is a certification system that recognizes foods containing ingredient with functions for health and officially approved to claim its physiological effects on the human body.

* Reference : [FOSHU \(Food for Specified Health Uses\)](#) 

| Initiatives to ensure responsible labeling

The Food Company operates a food label registration management guideline, which provides a detailed framework for us to responsibly label our food products. To ensure compliance to the guidelines, we also provide training to staff that belong to relevant sales divisions and the Food Safety and Compliance Team. The training aims to enhance our staff's understanding of the food label registration management guidelines and their capability to conduct inspections and checks on appropriate food labeling. Given increasing importance for this issue and the increasing size of our food business, we are also aiming to leverage this training to increase the number of food labeling practitioners certified by the Food Labeling Certification Association, a Japanese industry organization. In this way, we maintain the necessary internal capacity to cooperate with specialized third party organizations to ensure compliance to our guidelines as well as legal requirements.

At FamilyMart, the responsible labeling of processed foods is especially important as our customers widely vary. For example, we recognize that we must ensure the safety of anyone with food allergies, and prevent the excessive intake of certain substances that can have heavy health consequences. Therefore for products sold at FamilyMart, in addition to the 7 items that are legally required in food labelling, we also make sure to label on the optional 20 items to maximize the safety and reliability of our products. We also set internal requirements on the labeling of information that can help consumers to better understand the food they purchase. Items we additionally require to label include raw ingredients, nutritional substances, and how to preserve the product.

With regard to processed food and alcohol, we especially make sure that responsible labeling is thoroughly addressed. For example, we have implemented measures to simplify and clarify the warnings related to alcohol poisoning, alcoholism, and underage drinking.

| Involvement in industry initiatives to ensure the safety of alcohol consumption

It is important to our business that we thoroughly address issues regarding the potential negative impacts of alcoholic products such as alcoholism, alcohol poisoning, and underage drinking. We also recognize that these negative impacts are also especially important with regard to vulnerable groups. Therefore, our subsidiaries that sell alcoholic products are members to industry organizations introduced below, in order to participate in knowledge sharing and be in tune with the latest market trends and best practices.

— Gyoshuren Cooperative (Japanese only)

The Gyoshuren Cooperative is an organization composed of trading companies that represent regions throughout Japan, which engage in alcoholic wholesale. Currently the cooperative consists of about 200 major wholesalers from throughout Japan. ITOCHU SHOKUHIN CO., Ltd., an ITOCHU subsidiary, is a member to this cooperative.

— Tokyo Alcohol Retail Cooperative (Japanese only) 

Tokyo Alcohol Retail Cooperative is an organization with corporate members that participate in the alcohol business, aims to elevate the level of social responsibility associated to acquiring an alcohol permit. For example, the organization promotes legal compliance, engages in awareness raising of the negative social impacts that must be managed across various product types, leads initiatives to maintain cultural traditions around alcohol, leads initiatives to enhance the current culture around appropriate amounts of alcohol consumption, and supports companies in achieving sustainable business models. Throughout these activities, the Tokyo Alcohol Retail Cooperative contributes to the health and wellbeing of the Japanese population, and promotes market competition that is fair and complies with high standards. The Cooperative highly values harmonious cooperation among member companies, and has supported the sustained management of businesses throughout the industry and has subsequently led the development of the industry in general. Nippon Access, Inc., an ITOCHU subsidiary, is a member to this cooperative.

Contributive initiatives to alleviate hunger and poverty in developing countries

— World Food Programme (WFP)



Given the global level at which we operate our food business, hunger and poverty are important social issues that we recognize we have a responsibility to contribute to. One such way that we make our contribution is by being an official contributor to the Japan Association for the World Food Programme. As a contributor, we participate in various initiatives led by WFP.

In May 2018, we supported WFP's child hunger eradication campaign called "Walk the World". The annual global walk aims to raise awareness and funds, as well as encourage action to end child hunger. In Japan the event was held in Osaka and Yokohama, and 710 and 192 employees from ITOCHU Group as well as ITOCHU subsidiaries volunteered in each location respectively.



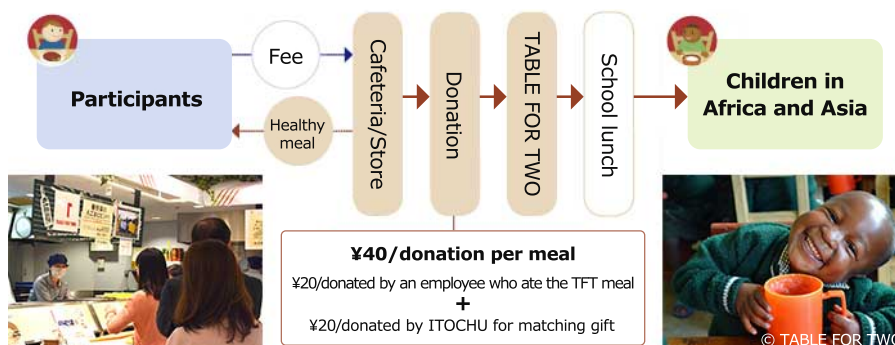
ITOCHU employees participating in the 2018 Walk the World event

— Table for Two



Table for Two is an international NPO that was founded by an affiliate of the World Economic Forum's Young Global Leaders. The organization aims to right the imbalance between the 1 billion people in the world who suffer from undernutrition, and the 1 billion people in the world who suffer from obesity. The organization does so by implementing a "calorie transfer" program, where the organization partners with companies, universities, restaurants, and organizations throughout the world to provide more nutritious school meals to the former, and healthier meals to the latter.








Table for Two was founded in Japan in October 2007. Owing to ITOCHU's long-standing commitment to social contribution, we were one of the first companies in Japan to partner with Table for Two and implement the calorie transfer program in our employee cafeteria at the Tokyo, Osaka, and Nagoya offices the following April. More specifically, whenever one of our employees chooses a healthier TFT meal from our cafeteria menu, 20JPY is donated per meal. In addition, through a matching gift scheme, the company also donates the same amount of money as the employee, making the total donation 40JPY per meal. The donation contributes to providing nutritious school meals to children in developing countries.



Sustainability in the Value Chain: Action Plan

Risks	Opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decline in credibility that would result from the occurrence of a problem related to the safety or health of consumers and service users. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in demand for food safety and security and health improvement. Establishment of safe, stable supply system for product enabled by the consideration of human rights and improvement of work environment in the supply chain. Winning customer trust or creating new businesses with a stable supply of environmentally friendly resources and materials. And others.

Materiality	SDGs Targets	Issues to address	Business area	Commitment	Specific approach	Performance indicators	Degree of Progress
Textile Company							
Respect human rights	 	Establishing a supply chain reflecting consideration for human rights and the environment	Supply chain management	We will promote information-sharing in the overall Group and establish a safe, secure supply chain, thereby helping customers with risk reduction and contributing to sustainable economic development.	Make Group-wide efforts to review the social and environmental safety of the supply chain and make improvements as necessary, thereby promoting the establishment of a safe, secure commodity supply system.	FYE 2024: Establish and visualize the supply chain of the overall Group, from material procurement to sales, to ensure a responsible procurement policy.	In FYE 2019 we conducted an investigation of 50 of our suppliers from the standpoint of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) criteria. In FYE 2020 we plan to increase this to 80 companies, and continue to work to establish a healthy supply chain.
Ensure stable procurement and supply		Provision of commodities that help achieve a sustainable lifestyle	Brand marketing business	We will contribute to increasing the visibility of a sustainable lifestyle by taking advantage of our strengths as a marketing company.	Raise awareness of an ethical, sustainable lifestyle through brand business, thereby promoting awareness-raising not only in the overall industry but also among consumers.	FYE 2021 : Take initiatives with new brands. Have a sustainable lifestyle understood and instilled more widely.	This has not led to closing any contracts on a new brands that appeal to ethical lifestyles. But we see a need in the market and are continuing to work to achieve this.
Machinery Company							
Contribute to healthier and more enriched lifestyles		Promoting good health among people	Sales of leading-edge medical devices and provision of medical services	We aim to improve quality of life by providing leading-edge medical devices and advanced medical services in the field of medical care, where technologies are innovated rapidly.	Promote sales of advanced medical devices, such as MRI-guided radiation therapy systems, and the business of supporting the operation of designated regional cancer care hospitals.	Increase the penetration of advanced medical devices in Japan, such as MRI-guided radiation therapy systems.	We delivered radiation therapy equipment to Edogawa Hospital in August 2018, our second facility in Japan after the National Cancer Center Hospital in March 2017. We are pursuing collaborative research with National Cancer Center to establish national standard treatment. Also, with equipment's new technology, we are able to challenge for pancreatic cancer as well as other intractable cancers.
Metals & Minerals Company							
Ensure stable procurement and supply	 	Sustainable mine development that reflects consideration of the risks in occupational safety and health and environmental risks, and that contributes to local communities	Mining business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will promote sustainable development of natural resources by fully committing to EHS (environment, health, occupational safety) and harmonious coexistence with local communities in areas which we operate. We will improve local infrastructure such as medical care and education. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure the thorough application of the EHS guidelines. Contribute to local communities through activities for improving medical care, education and infrastructure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of annual internal seminars to ensure our employees are fully aware of the EHS guidelines. Donations to medical care, education and build infrastructure in local communities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We held internal EHS (Environment, Health and Safety) training courses for supervisors and company employees belonging to sections engaged in resource development. The attendance rate of those subject to this training was 100%. In FYE 2019, we checked five existing projects and one new project under EHS guidelines using the check sheet, and set follow-up items. We carried out CSR activities that contribute to the local community as part of each project we invest in. As an original initiative, our Australian subsidiary, ITOCHU Minerals & Energy Australia Pty. Ltd., co-sponsored citizen awards in the communities surrounding the port of our iron ore projects.
Energy & Chemicals Company							
Contribute to healthier and more enriched lifestyles		Promoting good health among people	Pharmaceutical products	Contributing to the improvement of people's health and working environment through accelerating the development of pharmaceuticals and other products in fields with significant needs including cancer-related fields.	Actively promoting to support the development and marketing of new pharmaceutical and other products.	Aiming to obtain approvals in Asia and North America for new pharmaceutical and other products of which we are engaged in supporting the development, and to launch them into the market.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In May 2018, our operating company began selling non-absorptive liquid for protecting oral mucositis, under the approval we received for the production and distribution of medical device in Japan. (This liquid control and relief pain of oral mucositis caused by chemotherapy or radiotherapy when treating diseases such as cancer.) In February 2019 we also gained approval for the production and distribution of medical device in China with regards to the same medicine. We began full-scale sales of the pain reliever in North America after acquiring FDA approval through our operating company in February 2018.

Food Company							
Contribute to healthier and more enriched lifestyles		Supplying safe, secure food	Overall food-related businesses	We will select and concentrate on suppliers who are capable of manufacturing and supplying safe, secure food stably.	Increase the number of persons with international certifications/qualifications related to judgment on the Food Safety Management System (FSMS) to enhance the capability of human resources for selecting suppliers.	Proceed with the appropriate allocation of human resources as judges mentioned on the left to business departments, with the leading role played by the food safety management organization of ITOCHU Corporation.	In FYE 2019 three more personnel were certified as ISO22000 Provisional Auditors. We expect a similar increase in the qualified personnel in next fiscal year.
Respect human rights	 	Establishing a supply chain reflecting consideration for human rights and the environment	Provisions	We will establish a procurement system that conforms to third-party certification criteria and unique codes of conduct of manufacturers as our customers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start procuring coffee beans in Latin America in a way that conforms to the unique codes of conduct of manufacturers as our customers. Participate in conferences of RSPO, a third-party certification body on palm oil, and start supplying RSPO-certified oil. 	Proceed with discussions of targets for the sustainable procurement of palm oil by collaborating with the trading industry organization based on customers' situations and industry trends.	By 2025 we aim to switch the palm oil we handle to sustainable palm oil (RSPO/MSPO/ISPO, etc.). On the basis of the industry trends and customers' circumstances, we are going to improve our procurement system to provide sustainable palm oil with industry groups.
General Products & Realty Company							
Ensure stable procurement and supply		Using sustainable forest resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wood products & materials Pulp Woodchips 	We deal in sustainable forest resources to reduce the impact on the environment and prevent the increase of greenhouse gases.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to request suppliers who have yet to obtain certifications to obtain them. Conduct sustainability surveys of suppliers and visit them. 	FYE 2026: Aim to achieve a rate of 100% for materials under high-level management or certified ones that we handle.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verifying traceability by conducting individual on-site inspections Expanding the handling of products subject to "timber traceability verification by third-party organizations."
	 	Realization of sustainable supply of natural rubber	Natural Rubber	We shall use our best efforts to establish measures to identify any suppliers developing on High Conservation Value (HCV) areas, High Carbon Stock (HCS) areas and peatland, in order to avoid procuring rubber from them.	We will establish a traceability system to make uncertain raw material procurement supply chain transparent.	We aim to procure raw materials with traceability and sustainability ensured in natural rubber processing business.	* Because of new commitment, review will be conducted from the next fiscal year.
ICT & Financial Business Company							
Contribute to healthier and more enriched lifestyles		Promoting good health among people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business of clinical development support and pharmaceutical marketing support Business of providing health care management solutions for individuals 	We will provide value-added services for pharmaceuticals and medical sites, and will contribute to improvement of people's Quality Of Life (QOL) by utilizing cutting-edge ICT tools.	Store and utilize health data obtained from health checkup, wearable devices, and body composition scales.	FYE 2021: Managing the health data of 1,000,000 people.	The number of people targeted for health data management is increasing steadily, and is projected to reach 700,000 people by the end of FYE 2019. We are helping to promote people's health by working to make vital data visible and increasing health consciousness.

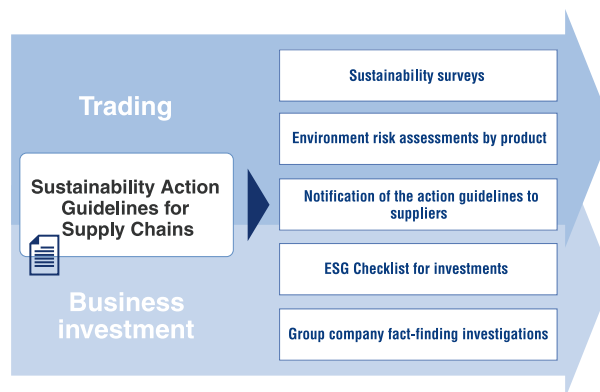
Sustainability in the Value Chain: Policy and Basic Concept

Supply Chains

ITOCHU also gives consideration to human rights, labor and the environment in our supply chain and business investments. We do this through sustainability management tailored to each business activity. Through this, we have built a sustainable value chain. This is leading to an improvement in the competitiveness and corporate value of the ITOCHU Group.

Notifying Suppliers of the Sustainability Action Guidelines for Supply Chains

We believe it is important to acquire the understanding and cooperation of our suppliers for our procurement policies. Accordingly, we once again notified approximately 4,000 suppliers with whom we are engaged in ongoing business of the ITOCHU Sustainability Action Guidelines for Supply Chains in FYE 2014. We also stipulated that new suppliers must be notified of these guidelines in advance when engaging in business with them from January 2015. We are deepening communication on our sustainability policy in this way.



ITOCHU Sustainability Action Guidelines for Supply Chains

ITOCHU promotes sustainability through our business activities toward the realization of a sustainable society. The aim of this is to fulfill our corporate philosophy of "Committed to the global good". It is necessary to engage in supply chain management with consideration for the impact on society and the environment by the wide range of products and services we handle in the supply chain due to the characteristics of this business form. ITOCHU has established Sustainability Action Guidelines for Supply Chains. Through these, we communicate the concept of ITOCHU to our suppliers. We expect and encourage our suppliers to understand and put into practice the items stipulated below.

1. Suppliers shall respect the human rights of their employees and shall not treat them in an inhumane manner such as with abuse (including physical punishments)
2. Suppliers shall not engage in forced labor or child labor with respect to their employees
3. Suppliers shall not practice discrimination in employment
4. Suppliers shall prevent unfair low-wage labor
5. Suppliers shall respect the rights of their employees to organize and bargain collectively to ensure smooth consultation between labor and management
6. Suppliers shall appropriately manage the working hours, holidays and vacations of their employees to ensure they do not exceed statutory limits
7. Suppliers shall strive to provide their employees with a safe, hygienic and healthy working environment
8. Suppliers shall work to reduce their usage of energy, greenhouse gases, water, waste and other resources with consideration for biodiversity and other environmental problems in their business activities
9. Suppliers shall comply with relevant laws and ordinances and international rules, and ensure fair transactions and prevent corruption
10. Suppliers shall disclose information relating to the above items in a timely and appropriate manner

Sustainability in the Value Chain: Structures and Systems

Supply Chain

Against a backdrop of an expansion in our business areas, ITOCHU's supply chain has become wider and more complex. There is now a further need for risk management concerning human rights, labor and the environment in the procurement of raw materials, producing areas, intermediate distribution and regions of consumption in addition to in the processes directly managed by us. We pay particular attention to the on-site management of suppliers who account for a relatively high share of our purchases. We view our consideration and sense of responsibility for these areas as matters of great importance to be addressed with high priority. ITOCHU has established the ITOCHU Sustainability Action Guidelines for Supply Chains. We strive to prevent the occurrence of problems by conducting investigations and reviews as below. If we discover a problem, we aim for improvement through dialogue with the concerned supplier.



Figure of Supply Chain Management Promotion

Sustainability Surveys

Since FYE 2009, we have set the seven core subjects of ISO26000 as essential survey items to understand the actual conditions of suppliers. Following on from that, each company and applicable group company selects important suppliers based on certain guidelines (e.g., high risk countries, products handled and monetary value handled). The sales representatives of those companies and representatives from overseas subsidiaries and operating companies then visit those suppliers to conduct interviews. They also conduct sustainability surveys in a questionnaire format (sustainability checklist).

— Sustainability Checklist

We conduct surveys with a sustainability checklist. This checklist is based on the seven core subjects of the ISO26000 (organizational governance, human rights, labor practices, the environment, fair operating practices, consumer issues, and community involvement and development). These surveys are also conducted according to the field. For example, besides the core subjects, we add forest conservation check items in the Forest Products & General Merchandise Division (Paper and Chips/Timber), food safety items in the Food Company and intellectual property right protection items in the Textile Company. With reference to the opinions of external experts, we have set 19 of the survey questions as important questions. These are mainly focused on human rights, labor practices and the environment for which an insufficient response or lack of measures will increase sustainability risks. We are focusing on encouraging suppliers to make improvements. We have also prepared a handbook on communication with suppliers. We are using this to inform our employees of how to communicate with suppliers. At the same time, we have set up a check system that enables those in charge to understand concretely the management situation in terms of the environment, human rights, labor practices and corruption prevention in important suppliers to give advice on making improvements. We will continue to conduct surveys and communicate with suppliers in the future to improve the awareness of our employees and to seek understanding and implementation from our suppliers.



Supply Chain Communication Handbook

Example Excerpt from the Handbook

Prohibition on forced labor

Companies must not force employees to work.

Forced labor means all labor forced on a person against his or her will. Examples include restrictions on an employee's freedom to leave his or her job until he or she repays a debt to the company or restricting an employee's freedom to leave his or her worksite under contract. Forced labor may be identified by asking employees what their work shifts are like, whether they have break times and whether they are able to eat meals. It may also be ascertained by observing their facial expressions. In a worst-case scenario, people are deprived of the freedom to live their lives; they have to live in a dormitory on the premises of the company's factory and are not allowed to go outside those premises. It is also effective to check whether there are employees who have come to work from areas far away or other countries in a company. Employers must be prohibited from taking the originals of passports, IDs and work permits because this can lead to force labor.

Reference

It is necessary to check for forced labor in factories in Japan as well as in emerging nations. In recent years, Japan's Technical Intern Training Program (TITP) has been criticized by some from overseas. Accordingly, please also check whether suppliers in Japan employ anyone from overseas and whether there are problems in terms of working hours and wages.

FYE 2019 Sustainability Surveys

We conducted surveys on a total of 343 companies, including 101 suppliers of overseas offices and group companies, in FYE 2019. We did not discover any serious problems requiring an immediate response from those results. We have also checked the prompt improvement measures and countermeasures taken by our business partners on problems raised as concerns at the time of the survey. We will continue to seek understanding for the concept of ITOCHU from our business partners and to communicate with them in the future.

FYE 2019 Results	Applicable Criteria	No. of Companies Surveyed	Survey Items
Textile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High risk countries Over a certain amount of money Handling of certain product groups 	49	<p>• Main Questions Common to All Companies</p> <p>(1) Organizational governance: Establishment of a responsibility-taking structure and internal report system</p> <p>(2) Human rights: Risk assessments of human rights violations in business, abolition of child labor, forced labor, harassment and discrimination, and payment of appropriate wages</p> <p>(3) Labor practices: Working hour management, health and safety management, and worker health</p> <p>(4) Environment: Waste and drainage treatment, handling of hazardous substances, and climate change and biodiversity efforts</p> <p>(5) Fair operating practices: Prevention of corruption, information management, prevention of intellectual property right infringements and a sustainable procurement policy</p> <p>(6) Consumer issues: Quality control and traceability</p> <p>(7) Community involvement and development: Dialogue with consumers and neighboring residents</p> <p>• Questions by Field</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Textile Company: Chemical substance management and protection of intellectual property rights Food Company: Food safety and producing area management Forest Products & General Merchandise Division (Paper and Chips/Timber): Forest conservation and the presence or absence of third party certification
Machinery		13	
Metals & Minerals		19	
Energy & Chemicals		39	
Food		110	
General Products & Realty		108	
ICT & Financial Business		5	
Total		343	

The Sustainability Management Department also visits and surveys important suppliers together with external experts as necessary.

Human Rights Audits in the Poultry Industry in Thailand

Inspection of the CPF Saraburi Factory

We conducted a human rights audit targeting foreign workers in the Saraburi Factory (a chicken meat processed product factory) of Charoen Pokphand Foods Public Company Limited (CPF) — one of the main suppliers of the Food Company — accompanied by external auditors.

Recent years have seen an increase in cases where Japanese companies with Thai firms in their supply chain have been warned by NGO groups about human rights violations of foreign workers in the livestock and fishing industries in Thailand. We checked the factory for human rights risks in our supply chain through this audit.

This factory (slaughterhouse and food processing site) employs 3,400 Cambodians — equivalent to approximately 50% of its workers. That makes them an important part of the factory's labor force. We checked a number of items in this audit. These included the extent of signage in Cambodian in facilities in the factory, a check of the evacuation routes, the attendance management situation, and the personal storage situation of passports and work permits. In addition, we also randomly chose some Cambodian employees actually working there and interviewed them about their actual working conditions.

This audit did not find any violations of the human rights of foreign workers, and reaffirmed there is sufficient consideration for human rights and the proac-tive approach CPF takes toward sustainability.

CPF has developed a safe working environment for its foreign workers.



CPF Saraburi Factory



Those from CPF Who Cooperated with the Audit



Interview with a Cambodian Worker on His Actual Working Conditions



All Signs in Cambodian on Fire Prevention Facilities



Advice Not to Over-stack Auxiliary Feedstock

➤ [Supplier CSR Audit Report: CP Foods, Saraburi \(PDF 678KB\)](#) 

| Management Rules by Business

— Operation of the EHS Guidelines

The Metals & Minerals Company has established and is operating Environment, Health and Occupational Safety (EHS) Guidelines for its metal and mineral, coal and uranium mining businesses. EHS guidelines supports us to work on sustainable mining development leading to the stable supply of resources.

It is our obligation to avoid and reduce the EHS risks such as environmental pollution, health hazards of workers and operational accidents caused by our business activities (e.g., exploration, development and production). To that end, we have prepared EHS guidelines as technical reference documents summarizing the EHS issues and recommendations for risk management. For throughout implementation of the guidelines, we also utilize checklists available in Japanese and English.

EHS Guidelines apply to new investments, as well as projects in which we are already participating. We communicate intensively with our partners for consultation and improvement on resource development with greater consideration for the environment and safety. In FYE 2019, we performed checks on one new project and five existing projects in non-OECD countries. We then set items requiring follow-up.

We have prepared guidelines in line with global standards such as the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and standardized processes with checklists. Meanwhile, we continuously review the processes so that we can operate the guidelines flexibly to suit the individual risks of each project.

First of all, it is important that organization members have an awareness of EHS compliance. Accordingly, we aim to thoroughly spread information by conducting awareness activities using concrete examples every year. We held internal training courses for supervisors and company employees belonging to sections engaged in resource development in FYE 2019. The attendance rate of those subject to this training was 100%.

— Regular Visits and Surveys of Food Processing Factories

The Food Company has been regularly visiting and surveying the food processing factories of its overseas suppliers since FYE 2012 in regards to imported foods under the initiative of the Food Safety and Compliance Management Office. In FYE 2019, we visited 196 overseas suppliers and deployed preventive measures to ensure safety in food transactions. We established a China Food Safety Management Team in Beijing in January 2015. With this, we have set up a structure to be able to audit our Chinese suppliers. We conducted regular audits and follow-up audits on 57 companies in FYE 2019. Please refer to Responsibilities to Customers (P127) to learn about our efforts in detail.

| Response to Suppliers in Violation of This Policy

When we have confirmed a case in which there has been a violation of the intent of this policy, we request corrective action from the applicable supplier. Together with this, we conduct an on-site investigation to give guidance and improvement support as necessary. We made 14 requests for correction to suppliers with an inadequate response to human rights in our surveys in FYE 2018. We are continuing to make requests in this way to non-compliant suppliers. If it is judged that correction is difficult even though we have made continuous requests for correction, we deal with this under a stance of reviewing our business with that supplier.

Business Investment Management

The business activities of companies in which we invest must recognize and deal with their possible impact on the environment and society. To that end, we strive to understand ESG risks and work on preventative activities. We perform risk assessments on ESG in general through the utilization of a checklist and visits and surveys to formulate the necessary measures. These are continuously reviewed and improved in the framework of our environmental management system.

Evaluating ESG Risks of New Investment Projects

It is compulsory in new business investment projects for the division making the application to use the ESG Checklist for Investments to evaluate the project in advance (perform due diligence). The division making the application looks at whether policies and structures have been established from a perspective of ESG. It also looks for the risk of a significant adverse effect on the environment, violation of laws and ordinances, and complaints from stakeholders. This checklist consists of 33 check items. These include elements of the seven core subjects* in ISO26000 — the CSR international guidelines.

The division making the application also then refers to review opinions based on risk analysis from relevant functional divisions (management divisions). If there are any concerns, it requests additional due diligence from external specialist organizations for matters requiring a professional point of view. The project is then only undertaken upon confirming that there are no problems in those results.

* Organizational governance, human rights, labor practices, the environment, fair operating practices, consumer issues, and community involvement and development

Group Company Fact-finding Investigations

We have continued to conduct on-site visits and surveys in group companies since 2001 to prevent environmental pollution. We visited and surveyed a total of four companies in FYE 2018. We did this together with external experts upon consideration for the environmental and social risks of each company. We have completed investigations into a total of 283 offices as of the end of March 2018.

These investigations inspect the factory and warehouse facilities, the situation of drainage to rivers, the environmental law and regulation compliance situation, labor safety and human rights, and communication with the local community in addition to holding a question and answer session with management. We identify problems or demonstrate preventative measures. We then check to see whether the situation has been corrected.

Visit and Survey Report: DOLE THAILAND Fact-finding Investigation



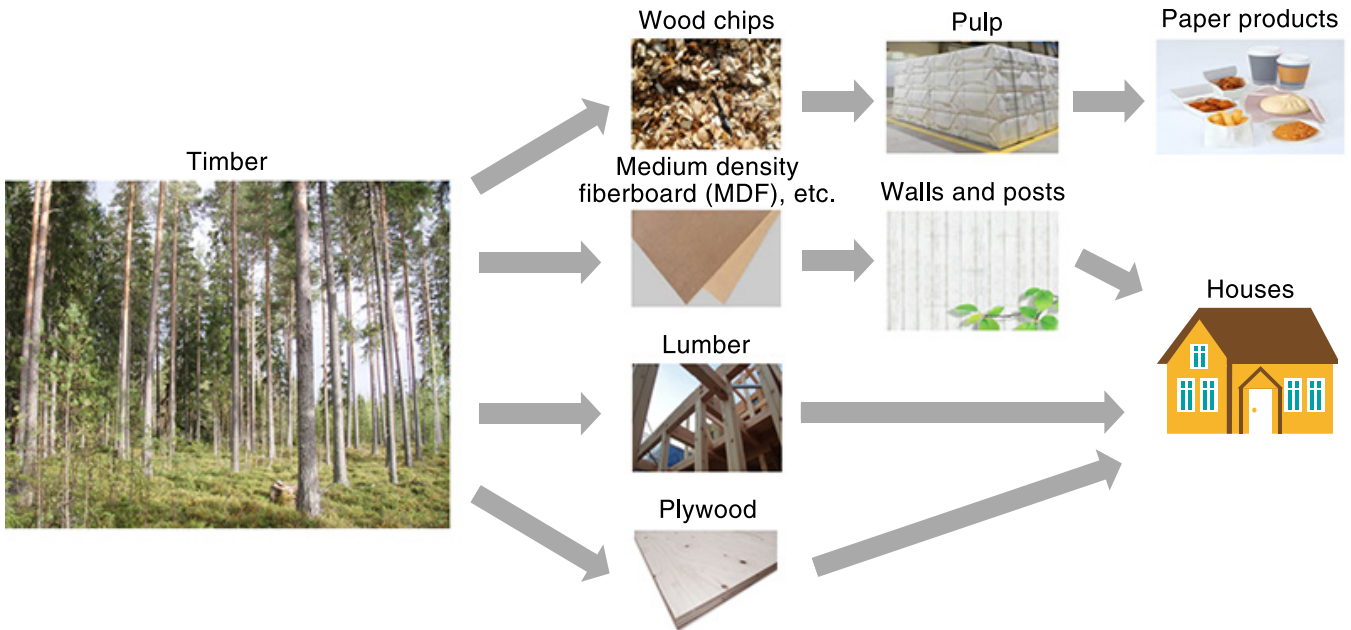
We visited and surveyed the Hua Hin Factory of DOLE THAILAND, a company which manufactures pineapple and other fruit cans and pouches in Thailand, on the 7 and 8 December, 2016. We performed a detailed check concerning the environment and labor safety related risk management and legal compliance situation (e.g., soil pollution, waste, chemical substance management and safety measures) based on the findings of external experts well-versed in the local laws and regulations. We confirmed that these matters are being appropriately managed. In addition, we confirmed that the company takes measures important in ESG — including the establishment of an internal occupational health committee, the setting and steady implementation of environmental targets, guarantees of purchases from farmers under contract, and regular dialogue with the local government. The company has appropriately responded to advice relating to measures to prevent accidents resulting from the operation of food processing machinery and is working to further improve its management level.

Sustainability in the Value Chain: Sustainability Efforts by Product

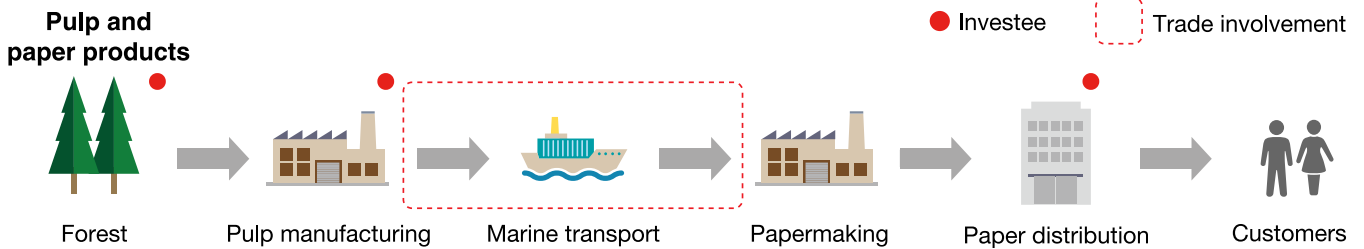
Wood, Wood Products, Papermaking Raw Material, and Paper Products

Business Overview

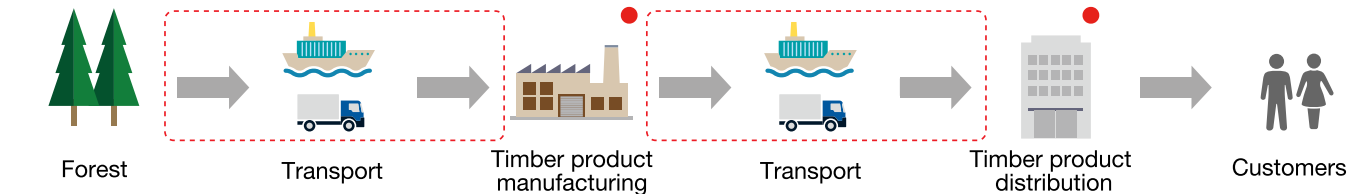
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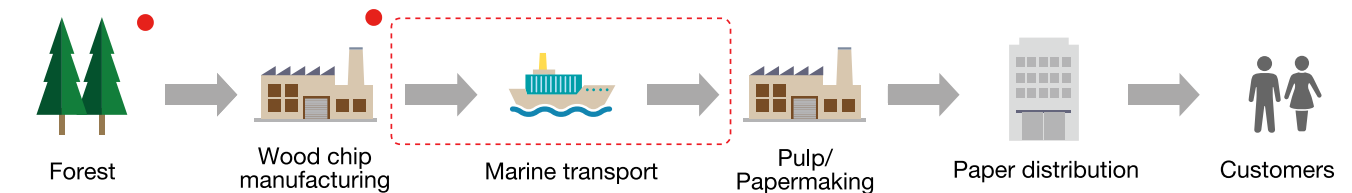
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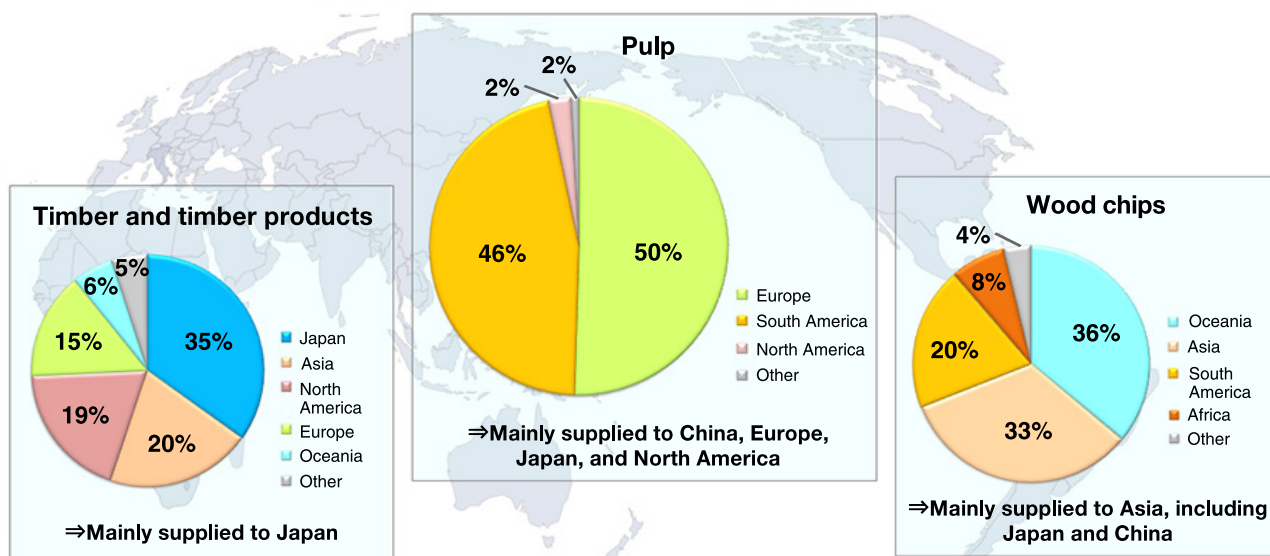
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Wood chips



Supply Sources and Destinations (Volume Basis)



Policy and Basic Concept (Procurement Policy for Wood, Wood Products, Papermaking Raw Material, and Paper Products)

Purpose and Background

ITOCHU Corporation ("ITOCHU") has established Sustainability Action Guidelines for Supply Chains to fulfill our corporate social responsibility and is engaged in business activities aimed at achieving a sustainable society. We have also established the procurement policy below to ensure the protection of natural forests and sustainable use of forest resources. We referred to the advice of WWF Japan when putting this policy together.

Applicable Organizations

ITOCHU and our subsidiaries

Applicable Products

Logs, wood products, raw materials for papermaking such as wood chips and pulp, and paper products (hereinafter, "forest products").

Basic Policy

ITOCHU and our subsidiaries will engage in procurement based on the policy below.

1. Support expansion of reliable forest management certification systems and give priority to forest products with reliable certifications.
2. Work to gather information so that it can be confirmed that there has been no destruction of forests in the production areas of raw materials and aim to improve traceability of forest products.
3. Support the protection and preservation of High Conservation Value (HCV) and High Carbon Stock (HCS) regions and continually work on reducing our environmental burden.
4. Work to procure forest products from suppliers that observe the law in production areas and perform the proper procedures.

Operations

In order to contribute to sustainable forest management, we will cooperate with our business partners, experts, non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders and regularly review our policies as we go about our operations.

Information Disclosure and External Communication

In order to ensure transparency, we publish the progress on our efforts in the ESG Data Book and other materials, and we promote understanding of sustainable use of forest resources within society through proper communication with our business partners.

Structure

Every year, we provide a report on target setting and progress to management of Division Company and obtain their approval. We also share feedback from non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders and review the policies related to our efforts if there are any issues.

Additionally, those in charge of promoting sustainability conduct training at least once a year for members that handle the products to educate them on domestic and international trends and problems related to forest resource development and utilization of sustainable forest resources.

Target

Aim for 100% use of certified material or material for which advanced management can be verified until 2025.

Efforts (Information Disclosure and External Communication)

Examples from Group Companies

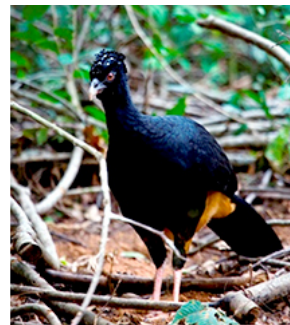
Example 1: Celulose Nipo-Brasileira S.A.

ITOCHU invested in Celulose Nipo-Brasileira, the world's eighth largest manufacturer of commercial hardwood pulp, together with a major Japanese pulp manufacturer and others and sells 1.2 million tons of the company's pulp produced 100% from plantation trees as a worldwide export distributor. Celulose Nipo-Brasileira has obtained Forest Management certification and CoC certification (a certification for management of the processing and distribution processes) from the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and handles everything up to pulp manufacturing through sustainable plantation-based forest management. The company plants trees on roughly 130,000ha out of the approximately 250,000ha (about the size of Kanagawa Prefecture) of land it owns to produce pulp. The remaining roughly 100,000ha is left as permanently protected forest or legally protected forest, and they are working to maintain the ecosystem.

They also plant 70,000 saplings of four kinds of trees found in natural forests in the region annually for the purpose of regenerating forests in areas where there have been soil disruptions, landslides or withering of vegetation. These tree planting activities take place on 300ha of land per year. At Macedonia Farm, a natural forest preserve, the company engages in activities to protect endangered birds and ensure that they reproduce, protecting, breeding, and releasing rare wild birds like the "mutum" (a pheasant-like bird).



Vast plantation of Celulose Nipo-Brasileira



Protection and breeding of endangered mutum

Example 2: Metsä Fibre

ITOCHU has a stake in Metsä Fibre, a world-class softwood pulp manufacturer based out of Finland. Metsä Fibre boasts an annual pulp production capacity of around 3.2 million tons (including the Äänekoski Plant, which was expanded in August 2017 and has begun new operations). They have tapped ITOCHU as the exclusive distributor for their softwood pulp destined for Asian markets. The company manufactures pulp from 100% traceable forest resources of which 80% have received two certifications, namely the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and the Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Schemes (PEFC).

In Finland, pulpwood growth exceeds consumption, which allows for a long-term, stable supply of pulpwood. Additionally, Metsä Fibre generates electricity in the pulp manufacturing process. What is not used in-house is supplied to neighboring communities, contributing to a reduction of fossil fuel consumption in the area. Through efforts carried out with excellent partners such as this, we will promote the use of sustainable forest resources and continue to promote further strengthening of our business.



New Äänekoski Plant commissioned in 2017

■ Sustainability Survey

Every year, we conduct a survey of our suppliers and those of our main business companies in relation to our products. We include suppliers that have been deemed low risk according to the guidelines so that we can engage in continuous dialog with a broader scope of suppliers.

■ On-site Inspections

In addition to the sustainability survey, we work to ascertain the situation through on-site inspections and due diligence at those suppliers that have received suggestions from non-governmental organizations and actively urge them to obtain forest certification or certification by a third party agency.

Example 1: Sarawak, Malaysia

A non-governmental organization has pointed out problems with illegal logging and human rights in Sarawak, Malaysia. Every year, we work to ascertain the situation through interview surveys of our supplier, the local government, a timber association, human rights lawyers with the human rights committee, local residents, local non-governmental organizations, forest consultants, and others.

We have not found the problems pointed out by the non-governmental organization through these surveys, but to eliminate concern, we have repeatedly requested that the supplier engage in specific efforts. As a result, in recent years, the supplier has actively worked to obtain forest certification, and the number of certified forest areas has increased. Changes have also occurred in the local government in Sarawak, including reinforcement of regulations to eliminate illegal logging and announcement of measures to promote forest certification.



Interview with indigenous community in Anap Muput Forest Management

Example 2: Romanian Supplier (Schweighofer)

Romanian supplier Schweighofer is one of ITOCHU KENZAI's lumber suppliers and was alleged by a non-governmental organization to be engaged in illegal logging. ITOCHU KENZAI called on the supplier to make efforts to eliminate the concern and referred to advice given by the non-governmental organization to select sites to visit. Every year, ITOCHU KENZAI conducts interview surveys with various stakeholders, including local government agencies, industry groups, forest certification organizations, and local non-governmental organizations, to ascertain the situation.

Schweighofer possesses PEFC certification and conducts risk assessments of its supply chain to make sure that no lumber from illegal logging finds its way into the supply chain. In 2016 Indufor, an international forestry consulting firm, certified the effectiveness of this risk assessment. In 2017, the company introduced a timber traceability system called "Timflow" that ensures traceability from all of its timber collecting points to its sawmills for the purpose of eliminating any timber produced by illegal logging from its operations. The following year, they announced an open-door policy to improve communication with non-governmental organizations, allowing representatives from pre-registered non-governmental organizations to visit their sawmills without notice. Through on-site visits, ITOCHU KENZAI was able to verify that timber produced by illegal logging has been eliminated and that efforts to increase transparency have improved year after year.



Interview with Romania Water and Forest Ministry

Performance Data

The timber carried by ITOCHU can be broken down into four categories according to basis of legitimacy.

— Forest certification system

(A) Timber from suppliers that have received forest certification or timber that has been recognized as controlled timber by a certification body

(B) Timber from countries and territories evaluated as low risk based on the forest certification system

— Verification of legitimacy based on Clean Wood Act

(C) Timber verified as legitimate based on documents certifying that it was harvested legally from the production area (Specifically, timber verified using export permit, certificate of origin, etc.)

(D) Timber verified as legitimate through additional measures (Specifically, timber verified as having been harvested legally by requesting that the supplier show the distribution route)

FYE 2019 Outlook	Basis of Legitimacy			
	Certified timber or timber for which advanced control can be verified			—
Item	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
Timber	36%	44%	17%	3%
Wood chips	100%	0%	0%	0%
Pulp	100%	0%	0%	0%

Example from Group Company: Certification of Traceability for Chinese Timber

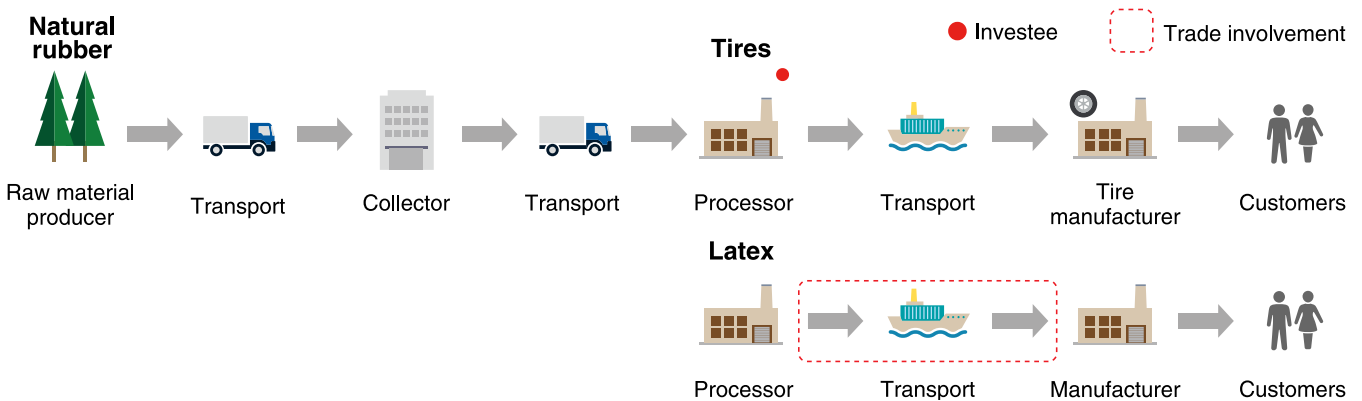
Since 2013, ITOCHU KENZAI has been working to create a system for certifying the traceability of plywood manufactured in China. In 2017, we were audited by Japan Gas Appliances Inspection Association (JIA), a certification body, and we received certification of timber traceability in our main supply chain. The Timber Traceability Certificate ensures traceability and that timber is managed throughout all processes within the supply chain, from the logging areas to the veneer and plywood factories, by obtaining logging permits and other evidence, auditing factories, observing the logging areas, and other means. With this, ITOCHU KENZAI was able to reliably ensure that no timber from illegal logging is used in around 40% of the plywood manufactured in China for which forest certification has not been obtained.

[Timber Traceability Certificate \(PDF : 524KB\)](#) 

Natural Rubber

Business Overview

Supply chain



Policy and Basic Concept (Natural Rubber Procurement Policy)

Preface

ITOCHU Corporation (hereinafter "ITOCHU") has established its sustainability approach based on the original spirit of *sampo yoshi* in its Basic Policy on Promotion of Sustainability (P7), which aims to bring about and lead towards a sustainable society.

In addition, ITOCHU has established ITOCHU Sustainability Action Guidelines for Supply Chains (P134), and ITOCHU is striving to improve its supply chains and prevent the occurrence of problems through dialogues with its suppliers. ITOCHU has participated in the 'Global Platform for Sustainable Natural Rubber (GPSNR)' (established in October 2018) as one of its founding members. ITOCHU has agreed to the GPSNR's 12 specified principles, and ITOCHU will continue to assist with and contribute to the development of the standards and operation of this platform.

Purpose

The purpose of ITOCHU's policy in this area is to bring about a sustainable natural rubber supply and to define the procurement policies for its natural rubber business, so that it fulfils ITOCHU's social responsibilities.

* ITOCHU conducts processing and trading operations in the natural rubber business.

Scope

This policy is applicable to the ITOCHU and its subsidiaries.

Priority items

- We commit to working towards providing safe, hygienic and healthy working conditions and paying at least the national, regional or local minimum wage to employees. We commit to respecting international norms, such as the fundamental principles reflected in the International Labour Organization (ILO), and all of the applicable laws and regulations in the countries/regions where we operate and conduct business activities.
- We will work to actively collect information to encourage zero deforestation in raw material-producing areas and we shall endeavor to explore new technologies and methods to enhance the traceability of natural rubber and to ensure compliance by all members of the rubber supply chain, which consists of many stakeholders, including small holders (small-scale farmers) and intermediate raw material dealers.
- We shall use our best efforts to establish measures to identify any suppliers developing on High Conservation Value (HCV) areas, High Carbon Stock (HCS) areas and peatland, in order to avoid procuring rubber from them.
- We shall follow the procedures set out in the Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) principles, which were established by the 'Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (UN-REDD)' program. In addition, we will undertake to identify suppliers whose activities cause any negative impacts to indigenous peoples - such as the illegal acquisition of land, - in order to avoid procurement of rubber from them.
- We are committed to complying with all applicable laws and regulations in the countries/regions in which we operate regarding water usage and effluent discharge, we will ensure to treat discharged water in accordance with all laws and regulations, and we shall work to reduce water consumption through the recycling and reuse of water resources.

— Policy regarding Operations

We will work to review the operational policies of ITOCHU periodically in cooperation with suppliers, specialists, NGOs and other stakeholders, while considering further initiatives for the entire supply chain aimed at the sustainability of natural rubber, all of which we shall conduct through GPSNR.

| Structure

Every year, we provide a report on target setting and progress to management at DMC, the voting body of the company, and obtain their approval. We also share feedback from non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders and review the policies related to our efforts if there are any issues.

| Efforts (Information Disclosure and External Communication)

— Example 1. Participation in Global Platform for Sustainable Natural Rubber (GPSNR)

In October 2018, ITOCHU participated in the Global Platform for Sustainable Natural Rubber (GPSNR), a new global platform for ensuring sustainable natural rubber, as the only Japanese trading company among the founding members. This organization was founded by automobile manufacturers, tire manufacturers, and natural rubber processors involved in the natural rubber industry and aims to collaborate through the supply chain, establish traceability, and achieve a higher level of sustainability.

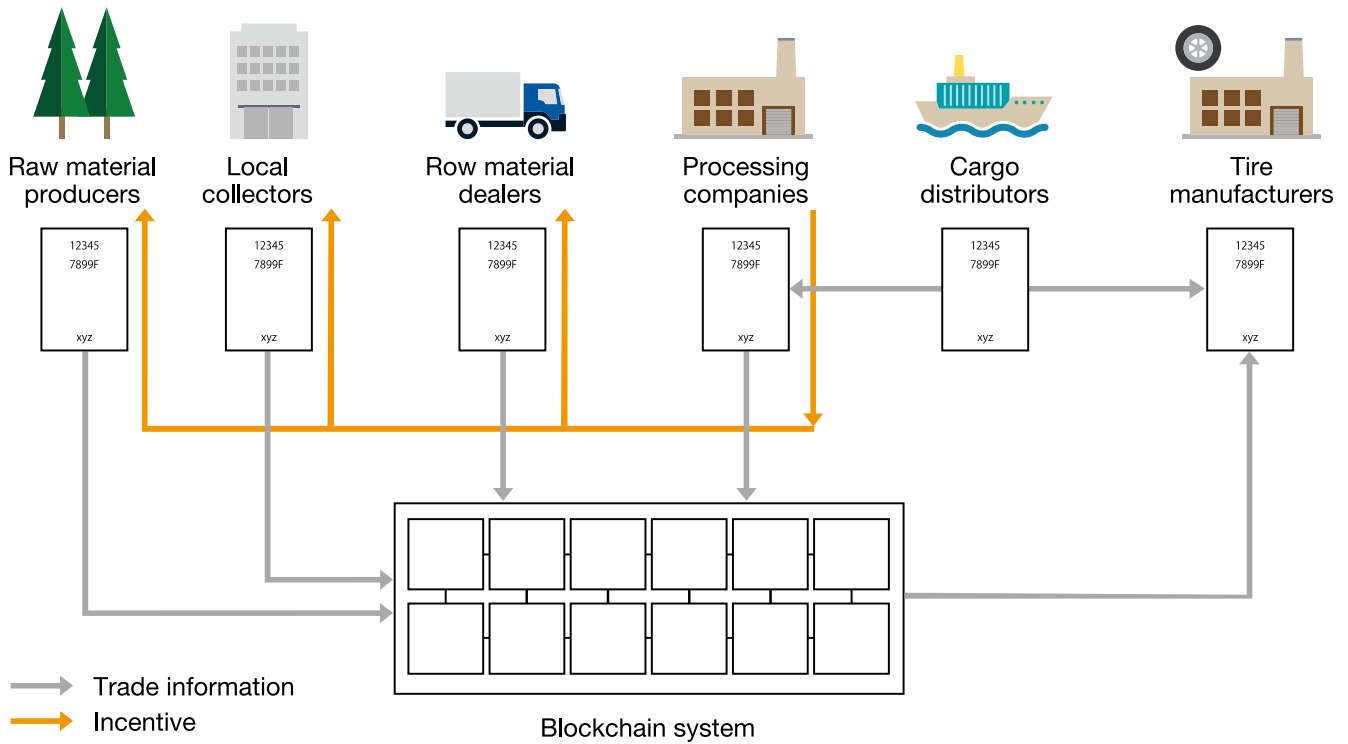
— Example 2. Blockchain PoC for Traceability

In February 2019, we started a Proof of Concept (PoC) with the aim of developing a blockchain traceability system that ensures stable procurement and supply of raw material for our investment companies and trading parties, improving the traceability of its distribution.

The PoC takes place in the natural rubber supply chain of Pt. Aneka Bumi Pratama (headquartered in Indonesia; President Director: Hisashi Yajima; hereinafter "ABP"), a natural rubber processing company fully owned by ITOCHU. ITOCHU Techno-Solutions Corporation (headquartered in Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President & CEO: Satoshi Kikuchi; hereinafter "CTC") develops a technology solution for this PoC.

Natural rubber is essential in our daily life. It is mainly produced in Indonesia and other Southeast Asian countries, and approximately 70% is used for tires. While the motorization pushes up the demand for natural rubber, deforestation and various violations of rights of local residents are a concern in relation to the production and distribution of natural rubber. It is critical to assure that our business activities demonstrate a strong respect for the environment and human rights. Currently, multiple operators (local collectors and raw material dealers) are involved in the supply chain from the production to the delivery to tire manufacturers, and greater transparency in the distribution of natural rubber is required.

Natural Rubber Supply Chain and Field Tests



The PoC uses a smartphone app that allows buyers and sellers to conduct mutual authentication and to record transaction details in the blockchain including date, time and location. This ensures the transparency of the supply chain of natural rubber up to the processing plant. In addition, ITOCHU provides a system to offer an incentive for accurate recording in order to promote cooperation from the suppliers.

ITOCHU will work on "Reinventing its Business", one of the basic policies set out in the medium-term management plan that aims to achieve continuous growth using a "reinvented *sampo yoshi*" approach ("Good for the seller, Good for the buyer, and Good for society"). It will also contribute to the achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals listed in "The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" adopted by the United Nations.

Real Estate

Basic Policy

The ITOCHU Construction, Realty & Logistics Division and its group will provide quality housing and logistics services essential for daily life and continue to make efforts to contribute to society, building relationships of trust with customers, shareholders, investors, and local communities through dialog. This will be achieved by working proactively on the priority themes below and being involved in everything from real estate development to operations and management with a focus on housing and logistics facilities.

Priority Themes

- Work environment development and contribution to local communities
- Introduction of energy-saving technologies and creation of system for support services and educational activities
- Provision of safe and reliable housing and services
- Collaborative activities for forming local communities

Structures and Systems

Scope	Development/Construction	Sales	Real Estate Management	REIT Management/Funds
Housing	ITOCHU Corporation ITOCHU Property Development ITOHPIAHOME	ITOCHU Housing	ITOCHU Urban Community	AD Investment Management
Logistics Facilities, etc.				ITOCHU Asset Management
Industrial Park	KAWARANG INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIAL CITY			ITOCHU REIT Management

When purchasing commercial land, the ITOCHU Construction, Realty & Logistics Division and its group conduct a survey of the real estate to be purchased using a checklist and check beforehand to make sure there are no concerns with respect to soil contamination, waste, anti-social forces, or related laws and ordinances. We have also established procedures for disposing of industrial waste and work to ensure that there are no violations of environmental laws or ordinances. When executing real estate transactions, we implement proper anti-money laundering measures by preparing and keeping thorough records verifying customer identity and transaction details based on the Act on Prevention of Transfer of Criminal Proceeds.

| Specific Efforts

— Example 1: Contributing to work environment development and local communities

Karawang International Industrial City

ITOCHU is engaged in joint development of Karawang International Industrial City (KIIC) to the east of the Indonesian capital of Jakarta with local partners, and more than 150 companies have set up operations within the roughly 1,400ha area. The company's basic CSR policy and activity reports are posted at the entrance to KIIC, and we are actively disclosing our efforts related to sustainability.

KIIC is developing a safe, reliable, and environmentally friendly infrastructure. An electrical substation of the national power company has been built on the premises to ensure power and establish a system of stable supply. The stable infrastructure also includes our own industrial water and wastewater plants as well as a regulating reservoir as an emergency backup, and there are paved roads to prevent traffic accidents. We also have 24/7 security provided by a 150-member security team. A police station, coordination with the Karawang government and Karawang police on matters of public order and security, deployment of fire trucks and ambulances, and other such services ensure safety and peace of mind. Furthermore, we are working to reduce our environmental impact and have installed smart street lights*, a first for industrial parks in Indonesia.

Moreover, in addition to creating jobs by attracting companies, we are engaged in various long-term, ongoing activities contributing to the region from the standpoint of medicine, agriculture, the environment, and education, among others. Independent activities of KIIC include our support for opening regional infant health centers and providing medical equipment to midwives in six neighboring villages. Meanwhile, joint efforts with tenant companies include donating saplings to local authorities on World Environment Day and planting them every year, constructing an agricultural park on the premises to promote education and training on things like agriculture and environmental conservation, bringing in experts to provide agricultural instruction to nearby farmers, and growing more than 10,000 saplings for planting every year. As the executive office for the sustainability activities of tenant companies, we actively provide support for such efforts as supplying baby food to infants living nearby every month, providing scholarships to junior high and high school students, providing assistance during floods, and engaging in pest control activities targeting mosquitoes and other pests to prevent infectious diseases like dengue fever.

Through these efforts, KIIC aims to be an industrial park that develops together with the local community.

* Smart street lights: An IoT solution to reduce power consumption and carbon dioxide emissions by adding dimming control to power-saving, high efficiency LEDs to improve the operation, maintenance and management of street lighting (adding smart functionality). There are about 1,200 of these lights installed within KIIC.

— Example 2: Support and awareness-raising for installation of energy-saving technologies

ITOCHU Property Development, Ltd. (IPD) has worked to raise awareness of reducing environmental impact by providing services to support energy-saving lifestyles. At some condominiums, the Mansion Energy Management System (MEMS) building management system has been installed. This allows us to provide a service to support energy reduction by measuring power usage within the condominium using smart meters installed in each unit, reducing power via a collective purchasing service, and shifting peak demand.

For example, we introduced a household support service for saving energy in collaboration with Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd. that supports energy-saving lifestyles. Information on power, gas, and hot water use by individual tenants is measured and tracked to provide each unit with Eco Reports containing individualized advice on how to save energy. Additionally, energy saving contests are held in which tenants have fun competing against each other to reduce household CO₂ emissions.

Example 3: Providing safe and reliable housing services

IPD has introduced the CREVIA LIFE HUG comprehensive disaster prevention support program at all condominiums since 2012. We are pursuing and realizing multi-faceted and multi-layered security from the three standpoints of community formation, disaster prevention stockpiling, and housing quality.

ITOCHU Urban Community Ltd. (IUC), which manages condominiums, makes proposals to extend the life of and regenerate buildings over the next generation to protect the value of building assets in addition to maintaining and managing condominiums on a daily basis. It has launched the 100-Year Sustainable Condominium Research Society as part of this.

It is common to either destroy old condominiums and sell the land or rebuild them anew. However, IUC proposes the option of "regenerate and continue to live" with the aim of realizing condominiums that everyone can continue to live in comfortably. It carries out appropriate large-scale repair work on shared areas that have degraded over time. At the same time, it performs regeneration and renovation with the aim of increasing the value of the building assets by improving various functions and creating a better image. IUC replaces the parts that cannot be seen (e.g., the piping and electrical facilities) and prevents accidents occurring in private areas.

In addition, high-quality training of management personnel with a high sense of professionalism is essential for condominium maintenance and management. We carry out carefully planned training for employees such as in-house training for vocational school certification and work to improve the work environment, including health and safety.



(1) Hug Community

Community formation for friendly connections

- Communication tool "iLista"
- Preparation and distribution of disaster prevention manuals at each condominium and support for adding to or revising the manual
- Holding of disaster prevention events, etc.

(2) Hug Items

Extensive disaster prevention items to reliably prepare

- Facility support of disaster prevention measures base (3)Hug Quality
- Standardization of disaster prevention stockpiling warehouses and supplies, etc.

(3) Hug Quality

Reliable structure for strong support

- Building structure, measures against liquefaction, etc.

■ Example 4: Cooperative activities for local community formation

IPD is also actively promoting efforts related to community formation utilizing connections between the areas we develop and neighboring areas and between residents, universal design addressing the needs of various generations and those with disabilities, and ecology.

We are carrying out an activity called "KANAZAWA HAKKEI UMIMACHI LABO" at "CREVIA KANAZAWA HAKKEI THE BAY," a new condominium that was completed in Kanazawa-ku, Yokohama in 2018. The aim of this effort is to build a healthy community within the condominium by actively communicating and sharing the appealing aspects of the town of Kanazawa Hakkei and emphasizing ties with the area to foster a love for the town and preparing various events for tenants that they can participate in even before they move in. Cooperative activities that we engaged in included holding events such as cruising tours and dragnet fishing for tenants, participating in local events, and providing a venue for events. We also participated in the Eelgrass Transplanting Event held by the Amamo Revival Collaboration in Kanazawa-Hakkei, Tokyo Bay Area and other sponsors as an effort to promote biodiversity. It was implemented with the cooperation of local students who transplanted eelgrass or "amamo," a kind of seaweed that provides a home to marine organisms.

"CREVIA TOTSUKA" is a condominium built as part of a public-private collaboration with Yokohama City Housing Development Public Corporation and Kanagawa Chuo Kotsu Co., Ltd. in Totsuka, a town that is expected to grow as a result of urban redevelopment. Just a two-minute walk from the station, it offers convenient access to public transportation, and the equipment and specifications are tailored to all generations as well as those who are disabled or elderly.

Chemicals

Policy and Basic Concept

The chemicals, synthetic resins, and products that use these as raw materials carried by the Chemicals Division are used in various ways in our daily lives and are very useful. At the same time, many of these chemicals are toxic or dangerous due to their nature. As such, they are regulated by many related laws in terms of how they are manufactured, sold, transported, stored, etc.

Because this is a matter of grave concern related to people's health and environmental conservation, there are various laws and regulations related to chemical trade, and they are very strict. Moreover, the penalties for legal violations are very severe. There are also many products that require licenses or permits to carry them, and if these licenses or permits were to be revoked due to a legal violation, it would have a serious impact on the business of the Chemicals Division.

Furthermore, there is an international trend toward minimizing risk at the chemical supply chain level. New regulations are being introduced, and major revisions are starting to be made to existing regulations in both developed and developing countries. It is expected that the legal and regulatory environment related to handling of chemicals will become increasingly strict.

Based on this awareness, we recognize the importance not only of product and industry knowledge but also of legal compliance as a company that carries chemicals. As such, our basic policy is for each person in charge to conduct business in accordance with legal requirements, having an accurate understanding of the laws and regulations related to the products they carry.

Structure

The Chemicals Division is in charge and manages chemical substances to ensure that each sales department within the division that primarily carries chemical substances and the group companies under it can properly comply with the law. The division also provides guidance and advice as appropriate to sales divisions and group companies that carry some chemicals.

The method of management is based on thorough inquiries to external consulting firms and centralized management of laws using a dedicated system. Specifically, we work to ensure legal compliance by checking and recording applicable laws and matters to address at the chemical substance level for each product using a proprietary legislative management system developed in 2016, implementing eLearning on major laws, and engaging in ongoing education of sales representatives through distribution of a handbook on related laws that summarizes the key points of major laws.

We use Technohill Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Chuo-ku, Tokyo; President: Kazuyuki Suzuki), which possesses a high level of expertise with respect to control of chemical substances, as an external consulting firm, and they provide us with support from various angles, including comprehensive advice on our control structure and individual consultations on things like applicable laws by product.

■ Management Structure for Responding to Emergencies and Accidents

We provide both internal and external reports according to the ITOCHU Accident and Emergency Response Rules and respond according to separate procedures depending on the situation. For example, in the event of an accident involving poisonous and deleterious substances, we respond according to the ITOCHU "Hazard Prevention Procedures for Non-medical Poisonous and Deleterious Substances." Specifically, we take actions including "providing the necessary reports via the emergency contact network attached to the rules and responding swiftly to minimize the hazards from poisonous and deleterious substances" and "in cases where the substances have dispersed, leaked, flowed out, seeped out or soaked into the ground and there is a risk of harm to the health of an unspecified or large number of people, reporting the incident to the health center, police department or fire department and taking the necessary steps to prevent harm to people's health."

Performance Data

■ eLearning on Laws Related to Chemicals

We have implemented this program every year since FYE 2017. The primary targets are employees of the Chemicals Division and group companies that the division is in charge of, but the program is also carried out at some companies other than the Energy & Chemicals Company. This fiscal year, it was carried out in October 2018, and 141 employees from the Chemicals Division participated.

■ Handbook on Laws Related to Chemicals

The first edition was published in 2012, and the current edition was revised in 2016. It covers 32 laws and provides an overview of each along with the key compliance requirements. The purpose is for new employees and sales representatives from outside the Chemicals Division that deal with chemicals who do not have sufficient knowledge of laws pertaining to the chemical industry to reference it as necessary and for it to promote voluntary awareness of industry-related laws.



Handbook on Laws Related to Chemicals

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■ Status of Legal Compliance

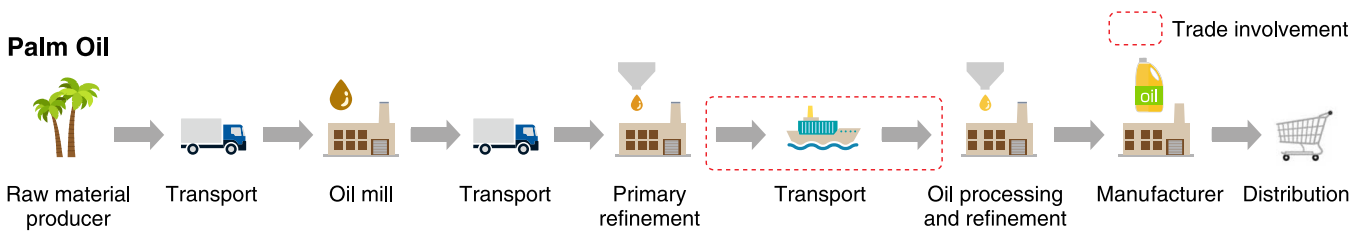
As of April 2018, there have not been any major violations resulting in license suspension or other severe penalties.

Support for the Sustainable Procurement of Palm Oil

Business Overview

Supply chain

Palm Oil



Policy and Basic Concept (Sustainable Palm Oil Procurement Policy)

Purpose and Background

It has been identified that palm oil business has a relationship with environmental destruction and human rights issues concerning plantation development and production of palm oil. ITOCHU pays particular attention to these issues, and recognizes our responsibility for them from the viewpoint of connecting producers and end users. Therefore, we have established the Sustainability Action Guidelines for Supply Chains to fulfill our corporate social responsibility. We have also established the following procurement policy in order to achieve our goal for procuring sustainable palm oil.

Applicable Organizations

ITOCHU and our subsidiaries

Applicable Products

Palm oil

ITOCHU is involved in trading for our palm oil business. We do not own any palm plantation.

Targets

To realize the stable procurement and supply of sustainable palm oil, ITOCHU will verify our supply chains based on evaluations of the following priority items to fulfill our corporate social responsibility. We will then find problems and make improvements. In doing this, we will achieve our stated target of switching all the palm oil we procure to sustainable palm oil*¹ by 2025. In particular, ITOCHU are aiming to realize procurement based on the No Deforestation, No Peat, No Exploitation (NDPE)*² principle.

*1 Sustainable palm oil: the palm oil procured by the suppliers to have the RSPO standard or the sustainable standards admitted by the other certified organizations

*2 No Deforestation, No Peat, No Exploitation (NDPE): Zero deforestation, zero peatland development and zero exploitation

— Priority Items

- Transparency in palm oil supply chains where there is involvement by many stakeholders (e.g., small holders (small plantations), interim dealers and oil mills)
- No Deforestation, No Peat, No Exploitation (NDPE) principle
- Prevention of development in High Conservation Value (HCV^{*1}) regions, High Carbon Stock (HCS^{*2}) regions and peatland^{*3}
- Conducts of HCV assessments, SEIAs^{*4}
- No burning, and best management practices (BMPs) for peatland and soil principle
- Compliance with the laws/ordinance of the countries/regions where we perform business activities and international norms established by the International Labor Organization (ILO) and other organizations in relation to labor conditions (e.g., employee minimum wage and abolition of all forms of discrimination including gender)
- Illegal labor (including child labor and forced labor), and provision of working environments with excellent safety, hygiene and health for employees
- Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC^{*5}) principle and respect for the rights of indigenous people
- Effective implementation, valuation and improvement of grievance mechanisms

*1 High Conservation Value (HCV) region: Region defined by the High Conservation Value Resource Network (HCVRN)

*2 High Carbon Stock (HCS) region: Region defined by the High Carbon Stock Approach Network (HCSA)


*3 Peatland: This is land where a large amount of carbon is found in the ground. The development of this would result in large amounts of greenhouse gases being emitted into the atmosphere.

*4 SEIAs: Social and Environmental Impact Assessments

*5 FPIC: Protection and conservation of regions and consideration for local residents and society

— Operations and Information Disclosure

We periodically review our policy in cooperation with our stakeholders (e.g., business partners and experts) in our operations. We disclose information relating to this matter through our ESG report, Sustainability Action Plan and Annual Communication of Progress (ACOP).

- Sustainability Action Plan (P16-23)
- [Annual Communication of Progress \(ACOP\)](#) 

| Structure

We report on target setting and the state of progress on our targets to the management of Food Company every year and obtain approval. The Oil, Fats & Grain Products Department in the Provisions Division of the Food Company — the department in charge of this — procures palm oil based on our policy.

| Efforts

- We joined the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) in 2006 and respect the Principle and Criteria (P&C) for the Production of Palm Oil. We promote transparency in our supply chain and strengthen our sustainable palm oil procurement structure by expanding the business with suppliers who are enhancing supply chain traceability based on RSPO P&C.
- We monitor priority items through Sustainability-Supplier surveys (including on-site surveys) and direct communication with suppliers. We then are going to improve sustainability of the supply chain by utilizing this information.

Marine Products

Policy and Basic Concept

We mainly handle skipjack and yellowfin as marine products. In Indonesia, we operate the PT. Aneka Tuna Indonesia (ATI) canned tuna factory in a joint venture with partners. We have established voluntary management regulations for tuna. We thoroughly stick to our policy of only procuring skipjack and yellowfin that has been appropriately managed by fishing organizations.

We also responsibly procure marine resources for marine products other than skipjack and yellowfin. We currently handle many fish caught in nature. However, our policy is to also focus our efforts on handling farmed fish to also take into account our burden on the environment in the future.



Fishing Management with Observers Aboard Dispatched from the Indonesia Fisheries Agency

Targets

The acquisition of MSC^{*1} certification is limited among fishermen for the highly migratory fish of skipjack and yellowfin at present. Under these circumstances, we handle 4,500 tons of MSC raw ingredients per year at present in the trade of skipjack and yellowfin for canned raw material. We are also aiming to encourage fishermen to acquire MSC so that we handle 10,000 tons per year within five years.

The rate of pole and line fished^{*2} products in our canned tuna handling was 7% in FYE 2014. However, this rate exceeded 14% in FYE 2019. We would like to continue maintaining and expanding this rate with the aim of reaching 20%.

The usage rate and quantity of pole and line fished raw material in ATI more than doubled from 20% at 8,000 tons in 2013 to 40% at 20,000 tons in 2018. It has become one of the few canned tuna factories in the world that uses pole and line fished raw material. We will continue striving to secure, maintain and expand pole and line fished raw material.

*1 The Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) is an international NPO established in 1997 to work on spreading sustainable fishing. Its headquarters are located in London, England.

*2 Pole and line fishing is a method of fishing by catching one fish at a time. It is a sustainable fishing method that does not involve the catch of large quantities of fish at one time. It is said that it is an environmentally friendly fishing method because it is also possible to avoid the bycatch of non-targeted fish.

Structure

We regularly visit and survey our suppliers. This is so that we responsibly procure marine resources for all the marine products we handle. We also promote cooperation with various fishing organizations. Every year, those in charge of sales visit and survey 45 suppliers applicable to our internal selection criteria in cooperation with our Food Safety and Compliance Management Office. This is for the regular visits and surveys on our suppliers to responsibly procure marine resources. We also engage in business after confirming that suppliers are appropriate from a viewpoint of ESG.

We established voluntary management regulations called Tuna Handling Management Regulations in September 2017 for the skipjack and yellowfin that we handle in especially large quantities. We are promoting efforts based on a policy of procuring and stocking only from fishermen that perform appropriate resource management under the management and supervision of fishing organizations such as the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC). We do this without procuring fish caught through illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

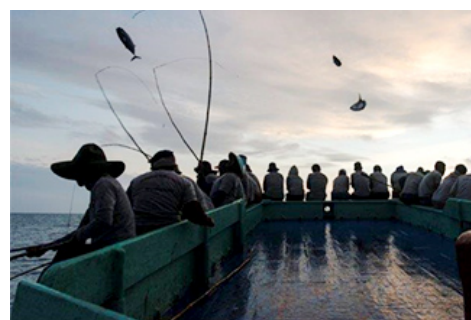
Efforts

We acquired distributor certification and chain of custody certificate (CoC)^{*1} certification from the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) in March 2018.

We joined the Organization for the Promotion of Responsible Tuna Fisheries (OPRT) in 2012 in the tuna business. This is an organization that was established for the sustainable use of tuna resources. We are now promoting efforts that comply with our aforementioned voluntary management regulations.

ATI is strengthening its handling of pole and line fished raw material—considered to be the most environmentally friendly skipjack and yellowfin fishing method. The need for products made with pole and line fished raw material is growing every year in markets with a high interest in sustainability (e.g., the U.K. and Australia) for the canned tuna market as well. It is our policy to strengthen our handling of pole and line fished products manufactured by ATI.

ATI joined the Indonesian Association of Pole & Line and Hand Line in 2014. It is offering its cooperation such as by providing data. This data is used in the Fishery Improvement Program (FIP)^{*2}. ATI is also cooperating for the acquisition of MSC in Indonesia. Moreover, it joined an international organization called the International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF)^{*3} in 2016. The firm is offering its cooperation such as by providing information in the same way as it does with the Indonesian Association of Pole & Line and Hand Line.



Pole and Line Fishing

*1 Chain of custody certificate (CoC) is certification for processors and distributors. This is to ensure the traceability of MSC certified marine products and other products in the management of processing and distribution processes specified by MSC.

*2 The Fishery Improvement Program (FIP) is a project in which small fishermen finding it difficult to acquire MSC certification and market stakeholders cooperate and work together aiming for sustainable fishing under the goal of future MSC acquisition with MSC compliant fishing methods.

*3 The International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF) is an organization running under the aim of sustainable skipjack and yellowfin fishing. It was launched in response to an appeal by major canned tuna operators in 2009.

Performance Data

Item	FYE 2014 Results	FYE 2019 Forecast	Target (Next Five Years)
Quantity of skipjack and yellowfin MSC for canned tuna raw material	n/a	4,500 tons	10,000 tons
Pole and line fished tuna product ratio	7%	14%	20%
Quantity of pole and line fished raw material in ATI	8,000 tons	20,000 tons	Maintain

Dairy Products

Policy and Basic Concept

In terms of the dairy product and supply structure in Japan, the domestic production and supply structure has been established with a focus on Hokkaido. Meanwhile, import opportunities have steadily been increasing. This is due to the formation of the TPP that was established at the end of 2018 and the Japan-EU EPA that is scheduled to commence on February 1, 2019. Currently, Japan imports dairy products from multiple countries and regions – New Zealand, Australia, European countries, North America and South America. The agricultural policies and production structures in each country and region have been reflected in efforts for the sustainable growth production structure in dairy products. Producer organizations and companies have also started efforts toward gradually building a sustainable growth production structure. We are striving to grasp the efforts of major producing areas and major suppliers. We will then work to build close communication and relationships with major suppliers so that it is possible to provide even safer dairy products with greater peace of mind.

Targets

Import opportunities will increase in the future due to the formation of the TPP and EPA. We will work to build close communication and relationships with major suppliers so that it is possible to provide even safer dairy products with greater peace of mind.

Structure

The most important efforts in securing the safety of dairy products are those to ensure the safety of raw milk. The structure for this is as follows. Raw milk is milked from cows and collected by dairy farmers before being brought to dairy product factories. Antibiotic contamination tests are then conducted at the acceptance stage. Only raw milk confirmed to be safe is used.

Cheese and butter is individually wrapped in cardboard boxes of 10 kg or 20 kg. Meanwhile, powdered skim milk (not including milk powder) is produced in manufacturing factories mainly in 25 kg paper bags. The manufacturing date is printed on these boxes and bags. This means it is possible to trace products up to their date of production in their manufacturing factory.

- * The standards for hormones and antibiotics used in raising beef and dairy cows are stipulated by the relevant organizations of each country. Dairy product manufacturers have established voluntary management rules based on those standards. A check is also performed each time to see whether there are any residual substances other than raw milk in the transportation vehicles used when bringing it from farmers to factories.

Efforts

In New Zealand, which has an important position as a supply base for Japan, dairy cows are basically raised with a focus on grazing. Efforts are made on a routine basis from the point of view of improving productivity. For example, dairy cows are raised while regularly changing their field so that these fields do not become ruined.

The development and distribution of grass-fed* butter and other products has started as a new experiment in New Zealand and elsewhere.

- * Grass-fed refers to beef and dairy cows raised only by eating grass. Regular butter is made using the milk of cows raised by eating mainly grains. In contrast to this, grass-fed butter is made with the milk of cows raised only by eating grass or only by eating grass above a certain rate. This has the advantage of being less of an economic burden compared to raising cows mainly on grains.

The Netherlands is engaged in the overall management of its number of breeding cows as a nation. This is being done in consideration of the impact the phosphate contained in the excreta of dairy cows has on the soil.

Meat

Policy and Basic Concept

The Meat Products Department in the ITOCHU Food Company imports and procures raw meat ingredients (beef, pork and chicken) from various countries around the world. It handles pork in the greatest quantities with raw ingredients primarily being procured from North America and Europe. Meanwhile, it imports beef from Australia and the U.S. We have jointly invested in Teys Australia Condamine Pty Ltd. in the cattle fattening business in Australia together with an Australian beef supplier called Teys and Prima Meat Packers.

The following is our basic policy for performing inter-company efforts when procuring raw meat ingredients from overseas: Production suppliers who do business with ITOCHU should be aware of environmental aspects at the production stage. They should take into consideration the workers involved in production. Finally, above all, they should construct production operations including traceability that can guarantee safety and peace of mind.

ITOCHU regularly visits factories that are our supply sources. We do this under a commitment to responsible meat procurement. We establish good relationships through close communication with overseas suppliers.



Teys Australia Condamine's Cattle Fattening Farm

Targets

The mission of ITOCHU is to stably supply safe raw ingredients of foods with peace of mind to the manufacturers who are our customers and consumers. The following are the conditions to realize this: Local production operations should be sustainable and traceability should be established.

We ask our production suppliers to reduce CO₂ emissions and energy usage to minimize the burden on the environment as much as possible. We also request that they create an environment in which employees can work with satisfaction.

Structure

Although there are differences depending on the supplier, the following serves as the mechanism for basic trace back operations. It is possible to trace back to detailed information including the time of the slaughter of the animal from which the raw ingredients are derived, the time it was brought to the factory and the farm on which it was raised. This is based on the information on the label affixed to the box into which the applicable raw ingredients are packed.

Efforts

— Establishment of a Stable Production Structure with Integration promotion

HyLife Group Holdings manages an integrated supply chain. This is achieved by establishing an integrated production structure that includes pig farming, feed production and pork processing to realize stable production of safe and high-quality products with peace of mind. The company is promoting the development of an even more efficient and stable production structure. This is done by pork processing with the introduction of state-of-the-art technology in its recent expansion to its facilities to further enhance these strengths in the mid-to-long term.



Processing Line

— Safe and Tasty Pork Production Business with Peace of Mind

ITOCHU holds 49.9% of the shares in HyLife Group Holdings (HyLife) which is engaged in the pork production business in Manitoba, Canada. HyLife is capable of supply chain management and coordination in-house because it performs integrated production that includes pig farms, mixed feed factories and pork processing. The company has utilized this production structure to realize a stable supply of safe, high-quality and traceable products with peace of mind. In addition, it is possible to feedback the individual needs of customers to pig farms through such integrated production. The firm has established a specialty program customized for Japan – a program that has received a high appraisal in the market. Currently, it is the number one company in Canada in terms of refrigerated pork exports to Japan. Production in the specialty program for Japan is thoroughly managed and supervised on a daily basis with the addition of cooperation from resident employees of ITOCHU. This production sees pigs crossbred from three selected varieties fed mainly wheat produced in Manitoba which is famous as a high quality producing area. The process here takes place under the guidance of the firm's own dieticians and veterinarians.



Pork Processing Process

Teys Australia Condamine introduced 1,034 solar panels in 2015. This has made it possible to generate approximately 506,000 kWh of power annually. Accordingly, approximately 50% of the power used in this facility comes from renewable energy. The introduction of solar power generation has reduced CO₂ emissions by approximately 395 tons. Consequently, a reduction in CO₂ emissions of approximately 49% has been realized compared with before the introduction of solar power generation.



Installed Solar Panels

We also procure beef to be slaughtered and processed from Teys – our joint investment partner in Australia. This firm has formed sustainable operations. It extracts methane gas generated in the slaughter process and reuses it as heat for its factory.

— Initiative Participation

Companies in wide-ranging lines of businesses – from producers to retailers – are participating in an initiative called the Global Round Table for Sustainable Beef (GRSB) with the aim of sustainable beef production. ITOCHU has built business relationships with multiple companies participating in the GRSB. We are exchanging information with them on the latest trends.

| Performance Data

The major premise for ITOCHU is to be able to thoroughly trace the products we deliver to our customers back to their producers above all else while considering the safety and peace of mind of food as our number one priority. The overseas production suppliers with whom ITOCHU is in business have built mechanisms to enable 100% trace back to the production stage.

| Animal Welfare

ITOCHU Group carries out the following efforts in accordance with local laws to treat animals humanely based on the idea of animal welfare.

Teys Australia is committed to ensuring that all cattle are treated humanely.

As part of our commitment to animal welfare, all Teys Australia processing facilities operate under the Australian Livestock Processing Industry Animal Welfare Certification System (AAWCS). An independently certified animal welfare program that ensures that livestock under our control (from receipt to humane processing) are managed in accordance with best practice animal welfare standards.

Teys Australia operates its feedlots in strict compliance with the independently audited National Feedlot Accreditation Scheme.

Respecting Animals is a HyLife Core Value and the obligation and responsibility of all employees.

HyLife provides optimal environmental conditions for the animals in our care providing climate controlled housing, nutritionally balanced diets and veterinary animal health oversight.

All employees receive comprehensive training in the proper care and handling of animals and farms are operated in accordance with the Canadian Code of Practice for the Care & Handling of Pigs and are certified under the Canadian Quality Assurance Program.

Textile Raw Materials

Policy and Basic Concept

In recent years, the trend for sustainability has been gradually penetrating the fashion market. For example, global fashion brands have declared that they will switch to using environmentally friendly materials (e.g., organic cotton, recycled polyester etc.) for the materials they procure as an effort to develop the labor environment in the supply chain and to deal with the disposal of clothing and other problems. Under these circumstances, the Apparel Division has established a basic policy. This basic policy calls for us to gradually shift the textile raw materials we primarily handle to those with a low burden on the environment in the trade of textile raw materials that is the founding business of ITOCHU. The policy also requires us to establish traceability from the procurement of raw materials to sales in the future. In the mid-to-long term, we would like to continue developing and expanding our business with environmentally friendly materials at the core over our entire value chain. We will achieve this by branding the environmentally friendly materials we procure, commercializing them in the context of our production and then providing them as global brands. We will utilize the global value chain — from upstream to downstream — possessed by the Textile Company in doing this.

Ideal Course of Action in the Mid-to-long Term

- Increase the use of environmentally friendly materials (e.g., cotton, polyester, cellulose etc.)
- Expand deployment over the entire value chain — from upstream to downstream



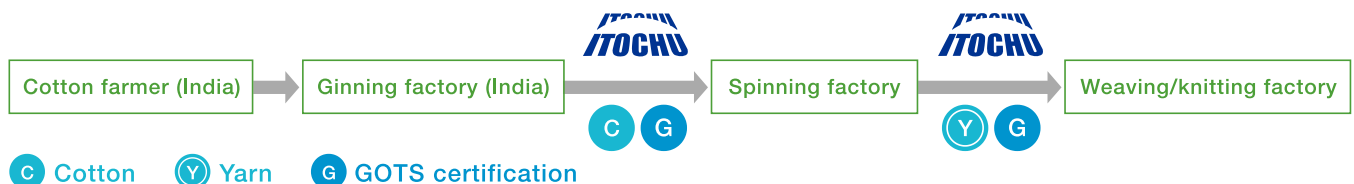
Targets

We aim to ensure that we switch 50% of the textile raw materials primarily handled by the Textile Raw Material Section to those that are traceable and with a low burden on the environment by 2025.

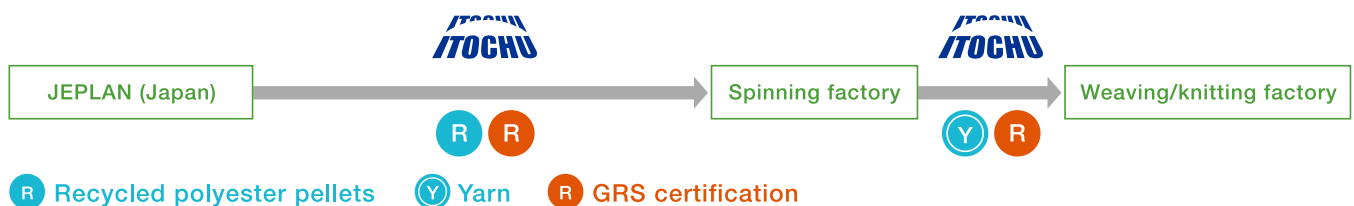
Structure

Current Efforts

- Traceability in organic cotton procurement in India



- Traceability in the recycled polyester business utilizing the technologies of JEPLAN



When we procure organic cotton in India, we first purchase raw organic cotton that comes with a certificate from a ginning (work to separate the seeds and fibers after harvesting raw cotton) factory in India that has acquired GOTS certification. We deliver that raw organic cotton to spinning factories that have acquired GOTS certification in India or Asia. Finally, we purchase the yarn spun in those spinning factories and sell it to weaving/knitting factories in Japan and overseas. ITOCHU has a history of trading Indian organic cotton over 35 years. We have been encouraging cotton farmers in India to transition to organic farming methods since 2008. To that end, we have been working to spread cotton in transition (tentative name) cultivated during the transition period (three years) to such organic farming methods. We have also provided support to local ginning factories and spinning factories to acquire GOTS certification. With such extensive experience and network in India, we ensure 100% traceability up to cotton farmers for the procurement of organic cotton and cotton in transition in India that we currently handle. We invested in JEPLAN, INC., which possesses technology to recycle polyester resin, in May 2018. Upon starting recycled polyester business utilizing that company's technology, we took advantage of our experience in procuring organic cotton in India to quickly acquire GRS certification up to the spinning process.

Efforts

The Apparel Division is building a value chain that originates with the raw materials for which we have assumed a leadership role. This is part of our attempt to reinvent our businesses for the next generation — the basic policy in our current mid-term management plan. We have been making efforts for several years to brand, commercialize our original raw material brands of natural fibers such as HAMILTON LAMBS WOOL and ONE Cotton. In response to the trend for a shift to sustainable materials in the global apparel market in recent years, we have also been striving to increase our use of environmentally friendly materials. We invested in JEPLAN, which possesses technology to recycle polyester, in May 2018. Meanwhile, we agreed to establish an environmentally friendly cellulose fiber pilot plant co-financed with a major company in the Finnish forestry industry called the Metsa Group in October 2018. We invested in the LYCRA Company in the U.S. together with a Chinese firm called the Shandong Ruyi Group in February 2019. We will continue to focus on the development of environmentally friendly materials jointly with LYCRA in the future. We will continue to accelerate the pace of our cooperation with global companies toward our increasing use of environmentally friendly materials in the future. At the same time, we will work to acquire certification in the spinning, weaving/knitting and sewing processes and to expand internal cross-company business toward establishing branding and traceability up to commercialization — our medium term target.



ONE Cotton and HAMILTON LAMBS WOOL — Our Original Material Brands

* [ONE Cotton \(ONE is an abbreviation for Organic Natural Ethical\)](#)

Performance Data

Quantity (1,000 kilos)	2015	2016	2017
Organic cotton (OC)	269	449	556
Percentage accounted for by OC in all cotton trading business	6%	7%	9%
Traceability	100%	100%	100%
GOTS certification	100%	100%	100%

* We have acquired GOTS certification for all organic cotton.

Pharmaceuticals

Quality and Safety

— Policy and Basic Concept

We contribute to the fulfillment of medical needs by delivering a stable supply of pharmaceutical raw materials and products at the level of quality required of pharmaceuticals. Additionally, we will satisfy latent medical needs by working on clinical development in new drug development to enable treatment of heretofore difficult-to-treat diseases. Our main market is Asia, including Japan, but we will also work on procurement and sales in Europe and the United States. We ensure safety in product supply and clinical development in accordance with Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Act.

— Structure

Expertise is required, so pharmaceutical undertakings are primarily handled by group companies possessing that expertise. We implement quality control in accordance with Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Act to ensure quality. This includes, for example, checking the quality of imported materials at our lab before it is sold.

— Efforts

Not only do we implement quality control at our lab as stated above but we also visit our overseas suppliers regularly and perform inspections to make sure that the manufacturing process conforms to the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Act.

Contribution to Improving QOL in the Pharmaceutical Field

We contribute to controlling the rise of medical costs by providing a stable supply of raw materials for generic drugs. We will also invest in companies that develop regenerative medicines and new drugs to alleviate the side-effects of cancer and work to raise the level of future treatments and improve patient quality of life.

Pharmaceutical Ads and Labels

— Policy and Basic Concept

Final pharmaceutical products are sold only to licensed companies. We do not engage in advertising. We ensure that labels on product packages are in thorough compliance with Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Act.

— Structure

We are thorough in the above-mentioned package labeling, including checking it when beginning product preparation.