Initiatives to Address Climate Change and Other Environmental Issues

The Hakuhodo DY Group is actively implementing environmental initiatives to achieve a sustainable society. With regard to climate change measures, in 2022 the Group endorsed the TCFD's recommendations and began disclosing information in accordance with the recommended disclosure items. The Group is also working to increase the proportion of its electricity use that is derived from renewable energy sources to 60% by 2030. To help resolve environmental issues through its business, the Group is actively promoting awareness activities to ensure that each employee understands the importance of addressing environmental issues, including climate change, and takes action.



Basic Policy

Through its policies of *Sei-katsu-sha* Insight and Commitment to Partnership, the Hakuhodo DY Group aims to "create a society abounding in *sei-katsu-sha*'s aspirations and where they can live vibrant lives" by finding solutions to the challenges faced by our business partners and society. With environmental awareness rising by the day, efforts to realize and develop a sustainable society are essential for the well-being of *sei-katsu-sha* and society as a whole. The Hakuhodo DY Group is committed to complying with environmental legislation, regulations, industry standards, and other requirements related to its business activities. We are actively working to reduce environmental impact and are leveraging the creativity, ability to take action, and capacity to make things happen to support the realization and development of a sustainable society through our work with our business partners and other initiatives.

Details > WEB Basic Policy

Implementation Structure

Reporting to the Hakuhodo DY Group Sustainability Committee, we have arranged for the Hakuhodo DY Group Environmental Manager to be the person responsible for environmental activities across the Group. As part of this, we have set up the Environmental Subcommittee as a subordinate organization that conducts quarterly assessments and consolidates measures to address climate-related issues on a regular basis.

The Board of Directors receives reports from the Sustainability Committee on the evaluation, status, and goal management of climate-related issues. The Board also engages in comprehensive decision-making regarding the formulation of business strategies, taking climate-related challenges into consideration.

Endorsing the Recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures

The Group endorses the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD). For scenario analysis, we have established the Environmental Subcommittee under the Sustainability Committee, which is chaired by the representative director and president, and the Environmental Manager. Relevant departments of the head office and each Group company took part in the subcommittee's efforts that—in fiscal 2022, for the first time— worked to identify significant risks and opportunities arising from climate change, and to evaluate them quantitatively and financially. We are moving forward with disclosure across the Group in accordance with TCFD recommendations.

Details > WEB Addressing Climate Change and the TCFD

Risks and Opportunities

In September 2024, the Group identified and assessed its material issues (materiality), which are important issues for achieving sustainable growth for both society and the Group. The Group Sustainability Committee will manage progress on and review those risks, including climate-related issues, on a case-by-case basis to establish an appropriate risk management system.

Strategy: Scenario Analysis

The scope of the scenario analysis covers the entire value chain from research and development (R&D) to procurement, production, and service provision, with a focus on Japan, the Hakuhodo DY Group's principal area of operation. To consider long-term assumptions for 2030 and beyond, analysis was conducted against two scenarios: a 1.5°C scenario, which assumed an average global temperature at the end of this century of no more than 1.5°C warmer than that prior to the Industrial Revolution (in some instances a 2.0°C scenario was also analyzed), and a 4°C scenario, which assumed a rise in average global temperature of around 4°C.

Indicators and Targets

To achieve carbon neutrality by fiscal 2050, the Hakuhodo DY Group has set an interim target of a 50% reduction in Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions by fiscal 2030 compared with fiscal 2019 and a 30% reduction in Scope 3 emissions.

To achieve this goal, we will not only conduct conventional energy conservation activities but also aim to introduce renewable energy-derived electricity to account for 60% of our total electricity consumption by fiscal 2030 and 100% by fiscal 2050. We will also implement measures in the four main areas of renewable energy introduction, energy conservation (paperless offices), waste reduction, and recycling.

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Status of Acquisition of ISO 14001

In accordance with the Hakuhodo DY Group Environmental Policy, certain units are implementing environmental management in conformity with the international environmental standard ISO 14001. Currently, ISO 14001 certification has been acquired by Hakuhodo, YOMIKO ADVERTISING, HAKUHODO PRODUCT'S, OZMA, and HAKUHODO I-STUDIO.

Introduction of Renewable Energy

At Akasaka Biz Tower, where multiple companies within the Hakuhodo DY Group are located, we are using a green power supply service^{*1} to switch electricity usage to green power.^{*2} This resulted in a transition in fiscal 2023 to essentially 100% of these companies' annual electricity usage being derived from green sources. Meanwhile, in fiscal 2022 YOMIKO ADVERTISING transitioned to 100% renewable energy^{*3} for electricity and heat energy usage across its group companies in Japan. Our other Group companies are also gradually introducing renewable energy sources.

- *1 Green power supply service: A service developed by Mitsui Fudosan that provides effectively renewable energy for electricity used in office buildings and other facilities through the utilization of non-fossil fuel certificates. This service is designed to flexibly meet tenant needs in achieving the Science Based Targets (SBTs) for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, allowing for customizable implementation rates and other specifications.
- *2 Green power: An effectively renewable energy source with environmental value derived from residential solar power generation that has reached the end of its power purchase period under the feed-in tariff (FIT) scheme. Mitsui Fudosan Co., Ltd., and TEPCO Energy Partner, Inc., have concluded a comprehensive agreement related to the greening of power consumption for office buildings to provide a stable supply of electricity to tenant companies.
- *3 Achieved through procurement of FIT non-fossil certificates with tracking attributes and J-credits.

Third-Party Guarantee

A third-party guarantee has been received from Deloitte Tohmatsu Sustainability Co., Ltd. for the CO₂ emissions report available on the Company's corporate website containing data on Scope 1, 2, and 3 CO₂ emissions from fiscal 2022. We are working to obtain a third-party guarantee for our Scope 1, 2, and 3 CO₂ emissions in fiscal 2023.

Item	Target	Base year (fiscal 2019)	Results for fiscal 2023	Progress in fiscal 2023
Scope 1 and Scope 2 CO ₂ emissions ^{*1}	Reduction of 50% by fiscal 2030 (compared with fiscal 2019), carbon neutral by fiscal 2050	11,174 tons	7,487 tons	33.0% reduction
Scope 3 CO ₂ emissions ^{*1}	Reduction of 30% by fiscal 2030 (compared with fiscal 2019)	30,063 tons	22,297 tons	25.8% reduction
Introduction of renewable energy*1	60% by fiscal 2030, 100% by fiscal 2050	0.0%	36.5%	36.5%
Energy conservation*1	Reduction of 30% (compared with fiscal 2019)	5,372 kl	3,912 kl	27.2% reduction
Waste reduction*2	Maintain an average reduction of 50% or more (compared with fiscal 2019)	486 tons	290 tons	40.3% reduction
Recycling rate*3	85% or more	82.2%	83.5%	83.5%

*1 Total values for Hakuhodo, Hakuhodo DY Media Partners, Daiko Advertising, YOMIKO ADVERTISING, and HAKUHODO PRODUCT'S

*2 Waste volume and waste reduction targets for Hakuhodo head office in Tokyo

*3 Recycling rate at Hakuhodo head office in Tokyo

