

Sumitomo Bakelite Co., Ltd.

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Participation as a Gold Sponsor in the 160th Anniversary of Friendship between Belgium and Japan

Sumitomo Bakelite Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo; President and Representative Director: Shinichi Kajiya) is pleased to announce its participation as a Gold Sponsor in the commemorative project celebrating the 160th anniversary of friendship between Belgium and Japan. In honor of the historic friendship between the two countries, we will leverage our roots in plastic technology to contribute to the promotion of cultural exchange.



Belgium and Japan established diplomatic relations in 1866, and in 2026, they mark 160 years of friendship. Over this period, the two countries have deepened their bonds through extensive exchanges in various fields including economy, culture, and education.

We have affiliated companies in Genk and Ghent, Belgium, strengthening cooperation between the two countries. Moreover, Dr. Baekeland, who was born in Belgium, was the first in the world to synthesize plastic, and this historic invention forms the foundation of our company.

We are proud to support the commemorative project organized by the Belgian Embassy and contribute to the further development of friendly relations between Belgium and Japan through support for cultural exchange events and related initiatives.

Sumitomo Bakelite Co., Ltd. will continue to actively promote exchanges between Belgium and Japan, aiming to deepen mutual understanding and cooperation between the two countries.

For further details, please visit the website below:

[“BELGIUM & JAPAN 160 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP” \(Embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium in Japan\)](#)

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