





Enriching lives and the world

Sumitomo Corporation Group develops businesses in a wide range of industrial fields on a global scale aiming to achieve prosperity and realize dreams through sound business activities. Since our foundation in 1919, we have continued to grow through enhancing our ability to create new value together with stakeholders such as business partners and clients, across business networks around the world.

Our corporate mission statement carries out Sumitomo's business philosophy—which has set the foundation for Sumitomo's businesses—represented by one of the credos; “Benefit for self and others, private and public interests are one and the same.”*

*This credo underscores the importance that Sumitomo's business activities should not only benefit Sumitomo, but must also benefit society as a whole in order to achieve sustainable growth together.

We believe that our continuous commitment to creating value needed by society and contributions to solving social issues as a key priority, will lead to the Group's continuous growth. We will further enhance sustainability management and work toward the realization of a sustainable society and enhancement of corporate value.

The world is facing some serious social issues such as climate change, which increases the expectations on the private sector toward solving these issues. We will accomplish our goal, as represented by the Group's corporate message—“Enriching lives and the world”—to further enrich the world, society, and people's lives. By living up to our principles, we will unite as one to take on the challenge of creating new value.

We look forward to your continued support.

Masayuki Hyodo

Representative Director
President and Chief Executive Officer

The origin of Sumitomo



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The origin of Sumitomo can be found in “Monjuin Shiigaki (Founder’s Precepts)”, a document in which Masatomo Sumitomo, the founder of the Sumitomo family, described how a merchant should conduct business. In its early days, Sumitomo prospered from the trade of copper and other goods.

Sumitomo’s history dates back to its founder, Masatomo Sumitomo (1585 – 1652), who opened a book and medicine shop in Kyoto in the 17th century.

Masatomo left his teachings in the form of the "Founder's Precepts", in which he expounds concisely the points in conducting business. His precepts still serve as the foundation of the "Sumitomo's Business Philosophy."

At the beginning, the Founder’s Precepts call on us to “Not only in matters of business but in all situations, make efforts with deepest gratitude in every aspect” as well as to refine ourselves to develop a trustworthy character rather than just pursuing money-making endeavors. In the main text, the precepts emphasize the importance of honesty, prudence, and sound management. Sumitomo became involved in the business of refining copper from the time of Tomomochi Sumitomo (1607 – 1662), the adopted second-generation head of the family. That move was rooted in a refining technology for extracting silver from copper known as "Nanban-buki (Western Refining)", which was developed in the 16th century by Riemon Soga (1572 – 1636), Tomomochi's biological father. The history of the business spans about 430 years. Carrying on founder Masatomo's business philosophy, Tomomochi expanded the business from Kyoto to Osaka, and disclosed the Nanban-buki technology to other copper refiners. Sumitomo thus came to be looked up to as the head family of Nanban-buki, and Osaka subsequently became the center of the copper refining industry in Japan.



Sumitomo's original copper refining method



"Monjuin Shiigaki", as stated by Masatomo



Wooden statue of Masatomo Sumitomo
(1585 - 1652)

[Sumitomo Historical Archives]

Sumitomo's Business Philosophy

The basis of the Sumitomo Corporation Group's Management Principles and Activity Guidelines is Sumitomo's Business Philosophy, which has been passed on through the generations for 400 years since the founding of the Sumitomo Group.

Sumitomo's Business Philosophy has been refined through many generations based on the Founder's Precepts "Monjuin Shiigaki," which Masatomo Sumitomo (1585-1652), the founder of the Sumitomo family, wrote and handed on to describe how a merchant should conduct business. The basic points of Sumitomo's Business Philosophy have been passed on in the form of the two articles of the Business Principles.



Detail information

Business Principles

- Article 1. Sumitomo shall achieve strength and prosperity by placing prime importance on integrity and sound management in the conduct of its business.
- Article 2. Sumitomo shall manage its activities with foresight and flexibility in order to cope effectively with the changing times. Under no circumstances, however, shall it pursue easy gains or act imprudently.



Sumitomo Corporation Group's Corporate Mission Statement

Sumitomo Corporation Group's Corporate Mission Statement, consisting of the Management Principles and the Activity Guidelines, is the fundamental and ultimate value standard of the Group.

Sumitomo Corporation Group's Management Principles are a contemporary translation of Sumitomo's Business Philosophy, which was devised about 400 years ago, using simplified language and a clear structure, and rewritten from a more global perspective. The Activity Guidelines provide guidance on how each company as well as their executives and employees should behave as they conduct daily business activities to realize the Management Principles.

Corporate Vision

We aim to be a global organization that constantly stays a step ahead in dealing with change, creates new value, and contributes broadly to society.

Management Principles

〈Corporate Mission〉

To achieve prosperity and realize dreams through sound business activities

〈Management Style〉

To place prime importance on integrity and sound management with utmost respect for the individual

〈Corporate Culture〉

To foster a corporate culture full of vitality and conducive to innovation

Activity Guidelines

- To act with honesty and sincerity on the basis of Sumitomo's business philosophy and in keeping with the Management Principles
- To comply with laws and regulations while maintaining the highest ethical standards
- To set high value on transparency and openness
- To attach great importance to protecting the global environment
- To contribute to society as a good corporate citizen
- To achieve teamwork and integrated corporate strength through active communication
- To set clear objectives and achieve them with enthusiasm

Key Social Issues and Enhancing Sustainability Management

As Sumitomo Corporation Group works to enhance its sustainability management, we have identified 6 key social issues related to our business that we are addressing through our business and corporate activities.

We are setting medium- and long-term goals for each issue, on which we measure progress as part of our commitment to growing sustainably alongside society.

Sumitomo Corporation Group identified its material issues in 2017. The material issues have been helping to clarify the relationship between the Group's businesses and society, and they ensure that each business contributes to solving social issues.

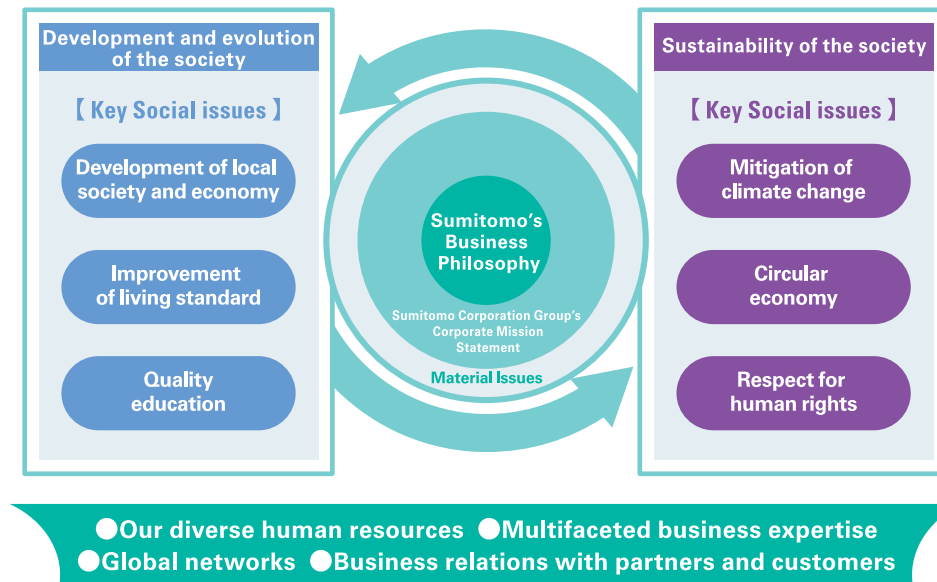
With the six key social issues which we have identified in June 2020, Sumitomo Corporation Group is taking a step forward in its sustainability management by defining the role it plays in achieving a sustainable global society.

We are committing to the role by utilizing our integrated corporate strength, including our human resources, industry expertise, global networks and business relationships.

Our six key social issues are comprised of two correlating themes: "Sustainability of Society", which is the foundation for society to develop and for Sumitomo Corporation Group to operate, and "Development and Evolution of Society" by which we will create solutions and technologies to help realize a sustainable society.

In addition to our long-term goals, Sumitomo Corporation Group has set medium-term goals, KAIs and KPIs* to accelerate progress. This progress is monitored and disclosed to our stakeholders.

*KAI : Key Action Indicator KPI : Key Performance Indicator

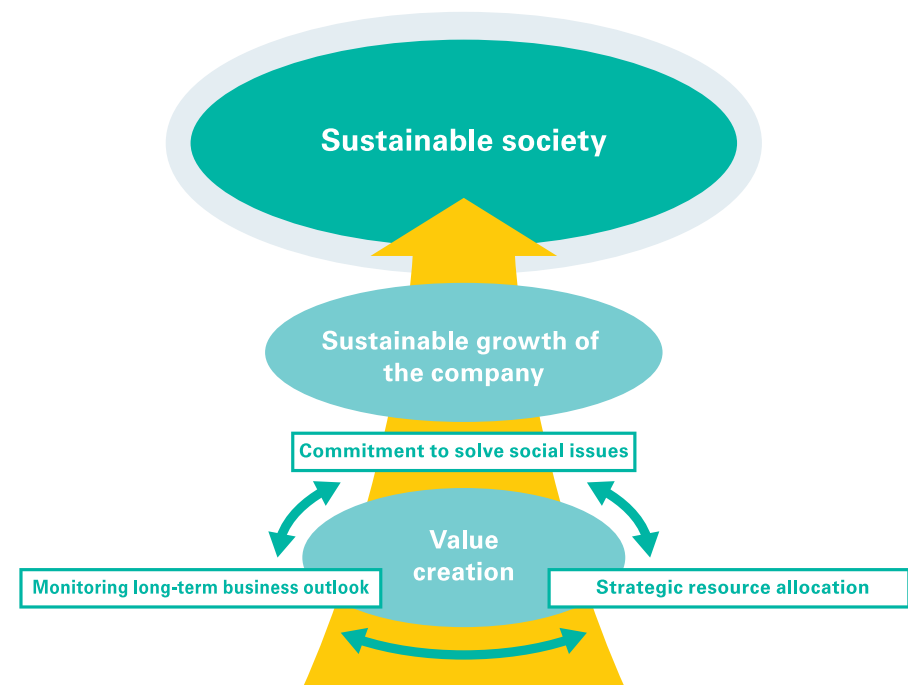


Enhancing sustainability management at Sumitomo Corporation goes beyond identifying issues and setting goals.

We will clearly identify the roles that Sumitomo Corporation Group will play in solving these issues, and then strategically allocate management resources as we anticipate how the shifting business landscape will be impacted by these social issues. In short, we will create the value that society truly needs.

Sustainability management of Sumitomo Corporation Group aligns the vision for its corporate growth with a sustainable society.

Pursue sustainable growth with the society



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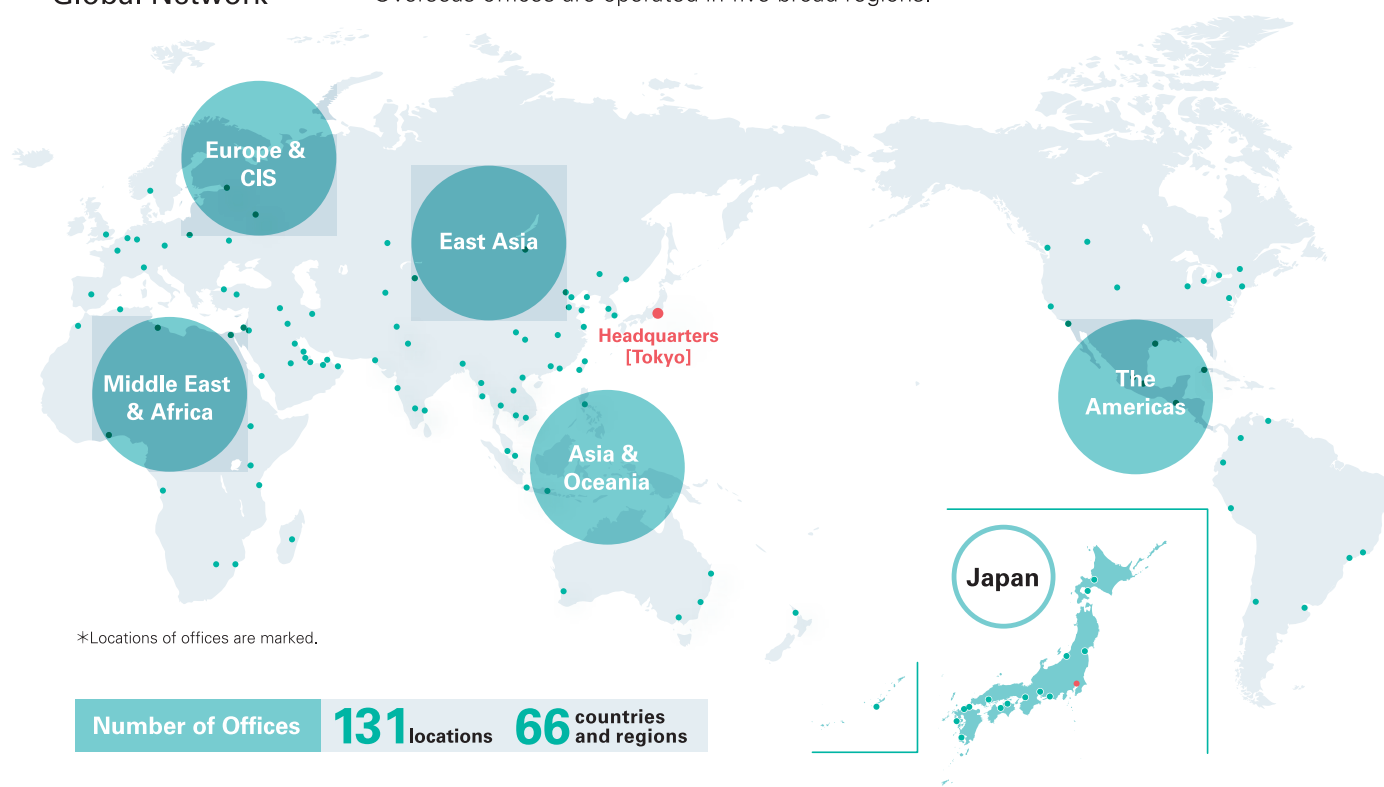
About Sumitomo Corporation

Global Network

Overseas offices are operated in five broad regions.

as of April 1, 2022

as of March 31, 2022



Shareholders' Equity (equity attributable to owners of the parent)	US\$26.4billion
Net Income	US\$3.8billion
Number of Consolidated Subsidiaries and Associated Companies	893 (79 countries and regions) Consolidated Subsidiaries 637 (Japan:114 Overseas:523) Associated Companies 256 (Japan:50 Overseas:206)
Number of Employees (Consolidated Base)	74,253
Corporate Evaluation	FortuneGlobal 500 Sumitomo Corporation has been ranked in the Fortune Global 500, an annual list compiled and published by US Fortune magazine, for 27 years, as one of the global companies leading the world's development.

International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)
The US Dollar amounts represent translations of Japanese Yen amounts at the rate of ¥121=US\$1.

Six Business Fields and Creation of Next-Generation Businesses

Sumitomo Corporation Group conducts business activities in a wide range of industries on a global scale, with its business units, an initiative and regional organizations all over the world working closely together. Strategically and organically integrating our robust business foundation and our diverse, high-level functions, we create new values by staying a step ahead in dealing with changes and transcending existing frameworks to solve social issues.



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Enriching lives and the world

We have become who we are today
by evolving with the times in unison with people and society.

We never pursue easy gains. Integrity and strong unity are
cherished principles from which we work to create value for society.

As we face a fast-changing world, we look toward the future with renewed anticipation
and reflect on the meaning of our mission.

To engage, commit and contribute.
To overcome challenges and come out ever stronger.
To cultivate the seeds of opportunity, bridge possibilities and create a better tomorrow.

We know that the passions of each individual create our indelible values.
But we also acknowledge that the power of many is far greater than the effort of one.

So we are united in all our will and determination.

We represent different regions, diverse cultures, and all walks of life.
Yet we know that the strength of unity begins with respect.
With this as our foundation, we aim to create a world never seen before.

Passion. Determination. Values.
These ideas we share universally together to achieve prosperity and realize dreams for all.

This is our enduring promise.

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