## **Top Commitment: President & COO**

## **Responding to Changing Times**

FYE 2022 was a period of increasing unpredictability. In addition to new variants of COVID-19, we also saw rapid transformation in global conditions, unprecedented spikes in the prices of major resources, and changes in global monetary policy driven by inflation concerns.

Regardless of the environment, the important thing for ITOCHU is that our shareholders and customers continue to see us as a trusted player. This means that every member of the ITOCHU Group must be able to accurately ascertain and provide the services desired by society and our customers. One of the strengths of the ITOCHU is our ability to cover a wide range of domains by comprehensively evaluating social change, identifying products and services suited to customer values, and recognizing ideal timing. We will continue to apply this strength as we aim to provide new services across multiple industries.

Since our founding, we have valued the principles of "Sampo-yoshi." And moving forward, it will be even more important that each employee remain committed to walking in step with society towards resolving social issues. In our Medium-term Management Plan, we outline a policy of enhancing our contribution to and engagement with the SDGs through business activities. This policy is an expression of our commitment. We will contribute to resolving major social issues by promoting a decarbonized and recycling-based society, and by establishing a resilient value chain, including promoting sustainable raw materials procurement. Achieving a decarbonized society is a long-term endeavor, but we also believe promoting GHG reductions will present new business opportunities. We will aggressively promote businesses that contribute to global GHG reductions.



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