

Initiatives in Society

Donations

Under the Business Philosophy, the Group cooperates on cultural and artistic activities such as symphony orchestras, and environmental conservation activities such as the “Keidanren Nature Conservation Council (KNCC)” that works to actively protect nature and conserve biodiversity. In FY2024, we donated to Utsunomiya City as part of the “Corporate Hometown Tax System”, following on from donations to Akita Prefecture, Kanuma City in Tochigi Prefecture, Shizuoka Prefecture (Minami-Alps Biosphere Reserve), Fujieda City in Shizuoka Prefecture, and Nogata City in Fukuoka Prefecture (contributing to promotion of carbon neutrality).

We also make donations both directly and through specific organizations to various groups across a wide range of fields, including schools and education, academic promotion, R&D, and regional development, as well as to the Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition. Through these donations, we are helping to create a better environment.

Looking ahead, we will continue this support to create a brighter future for all people.

Support for People with Disabilities

We concluded a partnership agreement with the Japan Inclusive Football Federation (JIFF)*1, as an initiative for respecting diversity and contributing to the development of a society where everyone supports one another. Based on this agreement, we provide support for the development of inclusive soccer sports. In FY2024, our employees volunteered at two of JIFF’s events: JIFF Mazekeze Football 2024 and JIFF Inclusive Football Festa 2024. Since 2022, we have also endorsed the philosophy and activities of Paralymp Art™*2 and support the social participation and economic independence of artists with disabilities by adopting their works of art in our corporate calendar and exhibiting panels in our reception rooms.

Going forward, we will continue to support these activities that seek to build a society in which people are able to coexist regardless of their disabilities.



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*1 JIFF brings together 7 inclusive soccer sports associations, working with the ideal: “Through football, we contribute to creation of a vibrant, inclusive society where everyone, with and without disabilities, can enjoy the value of sport and individuality of each person is fully respected.”

*2 A social contribution project that provides ongoing support for people with disabilities through the cooperation of private companies and individuals, to achieve the vision of “Creating a world where people with disabilities can fulfill their dreams through art.” The project serves as a link enabling companies and organizations to use artworks created by artists with disabilities, and facilitates their economic independence and participation in society through compensation to employed artists and facilities for those with disabilities.



JIFF logo



Paralymp Art™ logo symbol



Calendar using artwork created by artists with disabilities

Official Partnership Agreement with Fujieda MYFC

Since FY2018, we have been in an official partnership agreement with Fujieda MYFC, a professional soccer club in J League J2. The team’s hometown is the Haibara district of Fujieda City, Shizuoka Prefecture, where our Shizuoka Plant is located. Therefore, we provide our support to the team as a partner with the goal of lending our cooperation to Fujieda City which promotes revitalization of the town through soccer, and also to contribute to the community and boost the motivation of our employees, and the Sumitomo Bakelite Co., Ltd. Special Match was held in November in FY2024.



Presenting the Special Award at the FY2024 Special Match Day ©2024 FUJIEDA MYFC



Player escorts ©2024 FUJIEDA MYFC



Kick-off ceremony ©2024 FUJIEDA MYFC

Relations with Local Residents and Participation in Local Events

We are working to enhance the welfare of local communities by proactively interacting with local residents and participating in local events to deepen our ties with them, as well as engaging in volunteer activities and making donations.

We also welcome them to company briefings and site visit events (factory tours) to aid their understanding of the work carried out at our production plants.



Shizuoka Plant
We cooperated in a project for elementary school students in Fujieda City to learn about biodiversity using the biotope at our Shizuoka Plant.



Promerus, LLC
We donated enough food to the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank to provide around 3,700 meals.



P.T. SBP Indonesia
During Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting, we invited orphans from neighboring facilities, giving them gifts and sharing meals.



SB-Kawasumi Laboratories, Inc. (Head Office and Tonomachi Medical Laboratory)
We held lectures and workshops for elementary school children at the King Skyfront Summer Science Event.



Vaupell Molding & Tooling, Inc.
We judged a local robotics competition.



Durez Canada Co., Ltd.
Employees took part in a charity run supporting cancer research.



SNC Industrial Laminates Sdn. Bhd.
Employees took part in a fun run event organized by the Pasir Gudang City Council.



Russell Plastics Technology Company, Inc.
The company donated to John's Crazy Socks to support autism and Down syndrome awareness, and employees wore their own unique socks.



P.T. Indopherin Jaya
The company planted 20,000 mango seedlings in Probolinggo.

[TOPIC] Fujieda Para Football Festival with Fujieda MYFC

In the city of Fujieda, where our Shizuoka Plant is located, we partnered with J2 League soccer team Fujieda MYFC and Shizuoka Football Federation for Persons with Intellectual Disability to host the first Fujieda Para Football Festival with Fujieda MYFC.

Together with children with disabilities, participants on the day had the opportunity to try out amputee soccer and walking football. Many employees from our Shizuoka Plant volunteered at the event, featuring players from Fujieda MYFC and Ganesa Shizuoka AFC.



[TOPIC] Corporate Blood Donation Drive

Around 60 people gave blood during a corporate blood donation drive at our Head Office, SB-Kawasumi Laboratories, Inc., and Akita Sumitomo Bakelite Co., Ltd., using blood container bags and whole blood collection systems made by SB-Kawasumi.

With current medical technology, blood cannot be made artificially or stored for long periods of time. This is why we will continue to support blood donation.



Blood donation drive (Head Office)

Blood donation drive (Akita Sumitomo Bakelite Co., Ltd.)

SB-Kawasumi blood container bags used for blood donation

Cooperation with the Sumitomo Foundation and Sumitomo Group Public Affairs Committee

We support advances in research, activities promoting culture and the arts, and other ways of contributing to local communities and society through the Sumitomo Foundation.

We are also involved in the Sumitomo Group Public Affairs Committee, which carries out the following activities:

- Publishing the SUMITOMO QUARTERLY magazine
- Supporting and sponsoring events
- Presenting the Sumitomo Pavilion at Expo 2025 in Osaka, Kansai (Sumitomo EXPO 2025 Promotion Committee)

We also support the SEN-OKU HAKUKOKAN MUSEUM, an art museum established to store, research and exhibit works of art collected by the Sumitomo family.

- [Sumitomo Group Public Affairs Committee](#)
- [SEN-OKU HAKUKOKAN MUSEUM \(Shishigatani in Kyoto's Higashiyama area\)](#)
- [SEN-OKU HAKUKOKAN MUSEUM TOKYO \(Roppongi\)](#)
- [Sumitomo Foundation](#)