

Top Commitment: Chairman & CEO

Enhancing Our Contribution to and Engagement with the SDGs

ITOCHU founder Chubei Itoh valued the spirit of “*Sampo-yoshi*,” the management philosophy of the Ohmi merchants, the belief that business transactions satisfying the needs of the buyer and seller were a given. It is making contributions to society that truly symbolizes good business management. Our corporate mission inherits this spirit, and we engage in daily operations based on our Guideline of Conduct: I am One with Infinite Missions.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to contribute to a difficult operating environment but, despite the challenges we faced, ITOCHU FYE 2021 earnings led our industry. I believe these results are due to the unending support of our stakeholders, including our Group companies, business partners, and our shareholders. We also have taken a leading position in terms of total market capitalization and stock price. As the leading company in our industry, the expectations from all our stakeholders are greater than ever.

One of the basic policies we outline in the ITOCHU Corporation Medium-term Management Plan, Brand-new Deal 2023 launched in 2021, is to enhance our contribution to and engagement with the SDGs. These contributions include addressing the global issue of realizing a decarbonized society, developing recycling business, which relates heavily to ITOCHU’s strong position in the consumer sector, and strengthening the value chain by increasing added value throughout product distribution. We will contribute to the SDGs from a wide range of perspectives and link those contributions to business growth.

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Masahiro Okafuji
Member of the Board
Chairman & Chief Executive Officer