



### Presentation

# Meiji Group Long-term Environmental Vision



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# Global Environment in 2050



### Projected conditions in 2050

Climate Change	Global greenhouse gas emissions: <b>Up 1.5x* Exceed Paris Agreement international goal of limiting global warming to 2°C or less</b>
Water resources	Population without access to tap water: Over 240MN  Population without basic hygienic facilities: 1.4BN
Waste	Global population increase causing Increasing waste disposal problems
Pollution	Deaths caused by particulate matter:  2x to 3.6M people/year*, mainly India and China

**Biodiversity** 

Land-based biodiversity:
Down another 10%\* by 2050

\*Compared to 2010

(Source) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). OECD Environmental Outlook to 2050

## Need to Sustain Ecosystem



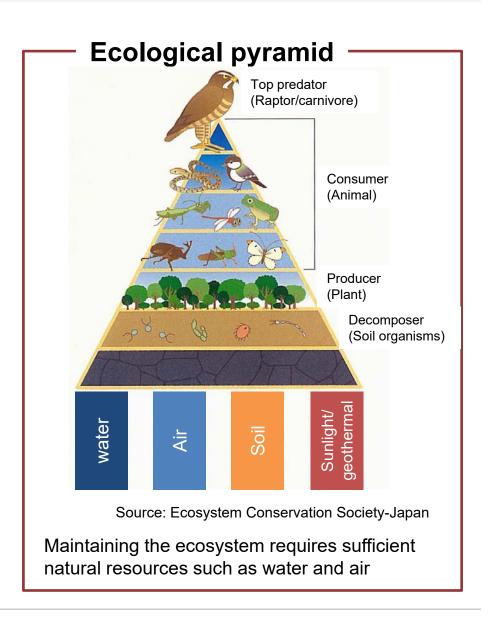
# Relation between Meiji Group and the Ecosystem

### Meiji Group Operations

- Natural resources are critical to our management platform
- Maintaining nature's blessings is critical

### Looking ahead

- Natural resources are critical to our management platform
- Maintaining the ecosystem is critical



## Meiji Group Long-term Environmental Vision



### **Purpose**

To reduce the environmental load associated with business for coexisting with nature

# Meiji Group Long-term Environmental Vision Meiji Green Engagement for 2050

### **Commitment in our Engagement**

### **Engagement**

### **Dialogue**

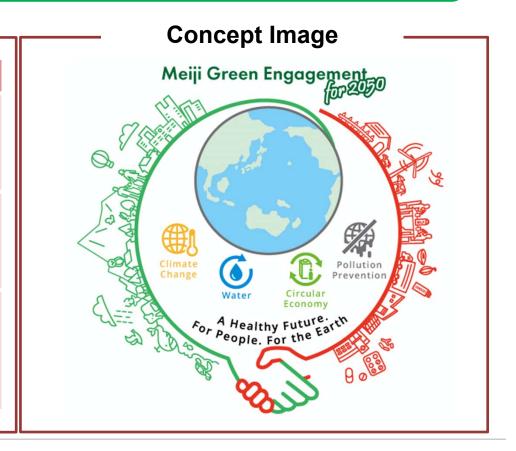
Aim for "A Healthy Future. For People. For Earth." Dialogue with global environment.

#### **Promise**

Promise to maintain a healthy global environment

#### **Desire to contribute**

Contribute to realization of sustainable global environment Employees voluntarily engage in activities



# Meiji Group Long-term Environmental Vision







Climate Change



Water Resources



Circular Economy



Pollution Prevention





### Our goal

### To become carbon neutral

### Target by 2050

- Eliminate CO2 and other greenhouse gas emissions throughout our entire supply chain by 2050 (carbon neutral)
- Use 100% renewable energy in facilities by 2050

# Climate Change: To Become Carbon Neutral



### Action plans to achieve goals by 2050

# Reduce CO2 emission volume

# Reduce CO2 emissions (Scope 1,2) of the total Group

- At least **23%** by FY2023
- At least **40%** by FY2030

\*Compared to FY2015

# Promoting use of renewable energy

### Increase renewable energy

- At least 15% of total power usage by FY2023
- At least 50% of total power usage by FY2030 for the total Group

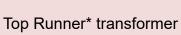
## Climate Change: To Become Carbon Neutral



#### Current initiatives

### Energy conservation activities to reduce CO2

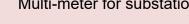
# Install energy-efficient devices





# Optimize control of production facilities





### Adopt modal shift

### Use renewable energy

# Install and expand use of solar panels

Santa Ana Plant of Meiji America



Use biomass energy created using methane fermentation\*\*



Sakado Plant

Use electricity created with renewable energy

### **Future initiatives**

- Aim for Science-Based Target (SBT) certification by FY2022
- Adopt internal carbon pricing (ICP) in FY2021
- Adopt and use next-gen technology

<sup>\*</sup> Equipment with excellent energy-saving performance

<sup>\*\*</sup>Methane fermentation processing method: Processing method that uses anaerobic (air-disliking) microorganisms break down organic matter in wastewater to transform that matter into methane gas and CO2. Methane gas is used as fuel in boilers and other facilities.

### Climate Change: To Become Carbon Neutral

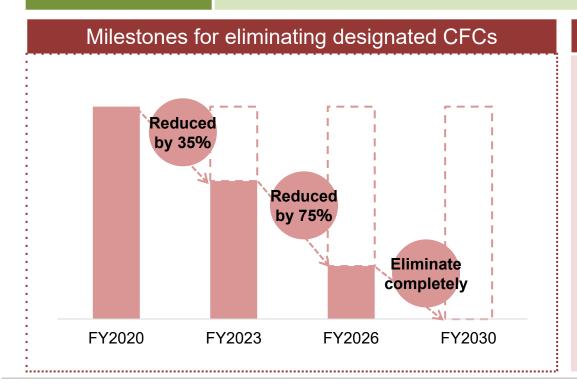


Eliminate the use of specified fluorocarbons (CFCs)

### **Designated CFCs in Meiji Group Japan**

- Reduced by 35%\* or more by FY2023
- Eliminate completely by FY2030

\*Compared to FY2020



#### Our initiatives

Currently own approx. 1500 devices containing CFCs

Replace with devices using natural coolants or CFC substitutes





### Our goal

# Perpetual use of limited water resources

### Target by 2050

- Reduce water use intensity per unit of sales by 50% by 2050 compared with FY2017
- Restore 100% of the water used as raw material for products by 2050 (water-neutral)
- Resolve water risk in and around facilities and where we procure raw materials

### Water Resources: Reduce Water Use



### Action plans to achieve goals by 2050

Water usage

Reduce Group total water use (source unit)\*

- Reduce by 10% or more by FY2023
- Reduce by 20% or more by FY2030

\*Compared to FY2017

### Our initiatives

Reduce Install water-saving equipment Water-saving hoses (Left) Water-saving nozzles (Right)

Use rainwater Meiji Innovation Center

Reuse Reuse cooling water

Recycling-type coolers

## Water Resources: Realize Water Neutral



### Action plans to achieve goals by 2050

# Water volume regeneration

# Regeneration rate for water used as product raw material

- **27% or more** in FY2023
- **45% or more** in FY2030

# Water conservation

- Forestry conservation
- Paddy field flooding
- Rainwater permeation

### **Current initiatives**

- Paddy field flooding at KM Biologics
- Approx. 18% water regeneration planned for FY2022

Paddy field flooding in Kumamoto City



### **Future initiatives**

- Forest conservation and new paddy field flooding on plant water sources
- Adopting rainwater permeation facilities on plant grounds

# Water Resources: Respond to Water Risks



#### Evaluate water risks

- Investigate water risks at all production sites in Japan and overseas
- Assign response priority order
  - (1) Flood risk

(2) Water quality risk

(3) Drought risk

### Our initiatives

# Flooding risk measures Install breakwater

Breakwater Nihon Kanzume Co., Ltd



# Water quality risk measures Install RO\* membrane



\*Reverse Osmosis Membrane: a type of filtration membrane that can separate materials and is capable of removing ions and organic substances from aqueous solutions

### Future measures

### Organizational

### Outline business continuity plan (BCP) that addresses water risks

- Document actions during an emergency, Prioritize life-saving measures
- Select alternative production sites when plants flooding

#### **Facilities**

Propose and implement plans based on projected risk damage amount





### Our goal

# Transition to a circular economy

### Target by 2050

- Achieve zero emissions in the manufacturing process
- Use recycled materials in containers and packaging to minimize the use of new natural capital

# Circular Economy: Achieve Zero Emissions



### **Current initiatives**

### Control production of emissions

Increase production efficiency

Reduce volume of containers and packaging

### Enhance recycling

### Plant and animal-based residue

Use as feed, fertilizer, methane fermentation

### **Containers and packaging**

Recycling using recycling contractors

#### **Future** initiatives

- Develop materials suitable for recycling
- Install recycling equipment
- Use carbonization technology
- Use IT

### Circular Economy: Minimize Use of Natural Capital



# Reduce plastic usage

### Reduce domestic plastic usage by

- At least 15% by FY2023
- At least **25%** by FY2030

\*Compared to FY2017

### Our initiatives

### Reduce the weight of packages

Shift production lines for light weight packages

Shift to paper-based package



Functional Yogurt mini-PET bottle 13.7g→8.7g

### Reuse and recycle

Reuse plastic distribution materials





Pallets

Crates

# Increase use of biomass plastics and recycled plastics

Use in containers, packaging and straws

10% of biomass plastic used

Approx. 600 million straws used annually



### Collaborate with business partners

Accelerate R&D for environmentallyfriendly materials

Create voluntary collection scheme

### Pollution Prevention





### Our goal

# Achieve zero pollution throughout our business activities

### Target by 2050

- Strive to achieve zero pollution caused by chemical substances originating from our business activities
- Strive to resolve environmental pollution-related issues throughout our supply chain

### Pollution Prevention



### **Current initiatives**

# Wastewater processing

### Water quality management

- Set voluntary standards stricter than laws
- Wastewater treatment based on active sludge treatment

Adopt facilities using environmental technology
Two-stage for waste with larger environmental load



Methane fermentation wastewater treatment facility

Chemical substance management

Monitor to manage and minimize environmental waste discharge Set voluntary control standards based on international laws and regulations

#### **Future** initiatives

- Switch to highly safe chemical substances
- Strengthen pollution prevention along entire supply chain





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# ESG Investment



### Planning to Spend JPY 30bn in ESG Investment (for FY2021-2023)

Items	Details
CO <sub>2</sub> emissions reduction	<ul> <li>Upgrade, adopt Top Runner facilities with superior energy conservation ratings</li> <li>Install solar power generation equipment, etc.</li> </ul>
Measures toward CFC-free	<ul> <li>Install CFC-free refrigerators and freezers</li> </ul>
Plastic volume reduction	<ul> <li>Adopt equipment for reuse and for minimizing containers and packaging</li> <li>Adopt environmentally-friendly package and container equipment</li> </ul>
Water source conservation	<ul> <li>Install equipment for reusing cleaning water from production processes</li> <li>Install water quality improvement facilities and rainwater usage equipment</li> </ul>





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# Sustainability Finance Framework



### Created a sustainability finance framework in January 2021

### **Purpose**

Aggressively use sustainability financing as capital to fund activities aimed at realizing the Meiji Group Sustainability 2026 Vision.

### **Feature**

Based on the four elements below defined in the green bond principles and social bond principles outlined by the International Capital Market Association (ICMA)

Use of Proceeds

Process for Project Evaluation and Selection

Management of Proceeds

Reporting

### **Assessment by the third-party entity**

Obtained an assessment score of SU1(F), the highest score possible, in the Sustainability Finance Framework Assessment conducted by the Japan Credit Rating Agency (JCR).

### Sustainability Finance Framework: Use of Proceeds



# Sustainable procurement

- Sustainable cocoa bean procurement
- Supporting cocoa farmers (Meiji Cocoa Support)
- Developing a responsible supply chain



### Caring for the Earth

- Energy efficiency and energy creation at domestic and overseas plants
- Securing and conserving domestic and overseas marine resources
- Switching to environmentally friendly packaging (plastic – paper)
- Local biodiversity conservation activities



### **Healthier Lives**

- Capital investments and R&D for initiatives related to infant nutrition (General infant formulas and special formulas)
- R&D and capital investments in infectious disease prevention
- R&D related to extending healthy lifespans
- Activities contributing to fostering of future generations



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