

# CSR Initiatives

Our Management Principles set out a Corporate Mission calling on us “To achieve prosperity and realize dreams through sound business activities.” Accordingly, we aim to create value by solving social issues while taking responsibility for our value creation activities’ effect on society and the environment. We advance CSR initiatives based on the belief that the efforts of each employee will realize this goal.



## Our Approach to CSR

We believe that it is our CSR to contribute the sustainable development of society by solving social issues through business activities. This belief is based on a core concept of the Sumitomo’s 400-year-old business philosophy: “Benefit for self and others, private and public interests are one and the same,” meaning that our business activities must benefit not only Sumitomo’s own business but also society and the nation. The Sumitomo Corporation

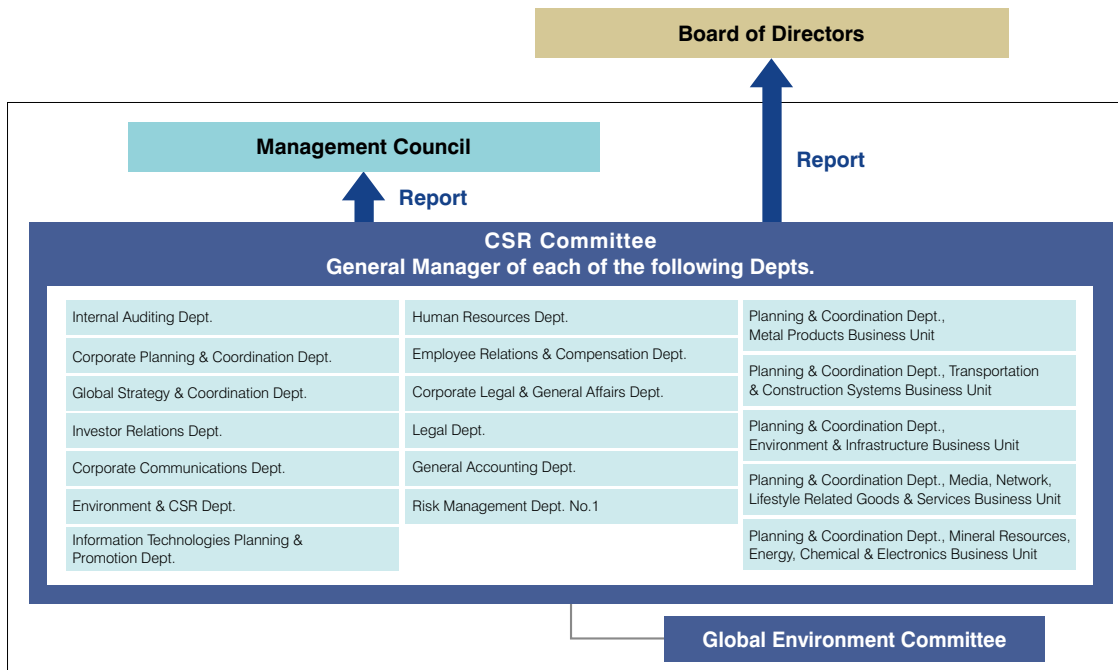
Group’s Management Principles reflect this business philosophy. Therefore, we believe that acting in accordance with our Management Principles is the best way to fulfill our CSR.



## Structure for Promoting CSR Initiatives

In 2008, we established the Environment & CSR Department, tasked with promoting CSR initiatives. Furthermore, the CSR Committee, an advisory body to the Management Council, analyzes and discusses CSR promotion measures that are based on the ISO 26000 standards. In addition, the Global Environment Committee, which advises the CSR Committee, promotes environmental management activities based on the ISO 14001 standards.

The Sumitomo Corporation Group enhances its corporate value by providing solutions, derived from the Group’s integrated strengths, to social issues and new needs identified through dialogue with stakeholders. In this process, aiming to take responsibility for our impact on society and the environment, we analyze how we can improve in light of the 10 principles of the United Nations Global Compact, thereby enhancing our corporate value even further.



## Examples of Specific Initiatives

### Holding Seminars Aimed at Considering Business from the Perspective of Global Social Issues

At all levels of its organization, the Sumitomo Corporation Group furthers employees' understanding of the Management Principles and the business philosophy underpinning them. In fiscal 2015, we twice invited expert from the United Nations Development Program to conduct workshops on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which the United Nations adopted in September 2015. Speaking about their impressions, participants commented that the workshops had reminded them of their aspirations when they decided to join an integrated trading company. Others remarked that the workshops had increased their understanding of how the operations they are engaged in can help address a range of social issues. In fiscal 2016, we plan to hold additional workshops on SDGs. Our goal is to promote an understanding among personnel in all of

our businesses that CSR initiatives have real value, because addressing social issues through businesses leads to collaborations that transcend organizational boundaries and become growth drivers.



A seminar on the business opportunities SDGs present

### COP21 Seminar

The Sumitomo Corporation Group Environmental Policy states that "the Sumitomo Corporation Group, through sound business activities, will strive to achieve sustainable development aimed at symbiosis between social and economic progress and environmental preservation." Aiming to heighten awareness of environmental issues throughout our organization, we conduct various types of in-house education. Given the adoption of a new legal framework for worldwide efforts to reduce greenhouse gases—namely, the adoption of the Paris Agreement by the 21st Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP21)—in fiscal 2015, with the cooperation of Sumitomo Corporation Global Research Co., Ltd., we invited an outside expert to conduct a seminar for all employees entitled "The Outlook for

COP21 and Strategies in Response to Global Warming." Other initiatives to heighten the environmental awareness of each employee included seminars on environmental regulations, the revisions to the ISO 14001 standards, and the provision of environmental courses through e-learning.



A COP21 seminar

For more information about the Group's environmental management activities, please use the link below.  
<http://www.sumitomocorp.co.jp/english/csr/environment/>

### The Sumitomo Corporation Group's Basic Principles on Social Contribution Activities

In 2010, the Sumitomo Corporation Group established its Basic Principles on Social Contribution Activities. With the aim of building a sustainable society, as a global organization, we will work on social issues through our business activities and social contribution activities by implementing the Sumitomo Corporation Group's Management Principles and Activity Guidelines.

We will engage in activities aimed at developing the next generation of human resources who will drive the sustainable development of society and contributing to local communities in areas we do business all over the world. In conjunction with these activities, we will perform and seek to continuously improve our activities

with modesty and high aspirations. Also, we will endeavor to maintain a high level of transparency while strengthening our relationships with our stakeholders.



Aiming to help develop globally minded young leaders

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