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# **Respect for Human Rights**

Suntory Group considers respect for human rights to be a fundamental responsibility as a global company and essential to our business activities. Under the Suntory Group Human Rights Policy, To ensure that the human rights of everyone involved with our business activities are respected, in line with, we are committed to respecting the human rights of all individuals involved in our business. We engage in dialogue and collaboration with various stakeholders, including employees, business partners, local communities, and NGOs, to further strengthen our existing initiatives.

### **Our Policies and Approach**

### Formulation of the Suntory Group Human Rights Policy

In 2019, Suntory Group formulated the Suntory Group Human Rights Policy, based on business-specific key issues identified through dialogue with external human rights experts. Since then, we have continued to advance our activities to address important human rights issues, incorporating ongoing feedback from external experts obtained through dialogue. In 2024, to further promote respect for human rights, we revised the Suntory Group Human Rights Policy. As Suntory Group's highest-level guidance for human rights, this policy clearly declares Suntory Group's commitment to respecting internationally recognized standards for human rights, including the United Nations' International Bill of Human Rights and Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, as well as various labor standards (including the International Labour Organization's core labor standards: freedom of association and the right to bargain collectively, abolition of forced and child labor, and elimination of discrimination in employment). This policy also positions respect for human rights as a priority area among issues to be addressed by the Group. Policy formulation and revisions are carried out with the approval of the Board of Directors, and the Policy has been translated into nine languages spoken in countries where the Group does business. All company officers and employees are made aware of the Policy through e-learning and the company intranet.

Internally, we also promote further understanding of the Suntory Group Code of Business Ethics. Externally, we encourage suppliers and other business partners to understand the Suntory Group Human Rights Policy. We also distribute copies of the Suntory Group Partner Guidelines, which include our requests and expectations relating to human rights and request that suppliers and partners confirm their agreement with

Furthermore, we are introducing clauses in our vendor contracts requesting business partners to support our efforts to respect human rights, and are engaged in activities to promote respect for human rights throughout our value chain.

- Suntory Group Human Rights Policy
- Suntory Group's Code of Business Ethics
- Suntory Group Partner Guidelines PDF



### Human Rights of Vulnerable Populations

As a corporate signatory to the UN Global Compact, Suntory Group has declared its commitment to respecting international human rights principles such as the Women's Empowerment Principles, the Children's Rights and Business Principles, and the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families, and promoting the protection of the rights of vulnerable populations (such as women, children, migrant workers, etc.) within throughout our company and value chain. We also expect Suntory Group business partners to undertake similar efforts to respect the human rights of vulnerable groups.

Moreover, Suntory Group also considers it crucial to protect land tenure, water access rights, and the rights of indigenous peoples, and we have declared that we will respect these in accordance with international standards of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security (VGGT), the IFC's Performance Standards, and the ILO Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention (No. 169). Furthermore, we expect Suntory Group business partners to do the same, including respect for ILO labor standards.

Additionally, we understand the important role played by human rights defenders, and regard them as stakeholders with whom we can collaborate in promoting human rights due diligence. We do not tolerate any discrimination or violence of any kind toward human rights defenders, and we require the same commitment from our suppliers.

### Suntory Group Migrant Worker Employment Guidelines

Regarding migrant workers, who are vulnerable to forced labor, in February 2023 we established the "Suntory Group Migrant Worker Employment Guidelines," an internal policy that gives guidance to our relevant departments as well as suppliers and business partners on how to prevent risks from materializing, and also how to provide remedy based on the IHRB's "Employer Pays Principle" in the case that risks have materialized. These guidelines define the main issues that migrant workers might face and specify the steps that can be taken in response.

#### <Key Points from the Migrant Worker Employment Guidelines>

- (1) The Guidelines specify the main issues facing migrant workers, including vulnerability to being made to bear recruitment costs and related expenses, to issues relating to retention of ID documents, etc., and to issues relating to the provision of suitable housing. They also explain the steps that should be taken in response.
- (2) The Guidelines clearly enunciate the principle that no worker should be required to pay for a job, i.e., the costs and fees relating to recruitment and arranging jobs (as defined by the ILO) should not be borne by the worker.

Suntory Group is working to enhance awareness of potential risks relating to migrant workers by sharing the "Suntory Group Migrant Worker Employment Guidelines" with key internal divisions and with relevant suppliers and business partners, and is working to ensure that these risks do not become actualized, and that appropriate measures are implemented speedily to minimize their impact if they do become actualized. Based on these Guidelines, we are leveraging the Sedex and SMETA management processes (including several checkpoints regarding labor practices in relation to migrant workers) and implementing monitoring, to prevent the charging of fees to workers in the supply chain.

### **Promotion Structure**

The Human Rights Working Team, which consists of the sustainability, supply chain, human resources, legal, compliance, and other functional divisions, as well as major operating companies, serves as the driving force behind activities to promote human rights due diligence, regularly formulating strategies and monitoring the progress of activities. The team reports to the Global Sustainability Committee and, as necessary, to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors receives regular reports on key issues and progress with regard to human rights due diligence to fulfill its responsibilities to oversee these efforts. The Global Sustainability Committee met twice, in February and April 2024, to discuss items such as the Group-wide human rights due diligence report, and revision of the Human Rights Policy. The committee also consulted with external experts and human rights NPOs, and took their opinions into account in internal discussions.

With respect to daily operations, the Human Rights Working Team holds monthly discussions to promote human rights due diligence, including the sharing of information on human rights inside and outside Japan, identifying and responding to human rights violations risks throughout the value chain and carrying out awareness-raising activities. To further deepen our human rights due diligence policy and plans, a Global Human Rights Working Team was established in each Group company outside Japan. Consisting of human rights representatives from the human resources, legal, compliance and procurement divisions in each company, teams meet about twice a year to share information about their activities and discuss human-related issues. The Chief Sustainability Officer (CSO) is responsible for human rights-related activities, and activities relating to relevant themes, such as child labor and forced labor, are included in CSO compensation criteria to incentivize their promotion.

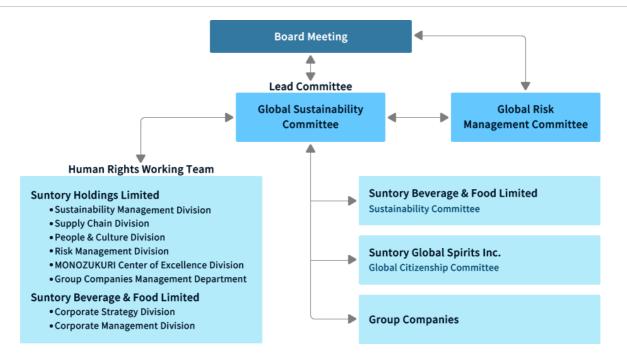
### Integration with Corporate Risk Management

The Global Sustainability Committee assesses human rights risks as a top-priority issue in our corporate management in cooperation with the Global Risk Management Committee, which is in charge of risk management for the entire Group, and regularly engage in information sharing and discussions about corporate risk management. We also collaborate and communicate with outside experts, such as lawyers specializing in human rights.

The discussions of the Global Sustainability Committee and Global Risk Management Committee are reported to the Board of Directors as

appropriate. In addition, we respond to Japanese traditional human rights issues through our Human Rights Education Promotion Committee, which consists of a central committee and Human Rights Promotion Committee members from each business location.

#### **Promotion Structure**

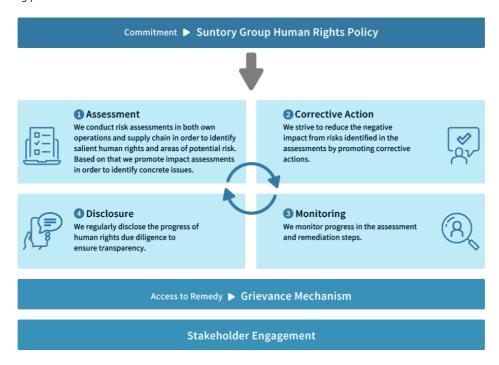


### **Due Diligence Process**

Suntory Group's Human Rights Policy identifies key themes such as forced labor and human trafficking, child labor and dangerous or hazardous work for young workers, discrimination, and foreign and migrant workers' rights, and we promote human rights due diligence globally.

### **Due Diligence Process**

Using the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) as a framework for implementation, we comply with relevant laws and regulations in each country or region where we operate and conduct human rights due diligence in own operations and value chain under the following processes.



#### **Identifying Stakeholders**

We believe that identifying and engaging stakeholders is important in promoting human rights due diligence. Stakeholders mentioned here include rightsholders, as well as other related stakeholders (NGOs / NPOs, experts, etc.). We have discussed with external human rights experts to identify our key stakeholders in consideration of our business structure. These key stakeholders are:

- (1) Our employees, outsourced manufacturing employees, and the local community around the plants.
- (2) Our business partners' employees (suppliers, farms), the local community around our business partners' plants and agricultural fields.
- (3) Investors, benchmarking organizations
- (4) NGOs, experts
- (5) Customers

### **Assessment**

#### **Identifying Human Rights-Related Risks**

The process of formulating the Suntory Group Human Rights Policy involved understanding the characteristics of our supply chain, particularly our own plants and the agricultural products from which our products are made, while leveraging information from a variety of external human rights-related reports. We also engaged in dialogue with human rights experts, and positioned issues that are important in our global business activities as key human rights themes to be addressed by the Group (and listed in the Policy). In implementing our business activities, we are promoting risks assessment internally and in our supply chain, focusing on these priority human rights themes.

To ensure that Suntory Group constantly maintains an up-to-date awareness of global human rights risks, we are engaging in periodic dialogue with NPOs and with human rights experts from the UN, and the fruits of this dialogue are reflected in our human rights due diligence strategy. We are also strengthening our risk identification process by using risk data from the global consulting firm Verisk Maplecroft.

When a risk assessment shows, for example, that a raw material (coffee, sugar, etc.) or region has a high risk of child labor or forced labor, we prioritize on-site visits and support preventive and mitigating measures.

### **Assessing Human Rights Risks**

To manage human rights risk in the supply chain, we assess risk for both existing and new suppliers by making use of Sedex's SAQ and risk assessment tools, SMETA information, and third-party interviews. These assessments take the geographic, economic, and social considerations into account, and incorporate the perspectives of the different regions and rights-holders that are prone to specific human rights risks. Based on this information, we promote detailed evaluation through interviews with migrant workers, etc. and corrective actions on key findings at suppliers, starting from high-risk areas/issues.

#### [Risk Assessment]

#### Internal Operations

To promote risk assessment as a part of our human rights due diligence process, we have conducted a potential risk assessment in collaboration with Verisk Maplecroft, a global risk consulting company, for the countries in which our global total of 90 factories are located, using general country and industry data. The results obtained through this assessment indicated that, of the countries in question, countries that have a high risk of child labor and forced labor where we have plants were: India, Vietnam, Mexico, Thailand, and Malaysia. Going forward, we will carry out individual evaluations targeting those factories located in high-risk areas.

### Potential risk assessment results (overall\*):

Low risk:	61 factories	68%
Mid risk:	21 factories	23%
High risk:	8 factories	9%

0 factories	0%
	0 factories

<sup>\*</sup> Covered human rights risks: child labor, forced labor, working hours, fair wages and welfare, discrimination, harassment, freedom of association and right to collective bargaining, access to remedy, health and safety

#### Supply Chain

In order to promote risk assessment as a part of our human rights due diligence process, we have conducted a potential risk assessment in collaboration with Verisk Maplecroft, a global risk consulting company, for our major ingredients using general country and industry data. (major ingredients × country combinations for a total of 124 patterns)

### Potential risk assessment results (overall\*):

Low risk:	21 items	17%
Mid risk:	58 items	47%
High risk:	37 items	30%
Very high risk:	8 items	6%

<sup>\*</sup> Covered human rights risks: child labor, forced labor, working hours, fair wages and welfare, discrimination, harassment, freedom of association and right to collective bargaining, access to remedy, health and safety

The results of this potential risk assessment showed that the following items had very high risk and very high potential impact (in terms of being items where procurement volume is high) from the perspective of child labor and forced labor.

Forced labor: coffee, oolong tea, ethanol, and sugar

Child labor: coffee and sugar

Going forward, we will start with items that are very high risk and very high impact in terms of child labor and forced labor, and conduct impact assessments to understand the actual situation.

> For more information, see Sustainable Procurement.

### [Impact Assessment]

### Internal Operations

### **Impact Assessment at Own Plants**

We are using Sedex in order to visualize human rights risks and strengthen management at our own plants. We are assessing the management capability in relation to potential risks in 4 categories: (1) labor practices, (2) health and safety, (3) business ethics, and (4) environment.

(Number of plants)

		Potential risks		М	anagement capabilit	у
	High	Medium	Low	High	Medium	Low
Japan	0	2	18	20	0	0
India	0	1	0	1	0	0
Mexico	0	1	0	1	0	0
Malaysia	0	1	0	0	1	0

Vietnam	0	6	0	1	5	0
Thailand	0	2	3	5	0	0
Philippines	0	0	1	1	0	0
Taiwan	0	1	0	1	0	0
New Zealand	0	0	1	1	0	0
France	0	3	2	4	1	0
Spain	0	2	1	1	2	0
United Kingdom	0	5	2	1	6	0
Ireland	0	1	1	0	2	0
Canada	0	1	0	0	1	0
United States	0	5	0	0	5	0

As shown in the figure above, of the 60 factories, 37 factories had "high" management capability, 23 factories had "medium" management capability, and no factory had "low" management capability toward the potential risks.

Particular attention was paid to confirming the situation in regard to child labor and forced labor, which we consider to be important human rights risks.

- Child labor
  - While there were no cases of workers under the age of 15, there were two factories with workers under the age of 18, so we are working to confirm to the actual situation regarding labor.
- Forced labor
  - We have confirmed that there are several migrant workers in 21 of our plants overseas. We are currently working to assess the situation in line with the Migrant Worker Employment Guidelines.

For factories with lower management capability, we will continue to strengthen management of important human rights risks. From next year onwards, we will be making effective use of Sedex to help realize sustainable management.

#### Supply Chain

Suntory Group is working to promote activities for respecting human rights throughout the entire supply chain while linking to business partners by establishing the Basic Policy on Sustainable Procurement.

### **Impact Assessment by Sedex**

We joined Sedex in June 2019, and since then we are requesting our suppliers to share information through Sedex by answering to the SAQ\*. These SAQs evaluate the potential social risks in the supply chain by focusing on child labor, forced labor and other human rights issues as well as considerations toward the work environment and occupational safety. As of December 2024, we have confirmed that over 1,200 manufacturing sites of approximately 800 major suppliers have joined the Sedex. We will continue to promote all major suppliers to join the Sedex. We will prioritize the strategy for each region based on the result of the risk assessment to formulate an action plan and promote corrective actions when needed.

#### **Impact Assessment Status**

<sup>\*</sup> SAQ:Self-Assessment Questionnaire

Suntory Group identifies potential and actualized risks using a risk assessment tool offered by Sedex. Specifically, we evaluate the ability to manage potential and actualized risks of the suppliers with SAQ. In addition, we also confirm actualized risks based on third- party audit information that can be checked on Sedex.

#### **Potential Risks of Suppliers**

Sedex revamped its SAQ in October 2023. We continue to conduct evaluations through the new Sedex SAQ, with the number of manufacturing sites for which we were able to conduct potential risk assessments reaching 1,075 (down nine from November 2023).

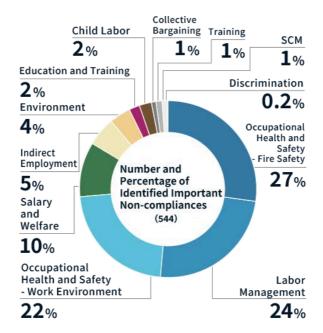
(Number of manufacturing sites/%)

	December 2024		Reference benchmar	k: November 2023
Low	218	20%	301	28%
Medium	687	64%	623	57%
High	116	11%	78	7%
Waiting for answer	54	5%	82	8%
Total	1075		1084	

<sup>\*</sup> SAQ questions were revised in October 2023, so 2023 ratings are for reference only.

### Actualized Risks of Suppliers (As of December 2024)

The total number of non-compliances identified was 544.



#### **Monitoring through Supplier Assessment Questionnaires**

We also conduct sustainable procurement questionnaires targeting suppliers that have not joined Sedex. We examine not only our existing suppliers to identify those that are at high risk, but also assess potential new suppliers before we start business relationships.

In addition, the Suntory Group shares the Suntory Group Partner Guidelines with our overseas Group companies and verifies initiatives toward sustainability at each company at the Global Procurement Conference in which our overseas Group companies participate.

#### **Conducting Human Rights Due Diligence Related to Migrant Workers**

In line with advice from international experts that we received during Group-specific dialogue hosted by Caux Round Table Japan (CRT) in 2019, we are assessing the labor conditions of migrant workers regularly, including that of foreign technical intern trainees, which are a particularly

vulnerable type of rightsholder in Japan. We engaged CRT to conduct third-party human rights impact assessment interviews at the Tsuzuki and Takatsu Plants of Izutsu Maisen Co., Ltd., a Group company that hires foreign technical intern trainees. Interviews were conducted in 2024, following on interviews in 2021. Taking into consideration that all interviewees were non-Japanese females, we identified particularly important human rights risks that could arise in the interview context, and conducted direct interviews in a way that allowed rightsholders to freely express their opinions with total anonymity.

As a result, CRT Executive Director Hiroshi Ishida commented, "The relationship between foreign workers and Japanese employees is good at both plants, which are aware of the need to position foreign workers as important strategic assets, and provide them with good treatment." In addition, the assessment found no significant negative human rights impacts on foreign intern trainees, such as being forced to work long hours, non-payment of wages, or working under hazardous conditions. Comments received, such as those regarding knowledge of evacuation procedures and of the content of employment contracts, will be reviewed with the goal of making improvements.

Aiming to further improve the workplace environment for foreign workers, we will engage in effective communication and maintain good working relationships going forward.

Corrective Action



As part of our efforts to promote corrective measures, if it becomes clear that Suntory Group business activities have directly caused negative impacts on human rights, or if indirect negative impact through business relations come to light or are suspected, Suntory Group will take corrective measures (remedy) through dialogue with related parts, based on international standards and through appropriate procedures. Furthermore, we expect Suntory Group's suppliers to undertake corrective measures (remedy) as well. In order to implement corrective measures, we will also work with external organizations such as human rights experts (NPOs) and Sedex to engage suppliers regarding any issues discovered, and to work together on corrective steps.

Suntory Group is committed to providing redress through due process or cooperating in providing redress for any negative human rights impacts that it has caused (or has been involved in through its business relationships). We are also committed to working with judicial and non-judicial mechanisms, as appropriate, to collaborate in the remediation of harm caused by suppliers directly related to our business.

### **Corrective Process (Remedy)**

As stated in our Human Rights Policy, our key themes in human rights include child labor, forced labor, discrimination and harassment, freedom of association, and a good working environment (health and safety). We have identified numerous questions in the Sedex SAQ that relate to each of these key themes, and we use them for assessment and ongoing monitoring in our own plants and supply chain. We currently conduct continuous monitoring of our suppliers through Sedex, representing over 70% of our purchasing volume globally, and we strongly engage suppliers which we have been able to identify actualized risks. The monitoring process leverages also SMETA\* audit information on the supply chain, including interviews with local workers. In this way, we try to leverage the voices of rightsholders.

Our remedy process using Sedex and SMETA information is as follows:

\* SMETA is one of the world's leading auditing schemes and is particularly focused on labor, health, and safety. It especially aims to protect workers in terms of occupational health and safety, overwork, discrimination, low wages, and forced labor. SMETA also leverages the Forced Labor Indicators (FLI) tool embedded in the Sedex risk assessment platform to specifically monitor forced labor risks.

#### **Cases of Potential Risk**

- 1. Goal: to confirm that sufficient measures are taken toward avoiding potential risks.
- 2. Index: Sedex risk and management scores.
- 3. Timeframe: check the risk score and management capability score periodically (about once every six months), and confirm the status of the improvement activities of business partners.

### **Cases of Actualized Risk**

- 1. Goal: bring actualized risks down to zero.
- 2. Index: key findings of third-party audit.
- 3. Timeframe: confirm within 6 months that the identified issues have been resolved.

In cases that we cannot confirm that the identified risks have been resolved, we will encourage them to undergo a SMETA audit and strongly urge them to make improvements.

#### **Potential Risks of Suppliers**

Regarding the above-mentioned potential risks that can be confirmed in Sedex, we also assess the management capability of our suppliers' manufacturing sites in respect to the potential risks. Based on that, we engage with manufacturing sites, in particular sites with "high risk + low management capability" and work together with them to improve their management capability. As a result, the management capacity of many manufacturing plants has improved since 2021, when we began reaching out to suppliers. Going forward, we will continue to engage our suppliers and promote improvement activities.

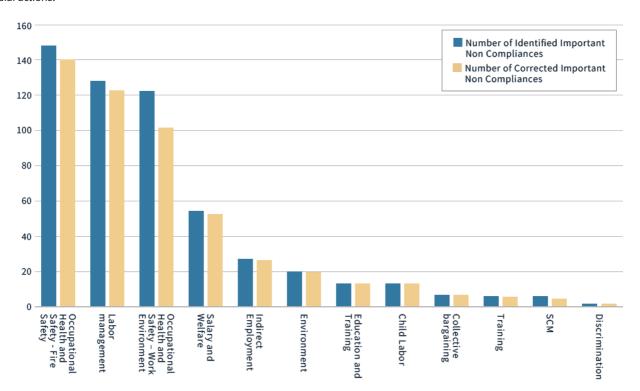
In addition, we are working to clarify which plants have migrant workers (who are seen as being subject to a particularly high level of human rights risk) working there, as well as the number of migrant workers, and to confirm whether the issues that are specific to migrant workers are being actualized.

#### **Changes in Management Capability Scores** (%) (Average) 1% 100 4% 5 9% 90 4.5 20% 23% 31% 80 4 **53**% 70 Score 4-5 60 3 48% 50% 47% Score 3-4 Score 2-3 50 25 Score 1-2 Score 0-1 2 40 Average 30 1.5 32% 20 1 28% 22% 16% 10 0.5 400 3% 3% 3% 2021 2022 2023 2024

#### \* Scores until 2023 use the old SAQ. The 2024 score uses the new SAQ.

### **Actualized Risks of Suppliers**

We communicate directly with suppliers regarding issues identified in Sedex by third-party audits, and we check that these issues are corrected within six months of having been pointed out. Of a total of 544 important non-compliances specified as of the end of December 2024, we confirmed that 502 have been corrected. We will continue to engage with suppliers on the remaining non-compliances as we move ahead with remedial actions.



More specifically, we have reviewed all Sedex SAQ responses under the former format regarding the following key human rights themes, and identified data indicating potential risks. At the same time, we have reviewed the findings of SMETA audits, to be check whether any potential

risks have been actualized. In those cases, we engaged with the suppliers in question and confirmed the status of the corrective actions taken. With the new SAQ, we will continue to review and analyze responses and, in conjunction with audit findings, confirm the status of corrective actions taken when risks have become apparent.

### Child Labor

We regard child labor as one of the key human rights risks in supply chains, and are strengthening management of suppliers through Sedex and SMETA audit information. For example, we use the questions in Sedex to identify direct and indirect workers who may be considered underage workers (under 15). In addition, based on actual on-site audits conducted through SMETA, we confirmed that worker age verification is being performed properly, and corrective actions are being taken when issues become apparent.

A review of SAQ responses from approximately 1,050 manufacturing sites indicated that there was no child labor by those under the age of 15. At 5% of plants, there were workers of ages 16-17, which by itself is a legal working age on the countries where those workers were found. The findings of one SMETA audit also noted a 17-year-old worker, but we have confirmed that this was not a problem under local law. In addition, 10 instances of inadequate worker age records and verifying documents were noted, but we have engaged the suppliers and

In addition, 10 instances of inadequate worker age records and verifying documents were noted, but we have engaged the suppliers and confirmed that the recording methods have been corrected.

#### Forced Labor

We consider forced labor to be one of the key human rights risks in supply chains and are strengthening management of suppliers through Sedex and SMETA audit information.

#### 1) Recruitment fees

A review of SAQ responses from approximately 1,050 supplier manufacturing sites showed that 4% of respondents had no policies, and 1% of the respondents had no initiatives to address the burden of recruitment fees on workers. In addition, 1% of the respondents indicated that the workers bear costs in some form. SMETA audits found five instances of non-compliance related to the burden of recruitment fees on workers, but we confirmed that these had already been addressed by revising the supplier's internal regulations, and through refunds and other measures. Similarly, there were three findings regarding wage reductions, but we confirmed that there were no deductions that were problematic under local law.

### 2) Wages

A review of SAQ responses from approximately 1,050 supplier manufacturing sites showed that 95% of wage payments occurred digitally, such as by bank transfer, and only around 2% of payments were cash. Sixteen percent of responses indicated challenges in managing overtime pay for indirect employees.

Approximately 0.1% of sites reported a minimum wage difference of 50% or more between men and women. As such, there was no gender wage gap issue.

The review also showed lack of visibility regarding indirect employees' minimum wage. SMETA audit findings also included 54 instances of non-compliance related to wages.

We have engaged our suppliers and confirmed that currently there are no confirmed cases of uncorrected wage issues (the issues found had been solved).

#### 3) Freedom of movement

No risk information regarding freedom of movement was found in the SAQ responses or the SMETA audit.

### 4) Working hours

Based on a review of SAQ responses from approximately 1,050 supplier manufacturing sites, approximately 85% had a working-hour management system, and 15% had manual management. Ninety-seven of the SMETA audit findings related to recording and managing working hours.

Going forward, we will work to engage with suppliers in upgrading their working-hour management methods.

### • Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining

We consider impediments to freedom of association and collective bargaining to be one of the key human rights risks in supply chains, and are strengthening management of suppliers through Sedex and SMETA information to prevent infringement of these rights. For example, we leverage questions in Sedex to check the presence of labor unions, as well as processes and organizations in which workers can participate and have their participation reflected in decision-making by the supplier company. In addition, we confirm through SMETA audit data whether the rights to freedom of association and collective bargaining are being protected, and engage in corrective actions when issues become apparent and are uncorrected.

On the point of whether processes, organizations, and arrangements were in place for workers to use and reflect in company decision making, the SAQ data indicated that 14% of supplier manufacturing sites did not have these mechanisms in place. In addition, data from the SMETA

audit included six findings related to freedom of association and collective bargaining, but we have confirmed that corrections have already been made.

#### Health and Safety

We regard health and safety to be one of the key human rights risks in supply chains, and we are strengthening management of our dealings with our suppliers through Sedex and SMETA information to promote their health and safety conditions. For example, we leverage questions in Sedex to check facts such as whether a health and safety policy is in place, whether there have been any serious work accidents, the numbers of participants in fire safety drills, and the supplier's existing efforts to enhance health and safety. We also analyze similar data through SMETA audits and engage in corrective actions when issues are apparent and uncorrected.

The SAQ data showed that 2% of production plants had more than 100 recorded accidents in the past 12 months, and 1% reported more than 20 serious accidents. We will engage with these high-risk supplier manufacturing sites and work toward enhancing their occupational safety. Data from the SMETA audit also showed 275 instances of health and safety non-compliance, with remedial actions having already been taken with respect to 167. We will continue to engage with suppliers on the 23 instances of non-compliance for which corrective actions are still pending. Corrective actions for the health and safety risks found through the Sedex's SAQ answers and non-compliance by SMETA were shared with other suppliers in an effort to improve health and safety management (FY2024).

### Land Rights

We are strengthening management of suppliers through Sedex information to identify human rights risks related to land rights. Specifically, we leverage questions in Sedex to determine whether the land on which a given supplier's production plant is sited was used as a residence before construction.

The SAQ results showed that 1% of such land was used for residential buildings prior to conversion to an industrial site. We will engage with the suppliers to confirm whether there is a possibility that the conversion could have led to a violation of land rights.

#### Water Access and Sanitation

We are strengthening management of suppliers through Sedex data to understand risks related to the water access and sanitation rights of local communities. For example, we leverage questions in Sedex to check various pollution risks (soil, rivers, etc.) from supplier operations, their water usage volumes, whether they manage wastewater, and management of water quality impacts on local areas. The SAQ results showed that 5% of the manufacturing plants were not managing the quality of their wastewater. In other plants, wastewater quality management and internal education were being implemented. The SMETA audit data showed three instances of water treatment non-compliance, and we are confirming corrective action with suppliers.

### Women's Rights

We are strengthening management of suppliers through Sedex data to identify risks related to women's rights. For example, we leverage questions in Sedex to check the ratio of male to female workers, the ratio of female managers, whether anti-discrimination policies are in place, and rates of absenteeism and turnover among female workers. The SAQ data showed that 5% of manufacturing sites did not have separate washing facilities for men and women. During the previous year, 2% of manufacturing sites had a turnover rate among female workers of more than 50%, while 3% of sites saw the same turnover rate for male workers. One percent of manufacturing sites had an absenteeism rate among female workers of more than 30%, while 3% of sites saw the same absenteeism rate for male workers. The data from the SMETA audits did not demonstrate any non-compliance in this respect.

#### Remedy

For example, Sedex questions were used to identify employee grievance notification mechanisms and grievance handling management. SAQ results indicated that approximately 70% of plants had a mechanism for reporting through a labor union, 75% had one for direct appeals to management, and 55% maintained a reporting hotline. These mechanisms were for onsite workers; the number of plants with mechanisms for offsite workers was close to zero, and we regard this as an issue that needs to be addressed throughout the supply chain. No issues relating to grievance handling were noted in the SMETA audit data.

### Training

For example, Sedex questions are used to confirm employee training status. SAQ results indicated that approximately 50% of plants provide labor, human resources, and recruitment policy training, with over 200 employees trained on average. About 65% of plants provide environment-related training, with approximately 30 employees trained on average, mainly managers. About 70% of sites provide bribery-related (business ethics) training, with approximately 180 employees trained on average. Approximately 50% of sites have received training in responsible sourcing, with approximately 25 procurement-related employees receiving training on average. Approximately 20% of sites provide similar training to external suppliers.

SMETA audit data indicated that employees were not receiving required health and safety training at 37 sites, and were not receiving training on business ethics- and bribery-related training at 13 sites. While we are engaging with suppliers to confirm that corrective actions are under way as needed, we are aware that such training for employees and suppliers presents challenges, and will recommend that suppliers utilize Sedex e-learning and other training programs going forward.

#### Measuring the Effectiveness of Actions Taken (Monitoring)

We measure the effectiveness of our assessment and remediation efforts through Sedex at our plants and in our supply chain by measuring the degree of improvement across multiple risks (health and safety, worker age, discrimination, work based on free choice, etc.) before and after the execution of remediation efforts addressing the risks we have identified through the Sedex. In the case of Sedex assessment, there are items for which it is challenging to reduce the potential risk, but even if the potential risk is high, the risk can be controlled if the management capability is high. Based on this premise, we focus on improving management capability as we undertake corrective actions at our own plants and with our suppliers.

Furthermore, as part of the series of steps noted above, we provide feedback to stakeholders on the results of our effectiveness measurement, and carry out direct engagement that leads to further actions for improvement.

#### **Action Plan**

While taking into consideration the risks and other factors identified through the above process, we will implement the following priority initiatives as our action plan.

#### Own Plants

We will carry out assessment activities utilizing Sedex's new assessment SAQ at principal domestic- and international-business plants during

We also plan to promote similar Sedex assessment activities with contract manufacturers and with subcontractors operating in our plants.

#### Supply Chain

With regard to 1st tier suppliers, we will continue to promote the remedy of important non-compliances that have become apparent through Sedex, and will continue to encourage suppliers to improve their management capabilities with regard to potential risks. In addition, we will move forward with impact assessments for upstream suppliers in our main raw materials supply chain.

### Migrant Workers

We will identify sites other than our own plants where migrant workers (especially technical intern trainees) are present, and consider necessary steps depending on the degree to which the significant risk of forced labor is present.

### **Access to Remedy**

### **Internal Reporting System**

### Hotline

The basic rule in Suntory Group is that when an employee discovers actions that breach the Suntory Group's Code of Business Ethics, they must first report it to the supervisors and seek their advice. However, we have also established a Compliance Hotline both internally (our Compliance Office) and externally (3rd party law firm) as contact point for all of the Group companies in Japan in order to quickly discover and resolve compliance issues when reporting or consulting with a supervisor is not appropriate.

Both mechanisms are available in multiple languages so that foreign employees who do not speak Japanese fluently can use easily use them. We have also implemented a global contact point for compliance issues encompassing all Group companies in Japan and globally as part of our global risk management system. This contact point supports multiple languages such as English, Chinese, and Spanish, and accepts reports and consultations from multiple countries. Additionally, in order to avoid accessibility issues due to technical or financial reasons, we have made this mechanism accessible to all employees through different methods (digital and analog), including web, smartphones, telephone, and mail

The internal awareness of this mechanism is measured every year through initiatives such as the "Employee Awareness Survey" as a way to engage users and assess the current mechanism, and the current awareness rate is over 90%. We also strive to keep improving the awareness

rate and accessibility of this mechanism by sharing these results (including comparisons with previous year) with our top management. In 2024, a total of 386 reports were received through these contact points in Japan and overseas. There were no reports relating to child labor or forced labor.

If there is a suspicion of non-compliance based on the content of the report, we take into consideration the privacy protection of all persons involved in accordance with the Suntory Group Internal Reporting System Regulations. In that case, the compliance officer promptly conducts a confidential investigation within the company, and promptly requests correction while escalating to the relevant executive in charge, so that measures can be taken as soon as possible in order to avoid any negative impact to the reporter. The results of the survey are shared to the reporter and management, respectively, to promote corrective measures and prevent recurrence. After a certain period of time has passed after the response, we close the case once we receive a report on the state of change from senior management as a follow-up. Furthermore, regarding measures against harassment, which is a priority issue, in many cases there is a difference in values with colleagues and related parties, so we aim to create a culture where both sides can recognize the difference by providing an opportunity to learn about unconscious bias. In this respect, we hold seminars from time to time to promote a more tolerant organization.

#### Protecting the Reporters

Based on our internal regulations, the Suntory Group prohibits any type of negative impact such as retaliation or spread of rumors and does not force confidentiality on the reporters. In order to achieve this, when the Compliance Office conducts an investigation, it identifies the persons concerned and then confirms the "internal reporting system regulations," protecting thus the rights of the reporter.

In addition, during the interviews with the reporter on the closing of each case, we also check that reporters have not suffered any disadvantages during the process.

Furthermore, we are working to create a culture in which compliance reports are protected not only by the persons concerned, but also by the entire workplace by proactively disseminating the "internal reporting system regulations" within the company on a daily basis.

> For more information, see Suntory Group's Compliance

### **External Reporting System**

Since its founding, Suntory Group has placed customer satisfaction first and valued proactive communication with customers. In addition, based on our belief that all our stakeholders are customers, business partners are also regarded as important customers. Therefore, when promoting human rights due diligence, we believe it is important that not only our employees, but also our direct suppliers, their own suppliers, as well as other related parties (their local community, etc.) have access to a grievance mechanism, including human rights issues. Furthermore, as stated in our Suntory Group Partner Guidelines, we expect partners to establish similar grievance mechanisms (with no retaliation) within their own supply chain, thereby striving to promote access to remedy upstream in our supply chain. Currently, we have established a Suntory Group Business Partner Compliance Hotline and Customer Center as a contact point for suppliers and their related parties (communities) to use, which accepts inquiries from all customers.

- Business Partner Compliance Hotline
- Ontact Us

### **Grievance Mechanism for Migrant Workers**

In order to strengthen our human rights due diligence efforts, Suntory Group joined the "Japan Platform for Migrant Workers towards Responsible and Inclusive Society" (JP-MIRAI) multi-stakeholder initiative in 2023. With this step, we aim at building a grievance mechanism in which we can gather not only the voices of our supply chain workers and/or their representatives without any type of retaliation or censorship (particularly from vulnerable groups such as migrant workers), but also directly share with them helpful information regarding life in a foreign country, how to obtain language support, etc. in order to improve their quality of life and protect their rights.

Users can seek for help anonymously by phone, chat, or email, and they are first connected to an independent NPO specialized in supporting migrant workers, who then escalates to us based on the contents shared by the worker. After that, we promptly analyze if any risks may be occurring, and engage the corresponding parties in order to help the worker and deliver remedy as soon as possible. This service is available in 9 languages: "easy" Japanese, English, Spanish, Portuguese, Bahasa Indonesia, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Chinese and Burmese.



**№** More information about JP-MIRAI can be found on the following link : 🗗

### **Stakeholder Engagement**

We utilize information on Sedex and third-party interviews as key processes to engage with stakeholders (rightsholders).

As an example of information gathering through Sedex, when we implement Sedex at our own plants, we communicate directly with the office management of each plant to exchange opinions from the perspective of human rights risks. An example of our third-party interviews can be seen in the third-party interviews conducted by CRT with migrant workers (foreign technical intern trainees) at our group company Izutsu Maisen in February 2024. In doing so, we listened to their perspectives on human rights and related issues of migrant workers (communication, cross-cultural understanding, and creating a more comfortable workplace). We regard this as important information to be used in our future human rights due diligence efforts.

#### **Communication with Business Partners**

We believe that communicating with stakeholders on human rights risks and impact is critical to our stakeholder engagement. For example, we carry out direct communication that is attentive to rightsholders (as in the interviews with migrant workers at Izutsu Maisen described above), and we communicate through briefings for suppliers (on Suntory Group Partner Guideline compliance).

On the other hand, while identifying and approaching rightsholders upstream in the supply chain is a very important component of stakeholder communication, it is also a challenging area of activity that must be addressed step by step and after proper prioritization. We plan to engage and communicate with the main stakeholders of the high-potential-risk and high-impact raw materials that we identified.

### **Human Rights Training for Business Partners**

From 2022, Suntory Group has started to hold annual training sessions on sustainability towards our main suppliers, with an agenda on human rights including child labor and forced labor, in which we engage our ingredients suppliers to think about these risks and act towards prevention and mitigation. For the first of these training sessions, we engaged more than 120 attendees from 50 suppliers. The effectiveness of this training is measured through the following Sedex results on human rights related scores.

Further, in November 2023 we held a meeting to exchange opinions with domestic packaging suppliers regarding occupational health and safety, including opinions regarding prevention of serious accidents, which is a cross-sectional issue, based on the Sedex assessment. Through discussion with suppliers, we debated which measures could be taken to prevent accidents during dangerous operations, for example when operating forklifts. In addition, suppliers gave presentations profiling their internal awareness-raising approach with respect to such measures. As a forum for proactive awareness-raising with respect to occupational health and safety, the meeting served as a Sedex human rights evaluation activity.

#### Video to Raise Awareness about Business and Human Rights

In line with the revision of our Human Rights Policy in 2024, we have produced an original video to raise awareness about human rights to help our employees, business partners, and other stakeholders understand Suntory Group's efforts to respect human rights. This video is available to view in Japanese, English and Chinese so that it can be used to foster awareness of respect for human rights throughout Suntory Group's value chain, including overseas business locations.



#### **Communication with Employees**

#### **Initiatives to Raise Awareness**

Every year, Suntory Group conducts a sustainability e-learning program for approximately 20,000 employees to learn about global ESG trends, including human rights, and the company's initiatives. In addition, to facilitate understanding of the Suntory Group's Code of Business Ethics (including human rights) among all officers and employees of the Suntory Group, and to encourage them to practice these ethics in their daily activities, we have included the Code in a booklet that summarizes the Suntory Group's system of philosophy, which is distributed to all employees. To promote global understanding, we have translated the booklet into 11 languages, and its contents are read and signed once each year. Group companies outside Japan also carry out similar efforts to promote compliance and human rights understanding in various regions.

Regarding our corporate management, every year we provide briefings on sustainability encompassing human rights as part of our annual training for newly appointed managers. In addition, members and management of the procurement department, which is closely involved with human rights initiatives, are all provided with briefings on sustainability encompassing human rights.

For management, we invited experts to hold study sessions on human rights with the Board of Directors.

### Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining

Suntory Group holds regular labor-management council meetings which bring together union representatives and senior managers, and we liaise closely with the union regarding everything from labor issues to managerial and business issues, with senior management responding in a serious manner to all points raised by the union. (All employees other than those holding managerial positions are required to join the union)

#### **Measures to Reduce Excessive Working Hours**

Besides adhering faithfully to labor laws (including those relating to working hours) in each country where it operates, Suntory Group also implements measures, through labor-management collaboration, to reduce long working hours and prohibit unpaid overtime, as well as encouraging employees to take their annual paid leave. In addition, we have adopted a system that enables daily checking of time-use data, including the amount of time spent using a computer, etc., and we provide support for employees to implement self-directed time management, while also formulating appropriate response measures, including the provision, where needed, of guidance on how to realize improvement.

#### **Dialogue with Experts**

Suntory Group holds regular dialogue with experts on human rights from Japan and overseas to strengthen initiatives related to human rights. In 2023, we engaged in dialogue with Human Rights Watch (HRW), a human rights NGO, and with human rights experts from other international NGOs.

In our dialogue with HRW, we discussed the assessment of human rights risk which is necessary when developing a new business, and how to respond when a human rights issue becomes actualized. We also received advice from human rights experts associated with global NGOs regarding the need to review human rights related measures in light of the proposed Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence in the European Union.

In dialogue with global experts conducted in collaboration with the Caux Round Table Japan (CRT Japan), we engaged in a productive exchange of views regarding the scale and scope of support needed to address human rights issues in the upstream portion of the raw materials supply chain, and the right approach for this, as well as prioritizing in the value chain, dialogue with civil society, etc., and we received valuable advice regarding the best approach for responding to these kinds of issues, and the key points to consider.

Going forward, we will continue to engage in this type of dialogue, and will reflect the results of this dialogue in our human rights measures.

### <Dialogue with Experts in Recent Years>

Year	Contents
2019	<ul> <li>Ethical production activities and migrant workers in the Group's production sites</li> </ul>
2020	<ul> <li>Progress of the risk assessment activities for the Group's own factories and migrant workers.</li> <li>How to proceed efficiently and effectively risk assessment on raw ingredients and migrant workers in the corona disaster.</li> </ul>

2022	Sharing of progress made in initiatives relating to forced labor risk and migrant workers in the upstream portion of the supply chain
2023	<ul> <li>Methods for determining human rights risk, and how to respond in the event that human rights risk becomes actualized</li> <li>The need to review human rights related measures in light of the proposed Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence in the European Union</li> <li>The scale and scope of support needed to address human rights issues in the upstream portion of the raw materials supply chain, and the right approach for this</li> <li>Prioritizing in the value chain</li> <li>Dialog with civil society</li> </ul>
2024	Participated in the UN Forum on Business and Human Rights

### Statement on legislation of human rights due diligence by Group companies around the world

Suntory Global Spirits Inc. ☐



# **Suntory Group Human Rights Policy**

The Suntory Group's purpose is "To inspire the brilliance of life, by creating rich experiences for people, in harmony with nature", in order to contribute to the realization of a thriving society. The Suntory Group recognizes that it may directly or indirectly impact human rights in the course of our business activities, and in order to respect the human rights of all people involved in our business activities, the Suntory Group Human Rights Policy (hereafter, this "Policy") set out herein, will promote our efforts to respect human rights. This Policy serves as the primary quiding principle for all other human rights-related policies within the Suntory Group.

### 1. Our Approach to Human Rights

As a member of society, the Suntory Group recognizes the importance of respecting human rights in all business activities and respects the following international human rights principles:

- United Nations (UN) Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and the Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy;
- OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct;
- UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs);
- International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families;
- Children's Rights and Business Principles; and
- Women's Empowerment Principles

The Suntory Group complies with relevant laws and regulations in each country or region where it operates. If laws and regulations in the countries and regions contradict the principles of international human rights, we will seek ways to respect internationally recognized human rights to the greatest extent possible. Where laws and regulations in the countries and regions differ from the international human rights principles, we strive to follow the higher standard.

As a signatory to the United Nations Global Compact, we support and respect the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact.

# 2. Scope of Application

The Suntory Group applies this Policy to all Suntory Group executives and employees. We also require all business partners involved in our business activities, products, and services to understand and comply with the principles set out in this Policy. This Policy is incorporated in the Suntory Group's Basic Policy on Sustainable Procurement and the Suntory Group Partner Guidelines, and the specific requirements for partners are stipulated in these policies and guidelines.

# 3. Responsibility to Respect Human Rights

The Suntory Group strives not to violate the human rights of anyone involved in our business activities and respects human rights throughout our value chain by taking appropriate measures to remediate any adverse human rights impacts.

### 4. Human Rights Due Diligence

The Suntory Group establish a human rights due diligence system, identify our potential adverse human rights impacts, and work to prevent and mitigate such impacts. By conducting human rights due diligence, we will identify and assess themes and areas of human rights which are high risk in the value chain, and take corrective measures to remediate adverse human rights impacts. We will incorporate clauses related to the respect for human rights into our standard partner contract form, including a provision that requires partners to cooperate on human rights due diligence.

### 5. Remediation

If it becomes clear that our business activities are causing or contributing to adverse human rights impacts, the Suntory Group will remedy the situation through stakeholder engagement and other appropriate procedures aligned with international human rights principles. We will work with partners to remedy adverse impacts which are directly linked to our operations, products, or services. We do not prevent stakeholders who are adversely impacted from using judicial or non-judicial grievance mechanisms and will collaborate with these mechanisms as necessary to provide remedy.

### 6. Grievance and Whistleblowing Mechanisms

The Suntory Group offers various hotlines for executives and employees globally to report and consult human rights concerns. A designated contact point is also established to receive human rights concerns and inquiries from stakeholders including partners' employees, local communities, and customers. We prohibit any form of retaliation or discriminatory treatment against those who raise human rights related concerns. We will continuously review and improve our whistleblowing and grievance mechanisms to enhance their effectiveness.

### 7. Disclosure

The Suntory Group will timely and appropriately disclose the progress and results of our efforts to respect human rights on our website, etc.

## 8. Stakeholder Engagement

While implementing this Policy, the Suntory Group will take advice from independent experts and diligently engage in dialogue and consultation with internal and external stakeholders with the aim to understand and address adverse human rights impacts that arise or may arise from our business activities.

# 9. Education and Training

The Suntory Group will provide appropriate education and training to our officers and employees so that this Policy will be integrated appropriately into our business activities and implemented effectively. We will provide our business partners with education and training as necessary.

### 10. Officer in Charge

The Suntory Group will clarify the officer responsible for the implementation of this Policy and ensure its effectiveness. The Board of Directors of Suntory Holdings Limited is responsible for overseeing the compliance and implementation status of this Policy.

### 11. Important Themes regarding Human Rights

The Suntory Group has established the Suntory Group Code of Business Ethics and aims to realize a corporate group that is rewarding, and respects diversity, inclusion and human rights. We position the following items as key themes in respecting human rights.

### Forced labor and human trafficking

We strictly prohibit any form of forced labor including human trafficking. The labor practices\*1 that may contribute to forced labor and human trafficking are also prohibited.

### Child labor and young workers exposed to hazardous work

We strictly prohibit employing any child under the legal working age as prescribed in the laws and regulations of the relevant country or region. We also prohibit the assignment of hazardous or night work to workers under 18. We will verify the age of newly recruited workers and provide remedial measures to children or young workers identified.

### Discrimination

We will build a workplace where everyone is treated fairly by respecting the rights and personalities of each individual and eliminating all forms of discrimination based on ethnicity or race, religion, sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, national or social origin, property, birth, language, disability, or other characteristics that are not relevant to a person's capacity and aptitude. We strive to accommodate requests related to employees' religious practices within reasonable limits.

### Inhumane treatment

We do not tolerate inhumane treatment that threatens an individual's dignity, including physical, sexual, racial, psychological, verbal, or any other form of harassment, bullying, or abuse.

### Freedom of association and collective bargaining

We will respect the basic rights of our employees to engage in freedom of association and collective bargaining. We will also prohibit intimidation, harassment, retaliation, and violence against trade union members and employees' representatives.

### Occupational health and safety

We will comply with the laws and regulations on occupational health and safety and implement an occupational safety and health management system. We will promote work styles that find balance between the professional and private lives of our employees while building a workplace that allows each person to work safely, securely and with enthusiasm in ways that are healthy, both mentally and physically.

### **Working hours**

We will appropriately manage working hours, holidays, and vacations in compliance with the laws and regulations of the relevant country or region. We strive to respect international standards where the local laws and regulations conflict with international standards or do not fully meet with them. We seek to ensure that overtime work is consensual and paid at an appropriate rate.

### Wages

In compliance with the laws and regulations of the country or region and other relevant provisions, we work to manage so that wages of our employees meet or surpass the statutory minimum, and overtime is compensated at the appropriate rate. We strive to pay a living wage that provides a decent standard of living for our employees and their families. Our employees are paid directly, regularly, and in full, on time, and are provided with a pay slip explaining any legitimate deductions.

### Rights of foreign and migrant workers

We respect foreign and migrant workers' rights as set out in the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families. We ensure appropriate working conditions and environments for foreign and migrant workers and prohibit discriminatory treatment against them.

### Rights of local community including indigenous peoples

We respect the ownership and use of land and natural resources and respect legitimate tenure rights related to the ownership and use of land and natural resources as set out in the international norms related to the rights of indigenous peoples\*2. When acquiring water, land, or natural resources, we avoid adverse impacts on the rights and access of indigenous peoples and obtain free, prior, and informed consent (FPIC) from the community as required.

### Rights of human rights defenders

We neither tolerate nor contribute to threats, intimidation, and attacks (both physical and legal) against human rights defenders. We will work with human rights defenders to create safe and enabling environments for civic engagement and human rights at local, national or international levels.

### Open-minded workplaces

We will foster an open-minded workplace that respects one another's beliefs, values, and diversity and where each and every employee can candidly express and share their views. We will also build cooperative relationships founded with unity through active communication throughout the Suntory Group

### Perseverance and growth

We will realize the growth of individuals by fostering a feeling of pride and responsibility toward work in each and every individual so that they may independently persevere in achieving their goals.

- \*1 The labor practices that may contribute to forced labor and human trafficking include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - Companies or employers retaining personal documents, collecting recruitment fees and related costs from workers and job seekers, restricting workers' freedom of movement, not providing employment terms in written form, and requiring workers to use company-provided accommodation.
  - Third-party recruitment intermediaries retaining personal identifications and collecting recruitment fees and related costs from workers and job seekers.

<sup>\*2</sup> The international norms pertaining to the rights of indigenous peoples encompass:

- International Finance Corporation Performance Standards
- ILO Convention on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples No.169

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Suntory Group Human Rights Policy (Japanese)



Suntory Group Human Rights Policy (Simplified Chinese)



Suntory Group Human Rights Policy (Traditional Chinese)



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Suntory Group Human Rights Policy (Thai)



Suntory Group Human Rights Policy (Vietnamese)



### **Sustainable Procurement**

### **Our Policies and Approach**

### Basic Policy on Sustainable Procurement

In order to offer our customers high-quality products and services, Suntory Group recognizes the importance of promoting sustainability throughout our entire supply chain. This means to give due consideration to the environment and society, as well as to safety and reliability. In 2011, in order to promote sustainability in procurement, we established the Suntory Group's Basic Policy on Sustainable Procurement that consists of 6 main pillars - legal compliance, human rights and labor standards, quality, environment, information security, and the coexistence with society - that address global issues such as child labor, forced labor, freedom of association and collective bargaining, working hours, the guarantee of minimum wages, etc. To promote sustainability in collaboration with our business partners, we communicate with them to ensure awareness and seek their understanding.

In order to avoid that our purchasing practices affect negatively the human rights of our suppliers' workers, we agree on estimated lead times in advance with our suppliers, and share our payment terms in advance. We also implement the necessary mechanisms and procedures so that payments are executed on the timeframe agreed with the supplier.

Furthermore, if we identify high human rights risk in one particular ingredient, we review our purchasing practices and strive to reduce the risk. For example, in some of our business units we switch to sustainable-certified palm oil in order to minimize human rights and environmental risks.

### The Suntory Group's Basic Policy on Sustainable Procurement (Established 2011)

In order to provide high-quality products and services safely and reliably based on our corporate philosophy and our Code of Business Ethics, Suntory Group engages in fair business practices and, in collaboration with supply chain business partners, promotes procurement activities that take social responsibility into consideration, mindful of such issues as human rights, labor standards, and the environment.

We build good partnerships with our business partners and contribute toward realizing a truly affluent and sustainable society.

### 1. Legal Compliance and Respect for International Standards of Conduct

We will promote fair and equitable procurement activities that comply with each country's laws and respect international standards of conduct.

### 2. Consideration for Human Rights, Labor, and Safety and Health

We will promote supply chain CSR initiatives that respect basic human rights and are mindful of labor conditions and safety and health.

### 3. Guaranteeing Quality and Safety

Aligned with the Suntory Group Quality Policy, we will promote supply chain CSR initiatives that seek to guarantee a high level of quality and safety based on the optimal standards for quality, cost, and supply.

### 4. Consideration for the Global Environment

Aligned with the Basic Principles of Suntory Group's Environmental Policy, we will promote procurement activities mindful of the global environment.

### 5. Preservation of Information Security

Confidential information regarding procurement dealings and personal information will be strictly controlled.

### 6. Coexistence with Society

We will promote social contribution initiatives directed toward coexisting within society.

Furthermore, as stated in our Human Rights Policy, we require our suppliers to understand and comply with the International Labour Organization (ILO) Tripartite declaration of principles concerning multinational enterprises and social policy and ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work. We expect compliance through the voluntary efforts of our suppliers, even if the ILO principles are not adequately protected by local law.

### **Partner Guidelines**

We have established the Suntory Group Partner Guidelines to realize sustainable procurement throughout the value chain based on Suntory Group's Basic Policy on Sustainable Procurement, since we regard our suppliers and other business partners as those who share the same ethical values, respect human rights, and seek to protect the environment. These guidelines put in place the specific compliance items required in each field, from human rights and legal compliance to the environment, for Suntory Group suppliers and other business partners in Japan and overseas. These guidelines are to confirm that the same ethical values are shared between Suntory Group and our business partners. Compliance with our human rights commitments is a prerequisite for engaging in a business relationship with us, and we require both new and current partners to sign these guidelines. If severe human rights violations that contravene the law are discovered, and communication reveals a lack of willingness from the business partner to improve, this may lead to the termination of the contract. We are promoting joint efforts with suppliers for compliance, such as sharing the Partner Guidelines at guideline meetings or sharing related information through Sedex. In addition, in terms of human rights commitments, we request our partners to cascade down those commitments to their own suppliers.



Suntory Group Partner Guidelines PDF



### Promoting Green Procurement

Green procurement is selecting items and services that consider the environment, such as by not including hazardous substances or efficient use of resources, when selecting ingredients, materials and equipment to purchase.

Suntory Group has established Suntory Group Green Procurement Standard (revised 2011) based on the Suntory Group's Basic Policy on Sustainable Procurement and promotes procurement activities to lower environmental impact in corporation with each business partner.

#### **Suntory Group Green Procurement Standard (revised 2011)**

### 1. Basic policy

Suntory Group strives to purchase ingredients, materials and services that have the lowest environmental impact as possible for items and services used in the Group to build a sustainable society.

#### 2. Prioritized items

- a) Consider not to use environmentally polluting substances, etc.
- b) Consider resource- and energy-saving through use of renewable resources, miniaturization, etc.
- c) Consider resources collection that does not damage the ecosystem
- d) Long-term use is possible through repair, parts replacement, etc.
- e) Whether if it is reusable
- f) Whether if it is design to be recyclable
- g) Whether if it is easy to dispose or treat
- h) Whether if it is environmental information about the item is disclosed
- i) Consider the items is manufactured or sold by business operator that actively engages in environmental preservation such as acquiring ISO14001

### **Promotion Structure**

### Global Sustainability Committee

Suntory Group has established a system for promoting environmental management centered on the Global Sustainability Committee (GSC). Under the supervision of the Chief Sustainability Officer, GSC formulates strategies related to the 7 key themes of sustainability, which include water, climate action, raw ingredients, containers and packaging, health, human rights, and lifestyle culture. GSC also oversees the progress of these strategies and analyzes the business risks and growth opportunities, reporting to the Board of Directors on a quarterly basis.

For more information on the Global Sustainability Committee, see Environmental Management.

### **Our Initiatives**

### Supply Chain-related Human Rights Due Diligence

Suntory Group has established a Basic Policy on Sustainable Procurement, and in collaboration with our business partners, promotes initiatives to respect human rights throughout the supply chain.

In 2019, we joined Sedex, the world's largest ethical information sharing platform for suppliers. We request that our suppliers join Sedex and share information, including SAQ\* participation, to enable us to identify issues, if any.

- \* Self-Assessment Questionnaire
- For more information on supply chain risk assessment, see Respect for Human Rights.

### Activities for Stable Procurement of Raw Ingredients

With regard to agricultural products and other raw ingredients that are essential to our products, we cooperate with business partners across the supply chain, identify social and environmental issues, and promote sustainability initiatives that enable us to grow together, thereby enriching our communities. It is predicted that extreme weather, such as drought and flooding, occurring due to the rise in the Earth's average temperature due to climate change will have a major impact on production activities, including causing fluctuations in production volumes and creating the need to move to other locations which offer suitable cultivation. Furthermore, with the increasing globalization of corporate activities, demand for right responses to social issues is growing, such as consideration for the human rights of people working in the supply chain.

To offer our customers high-quality products and services, at Suntory Group we believe it is crucial to promote sustainability throughout our entire supply chain. This means we need to give due consideration to environment and society, as well as to safety and reliability.

Based on this belief, Suntory Group is formulating long-term strategy and promoting activities for optimum and sustainable procurement throughout the Group.

### **Overview of Long-term Strategy**

The TCFD framework is used to formulate the strategy and we also referred to open scenarios from RCP2.6 (scenarios below 2°C), RCP 8.5 (4°C scenario) from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the International Energy Agency (IEA) for identifying risks and opportunities. The documents, information, and data referred to in this exercise are current as of the time of the review, and the analyses and calculations based on them are subject to uncertainty.

By focusing on our policies such as Environmental Vision toward 2050 and the Suntory Group's Basic Policy on Sustainable Procurement in addition to long-term trends specific to raw ingredients, we aim to create a vision of what we would like raw ingredient procurement to be in the future, find countermeasures based on the gaps between the current situation and be ready to respond to a wider range of social and environmental sustainability issues.

The strategy development is based on the following steps:



#### 1.Selection of important raw ingredients

- Identify ingredients that are particularly important for our business activities.
- Based on the results of the assessments, the ingredients category for which long-term strategies are to be formulated are selected through
  consultations with related parties.
- <Risk assessment process>
- 1) Extraction of important raw ingredients

The impact is defined as the loss of product sales that the business would suffer if there were a problem with the supply of raw ingredients, and raw ingredients with a high impact were extracted as priority raw ingredients, including agricultural products such as barley and corn, the ingredient that undergo a certain processing such as sugar, vitamin C, and oak wood.

#### Risk Assessment

To evaluate the possibility of problems in the supply of the extracted key raw ingredients – the effects of climate change on yield and suitable areas for cultivation, which are considered to have the greatest impact on future supply, were studied and evaluated from the research and statistical perspectives. One of the results is shown in Figure 2. For raw ingredients that undergo a certain amount of processing, the risk assessment considers the impact of climate change on the production area of the base ingredient and the ratio of raw ingredients used in the process. (Example: for sugar, see the results of climate change impact assessment for sugar cane and sugar beet)

Based on the above approach, we found that the yields of agricultural raw ingredients such as barley and corn used in both alcoholic beverages and non-alcoholic beverages, oak and hops used in the alcoholic beverage business, coffee beans used in non-alcoholic beverages, will be significantly impacted in several production areas.

Figure 2: the results of a climate change impact study

4°C temperature increases scenario in 2050: Study of the effects of yield and suitable land on major raw ingredients and production area

Business Sector	Raw material	North America	Latin America	Asia	Europe/Africa	Oceania
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverage	Barley*	Canada Yield∶↓↓			UK Yield: ↓↓ France Yield: ↓↓	
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverage	Corn*	USA Yield∶↓	Brazil Yield:↓	China Yield∶↓↓		

Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverage	Sugarcane <sup>*</sup>		Brazil Yield:†††	Thailand Yield:††		Australia Yield:††
Alcoholic beverage	Oak	USA Wood quantity:		Japan Suitable land: ↓↓↓	Spain Suitable land: ↓↓↓	
Alcoholic beverage	Нор	USA Yield∶ <b>↓</b>			Germany Yield: ↓ Czech Yield: ↓	
Non-alcoholic beverage	Coffee beans		Brazil Yield:   Colombia Yield:   Guatemala Yield:			

<sup>\*</sup> Include origin of processed ingredient

### 3) Formulation of activity plan

Based on the results of the survey, we consulted with the relevant departments and selected the following raw ingredient commodities (see figure below), for which we are promoting activities.



Note) Coffee refers to the results of a climate change impact study on coffee beans. Similarly, sugar refers sugarcane etc. HFCS, vitamin C, and citric acid refer to the results of a climate change impact study on corn.

### 2.Creation of focused teams

• A taskforce consisting of experts within the group from various departments such as research, development, procurement, and quality assurance is formed to work on the selected ingredients

### 3.Building strategy

• Analysis of market, company, and trends by team of experts

- Analysis of future world scenarios and description of the ideal state within those scenarios
- Design of activities by backcasting from the future world back to the present to set issues

#### 4.Strategy monitoring

- Monitoring of signs of scenario change and strategy revision based on prior assumption of change
- Analysis of future world scenarios and description of the ideal state within those scenarios
- Revising road map of strategy building by reevaluating ingredients risk

#### **Strategy Execution**

The long-term strategy formulated by the team of experts is discussed with each operating company to promote its activities. The Global Sustainability Committee, which is an advisory body to the Board of Directors, also discusses the strategy on a regular basis.

#### **Activities in 2024**

#### Strategic Implementation Based on the Roadmap Formulated in 2022

The focused task force set its time axis to 2050 with respect to the relevant raw ingredient categories, and considered publicly available scenarios from the IPCC, IEA, and other organizations. It then considered possible business impacts as of 2050 from an environmental perspective, including the impact of climate change, as well as from a social perspective, including human rights.

As part of the task force discussions, the business impact of future climate change is being assessed using S&P Global's Climanomics platform.\* By the end of 2024, we completed the long-term strategic planning for raw material categories as outlined in our roadmap. Strategy-driven actions include participating in joint research on regenerative agriculture and disease control.

For core raw ingredients, the total business impact of the 4°C scenario as of 2050 is projected to be 8.0 billion yen (Figure. 2). Prices of coffee, oolong tea, corn, and barley are projected to rise due to falling output, raising procurement costs. At the same time, sugarcane and sugar beet prices are projected to decrease on higher output, resulting in a positive business impact.

(Figure.3) Impact on business

Key Raw	Ingredients	Business Impact
00	Coffee	<b>8.0</b> billion yen
	Oolong Tea	<b>0.5</b> billion yen
	Corn	2.5 billion yen
-0000	Barley	2.0 billion yen
	Sugarcane	-4.5 billion yen
	Sugar Beet	-0.5 billion yen

Total: 8.0 billion yen

<sup>\*</sup> Scope of company: Suntory Global Spirits Inc., Suntory Beverage & Food Limited, Suntory Spirits Ltd.

<sup>\*</sup> Currency exchange rate 1USD=146 JPY

<sup>\*</sup> For corn, calculations included alcoholic beverage and food use, including processed raw ingredients

<sup>\*</sup> For barley, calculations were made for alcoholic beverage use only

<sup>\*</sup> Climanomics covers recommended disclosure items in accordance with the TCFD framework, based on comprehensive scientific data. By entering company information (for raw ingredients, purchase amounts) into the service, one can determine at a glance which company assets and crop-growing areas are likely to be impacted by climate change at any time up to 2100, and which areas are potentially at risk.\*

### **Example of Activities Derived from Specific Strategies**

Addressing human rights issues such as forced labor and child labor, as well as environmental issues including reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from agriculture, restoring soil biodiversity, and effectively using water, is becoming increasingly important upstream in the supply chain.

Suntory Group is engaged in a range of initiatives within our supply chain, in collaboration with production areas, to realize sustainable agriculture.

### 1.Participation in Sustainable Agriculture Initiatives

We are further promoting sustainable raw ingredient procurement by undertaking such initiatives as building networks, and engaging in collaboration, with companies and private organizations that are leaders in sustainable agriculture.

### (1) Sustainable Agriculture Initiative (SAI) Platform

Recognizing the need for enhanced sustainability of agricultural raw ingredients cultivation, Suntory Group became the first Japanese company to join the Sustainable Agriculture Initiative Platform, an international organization launched in 2002.

For more information, see "Suntory Group Joins the Sustainable Agriculture Initiative (SAI) Platform"

#### (2) VIVE

We are a member of VIVE, an international organization supporting sustainable procurement of agricultural products, mainly sugarcane, based on our sugar strategy. We were the first Japanese company to join this organization.

For more information, see "Suntory Group Joins International Organization VIVE to contribute to sustainable sugarcane procurement"

### 2.Sustainable Sugar Procurement Initiatives

We are implementing the following 10 initiatives for sustainable agriculture in our supply chain.

No.	Raw Ingredients	Source	Details of Initiative
1	Coffee	Guatemala	Promoting Sustainable Procurement in Upstream Supply Chain for Coffee <guatemala></guatemala>
2	Coffee	Brazil	Promoting Sustainable Procurement in Upstream Supply Chain for Coffee <brazil></brazil>
3	Coffee	Uganda	Promoting Sustainable Procurement in Upstream Supply Chain for Coffee < Uganda >
4	Corn	USA	<ul> <li>Collaborating with Corn Farmers to Pioneer Regenerative Agriculture</li> </ul>
5	Barley	UK	Initiative to Procure Malting Barley Produced through     Regenerative Agriculture
6	Sugarcane	Thailand	Suntory Launches Low Carbon Sugarcane Farming Project in Thailand in Collaboration with VIVE Programme and KTIS
7	Agave	Mexico	_
8	Blackcurrant	UK	Supporting Sustainable Agriculture of Blackcurrant Farmers
9	Grape	Japan	Challenging Climate Change with a New Cultivation Technique for Wine Grapes

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Oranges

France

For orange disease countermeasures, we carry out joint research with CIRAD (the French agricultural research and cooperation organization working for the sustainable development of tropical and Mediterranean regions)

#### **Next Steps**

Based on the formulated strategy, we will consider and promote initiatives for regenerative agriculture, which is expected to have mitigation and adaptation effects for high climate change risk ingredients or high GHG emission risk ingredients in the future.

In Strategy Monitoring, we will periodically check for the occurrence of events such as the junctures of multiple possible scenarios and the success of technological innovations necessary to achieve the desired goals. This will enable us to capture important changes as much as possible in advance and revise the strategy to incorporate them.

We will also revise road map of strategy building by regular reevaluating ingredients risk.

### Collaboration with Suppliers

Suntory Group is promoting pioneering initiatives in collaboration with diverse partners to reduce GHG emissions and address environmental and social challenges, such as human rights, throughout the value chain.

### Initiative to Procure Malting Barley Produced through Regenerative Agriculture

To reduce GHG emissions originating in raw ingredients, Suntory Group is collaborating with malt supplier Muntons, agricultural consulting firm Future Food Solutions, and barley farmers, and implementing a range of initiatives in a project to procure barley for malting produced through regenerative agriculture\*1 In the United Kingdom.

Through agricultural approaches such as the use of cover crops\*2 and no-till farming, the project hopes to reduce GHG emissions from agriculture by 50% within 5 years compared to conventional approaches, while regenerating soil biodiversity, enhancing soil fertility, reducing chemical fertilizer and pesticide use, and using water more effectively.



- \*1 Agricultural methods that focus on enhancing soil fertility by regenerating its ecosystem to make crop production sustainable
- \*2 Cover crops that can enhance soil fertility by supplying organic matter to the soil, preventing erosion, etc.

### **Collaboration with Green Tea Production Area**

In order to promote the sustainable procurement of tea leaves used for green tea beverages, Suntory Group has launched a long-term initiative in collaboration with tea production area. Collaborating with Kuma Regional Agricultural Cooperative (JA Kuma), we have succeeded in reducing GHG emissions by more than 30%\*compared to the conventional method by introducing an environmentally friendly process in the tea leaf production process at JA Kuma

We will continue to pursue high-quality tea production and contribute to the continuation of tea production in the region and the training of successors in tea farming.

\* Emissions per unit production weight in the production of green tea raw ingredients in the process from leaves to Aracha tea



### **Supporting Sustainable Agriculture of Blackcurrant Farmers**

Suntory Beverage & Food Great Britain and Ireland (SBF GB&I) manufactures and sells Ribena, a soft drink loved by many in Europe and other regions. 90% of the blackcurrants grown in the UK are used by this iconic juice drink brand. SBF GB&I began supporting sustainable agriculture of blackcurrant farmers in UK from 2004. SBF GB&I employs agronomists, that directly advice farmers and design biodiversity plans according

to the biological habitat of each farm and surrounding area to protect the ecosystem of rivers and wetlands.

We also conduct research on new species of blackcurrant that are resilient to climate change. Ben Lawers, a new variety of blackcurrant that is more resilient to climate change, was harvested in 2020. This success was the result of a long-term joint research with the James Hutton Institute, a research institute for agriculture.





Sustainability Stories - Protecting UK Blackcurrants and Their Growers: Sustainable Agriculture Support Program

### **Promoting Sustainable Procurement in Upstream Supply Chain for Coffee**

#### Guatemala

Suntory Group is supporting Guatemala coffee export company Unex in promoting their "farmer aid" program aimed at helping coffee farmers tackle different environmental and social challenges and strengthen the sustainability of the coffee beans they produce. The program is based on 4 pillars: health, education, sustainability, and climate change. In 2022, Suntory group financially supported this program in 2 ways:



### (1) Child care center in Alotenango

This child care center is open during school holidays (from October to January) and is used as a free education and recreation place for coffee farmer's children, and also serves the purpose of minimizing the risk of child labor by taking care of the children during harvesting season. The center also provides medical services to both children and their parents.



### (2) Coffee Farmer Training in Santa Barbara

We are supporting the current sustainable practices of the farm via training providing which benefits small producers to strengthen their coffee production and improve their families livelihood. We also empower women through farming practice trainings in order to contribute to a better livelihood for them and their families. Through the farmer aid sponsorship, we are being able to create positive impact on approximately 300 families, including children, in Guatemala.



### Brazil

In order to expand our human rights due diligence efforts to upper tiers of our supply chain, we are formalizing a partnership with Itochu and their local partner in Brazil, Sucafina, to start a pilot program to assess and support coffee farmers in the Cerrado region of Brazil. The pilot leverages Sucafina's responsible sourcing program "IMPACT," and is founded on 5 main pillars: carbon emissions, deforestation, human rights, living income, and regenerative agriculture. IMPACT standard verification ensures compliance with 80 social, environmental, and economic standards modelled on the Global Coffee Platform's Sustainability Reference

Code, with independent audits done every 3 years. Regarding human rights, IMPACT has key indicators such as health and wellbeing, forced labor, child labor, freedom of association, grievance, working hours, discrimination and land rights. From now on we will monitor and improve the working conditions of the targeted farms during the initial 3 years of this pilot.



### Sometimes information, visit the Sucafina website. ☐

#### Uganda

To promote environmental (GHG reduction, etc.) and human rights due diligence activities for coffee farmers in Africa, Suntory Group participated in a pilot program to evaluate and support coffee farmers in Uganda. The program, which included an examination of local conditions, was conducted by MC Agri Alliance and Olam, a Singapore-based general agricultural trading company.

This pilot program utilizes Olam's AtSource sustainable procurement program to evaluate and support farmer activities to give farming guidance for enhanced livelihoods, plant trees to reduce GHG emissions and prevent deforestation, provide guidance on efficient fuel use, and improve farmers' livelihood infrastructure.

Farmers targeted by the program have virtually no gas, electricity, or water supply infrastructure, living instead by storing rainwater and burning wood. The project is providing infrastructure to support farmers' livelihood income through agricultural guidance on how to plant crops in addition to coffee that are self-sufficient and have high cash value, including bananas, soybeans, cotton, sesame, and corn, as well as improving the sanitary conditions for rainwater by installing water purification filters in order to provide safe water. Moreover, the labor involved in making firewood and cooking is not only a significant burden for women but also leads to GHG emissions and deforestation. As a measure to mitigate these impacts, we provide cooking stoves. We also conducted interviews regarding educational and medical structures for children, who make up the majority of farmers. We were able to verify that, while such school infrastructure as classrooms with desks and chairs is progressively improving, some schools lack textbooks and computers, and efforts to expand medical facilities face challenges.

AtSource conducts third-party audits to evaluate support initiatives and their effectiveness. This ongoing monitoring makes possible continuous initiatives to help target farmers.







### Engagement with Local Coffee Farm to Improve Community Resilience

Suntory Group procures a portion of its coffee beans, from the "Fazenda Bau" farm, which is a specialty coffee farm in Minas Gerais, Brazil, as we aim for the highest quality and sustainable supply of coffee beans. Fazenda Bau has acquired international sustainable certifications, and their thorough quality management and workplace environment are highly praised.



Fazenda Bau has been engaging in a wide range of activities to promote sustainability, turning their attention to labor practices and the labor environment, conducting efforts such as courses on the health and safety of employees, as well as courses about motivation and human relationships in the workplace, among other initiatives. Environmental conservation activities such as separating trash and comprehensive management of the water intake as well as tree planting initiatives show their awareness regarding their impact on the environment. In addition, the Fazenda Bau have been engaging in a support project at a neighboring school since 2011 with the purpose of contributing to the local community.







### Joint research for controlling orange diseases

Suntory Group is participating in a joint research by France's CIRAD on controlling orange diseases, with a focus on citrus greening disease, considered to be one factor in declining orange yields.

Citrus greening is a bacterial disease that infects citrus fruits such as oranges. It causes a deterioration in fruit quality, including shape and taste. Orange harvests have been steadily declining in recent years, with citrus greening disease said to be one of the reasons. This joint research is taking place over a six-year period from 2024 and involves developing and cultivating orange varieties with improved resistance to citrus greening disease. Verification of adaptability will be done sequentially in Spain, Brazil, and other countries.

### Supplier Engagement and Educational Activities

Suntory Group strives to promote sustainable procurement together with all of its business partners in the supply chain. In addition to providing education to our employees, we hold annual policy briefings for our major business partners, such as raw material suppliers, contract manufacturers, and logistics partners. We are promoting better awareness and support for sustainability initiatives within each company or in cooperation with the Suntory Group by introducing Suntory Group initiatives and providing questionnaires.

#### **Collaboration with Logistics Partners**

The Safety Promotion Committee, launched in collaboration with our logistics partners, promotes initiatives to ensure safety, environmental friendliness, and risk management. A safety promotion convention is held each year for those across Japan involved in transportation and delivery. The convention provides thorough safety education via study sessions and contests along with information sharing through outstanding case studies. Awards are presented to outstanding drivers and operation bases to raise awareness of the safety management system.

We are also working to strengthen our transportation and delivery safety management system by promoting the acquisition of G Mark Certification, which certifies business locations that have achieved safety excellence and reliability. This certification system is operated by Japan's Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT).

### **Industry Collaboration Initiatives**

Suntory Group participates in the Consumer Goods Forum Japan\*, which promotes distribution networks of consumer goods across the industry, to reduce the environmental impact of the Suntory supply chain.

\* The Consumer Goods Forum Japan is an organization primarily made up of companies in the consumer goods distribution industry that engages in cooperative manufacturing, distribution and sales efforts to address common challenges in non-competitive industries in Japan.

### Rigorously Engaging in Fair and Equitable Business Practices with Business Partners

In our dealings with business partners, we provide each company with an opportunity for equitable competition in keeping with our Purchasing Control Regulations and our Business Partner Selection Standards, based on the Suntory Group's Basic Policy on Sustainable Procurement. At the same time, we fairly evaluate efforts regarding the quality and supply capabilities of the products and services, financial status, assured safety, environmental conservation, and social contribution of each company, when we select new suppliers or determine whether to continue business with our existing business partners.

By joining forces with our business partners as mutually reliable partners, we aim to provide products and services that delight our customers.

Suntory Group Code of Business Ethics

# **Learning & Development**

### **Our Approach**

The Suntory Group takes a medium-to-long-term approach to human resource development and strive to present opportunities for growth to all of our employees, regardless of nationality, age, etc.

### •Providing new challenges through growth fields (by business, region and function)

The Suntory Group started out as a merchant in foreign liquors and expanded into beer, soft drinks, health foods, dining, flowers, and many other areas of business. We also grew internationally out of Japan, and today we do business as a manufacturer in the Americas, Europe, Asia, and Oceania, extending across functions and the value chain. As the corporate group develops further in global foods and liquors, we aim to provide ongoing opportunities for career challenges and growth for all employees through our company-wide talent development system.

# •Suntory University—a place for Suntory employees worldwide to learn, develop skills, and absorb the corporate philosophy

The Suntory Group opened Suntory University in April 2015 for employees to strengthen our framework for day-to-day learning and build a culture of learning—for developing talent within the group. Suntory University develops a variety of programs for all employees in the group based on four aspects—cultivating a culture of self-development and continued personal growth, sharing and implementing the founding spirit, leadership development, and skills development for the future.

- For more information on our Human Resource Development, DEI, and Health Management, see Group global People and Culture initiatives.

# **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion**

### **Our Approach**

The Suntory Group aims to drive growth by encouraging, learning from, and integrating the experiences and perspectives of each individual, regardless of gender, nationality, or age. By leveraging our diverse personalities, perspectives, and strengths as a team, we strive to continue creating new value and providing better products and services to our customers.

We are promoting our initiatives based on the Suntory Group's shared "DEI Vision."



- For more information on our Human Resource Development, DEI, and Health Management, see Group global People and
- We publish the Suntory Human Capital Report, which outlines the human capital strategies and human resources policies of the Suntory Group. (in Japanese)

# **Health & Safety**

### **Our Approach**

### The Suntory Group's Aim for Health Management

We believe that the health of our employees and their families is the source of workplace energy and innovation at the Suntory Group. Based on this, we aim to maintain good working conditions for all of our employees—conditions that promote positive motivation at work and excellent mental and physical health. In 2016 we set forth a Health Management Declaration, and have been implementing various measures since, led by our Global Chief Health Officer, in association with the Suntory Health Insurance Association and the Suntory Union.

### Health Management Declaration (Established in 2016)

Based on the idea that the health of our employees and their families is the source of the Suntory Group's challenge and innovation, we aim to have all employees work in a healthy and motivated state, both physically and mentally.

### **Basic Policy**

- We will promote the creation of a foundation for employee health by improving the workplace environment and through work style reform.
- We will work to improve health literacy by providing health information and individual support to employees.
- We will work to improve lifestyle habits and promote physical health through prevention, early detection, and support for balancing work and family life.
- We will provide support so that each employee can understand about mental health and take appropriate care.
- Through these efforts, we aim to help our employees and their families realize enriched, fulfilling lives.



### Significance of Health Management

Working to maintain and improve the health of employees and their families will lead to more time for both personal and professional enrichment. As a result, business performance improves, allowing for further investment in human resources and in resolving social issues, such as environmental investment. By promoting health management, we will realize our aspiration of Growing for Good.

## Maintain and promote the health of employees and their families

- · Expansion of health measures and support
- · Health autonomy for each individual



## Public and Private Enrichment Expansion of time

- · Innovative Activities
- · Increased productivity
- · Lower health care costs



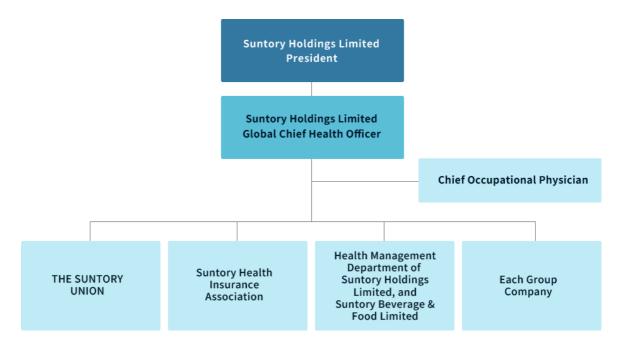


# Growing for Good Performance Improvement

- · Investment in human resources (health, career, etc.)
- · Expansion of environment and other Good activities

## **Promoting Structure**

## **Health and Productivity Management Promoting Structure**



#### **Major Health and Productivity Management Meetings**

Meeting name	Main attendees		Meetings per year	Description
Consultative meeting with management	<ul> <li>Global Chief Health Officer (GCHO)</li> <li>Director in charge of human resources</li> <li>Chief occupational physician</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Nursing staff</li> <li>Persons in charge of health management department</li> </ul>	2	Confirmation of company policies and health status, discussion related to future health measures, etc.

Health Management Promotion Committee	<ul> <li>Suntory Health         Insurance Association     </li> <li>Chief occupational         physician     </li> <li>Nursing staff</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Suntory Union</li> <li>Persons in charge of health management department</li> </ul>	3	Evaluation and discussion of Suntory Health Insurance Association's health services and activities throughout the year
Group-Company Human Resource Managers' Meeting	<ul> <li>Persons in charge of human resources at group companies</li> <li>Nursing staff</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Persons in charge of health management department</li> </ul>	1	Confirmation of the health of employees at each group company and health measures being promoted, and discussion to make improvements
Company-wide Health and Safety Committee	<ul><li>Chief occupational physician</li><li>Suntory Union</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Persons in charge of labor affairs in the human resources department</li> <li>Persons in charge of health management department</li> </ul>	1	Confirmation of the health of employees throughout the company and the status of health measures being promoted, and discussion with Suntory Union headquarters to make improvements
Nationwide Conference of Health Managers and Promoters	<ul> <li>Occupational health managers and occupational health promoters at each business site</li> <li>Chief occupational physician</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Nursing staff</li> <li>Persons in charge of health management department</li> </ul>	1	Confirmation of the health of employees at each business site and the status of health measures being promoted, and discussion to make improvements

Safety is one of our criteria for evaluating worksite performance at our plants. Our Health and Safety Committee, which includes employee representatives, plays a central role in the promotion of activities that, based on the discussions with employees, are customized to match the characteristics and circumstances of each worksite. We will continue working to increase employee awareness and to improve their safety during working hours and commuting with the goal of zero occupational health and safety accidents.

For more information on our occupational safety achievements, see the List of achievements data.

## **Targets and Progress**

## 2030 Mid-term Goals

	FY2023 Results	FY2030 Target
Percentage of people with exercise habits *1	55.5%	80%
Percentage of regular eating habits (breakfast intake, early dinner)	67.9%	80%
Percentage of people who can rest on their sleep	75.2%	90%
Percentage of non-smokers	83.1%	95%
Percentage of people who practice DrinkSmart **2	65.9%	90%
Result of stress checks Ratio of low-stress	92.8%	95.0%
Presenteeism * 3	80.3%	90%

<sup>\*1</sup> At least one day off per week

<sup>\*2</sup> Those that answered "Already working on it" for a question "Do you plan to improve your lifestyle habit such as exercising and daily diet?".

## **Our Initiatives**

## **Health Consultation Support System**

Suntory has introduced a nurse in charge system where nurses are assigned to all business locations to support all employees. The nurse in charge acts as a contact point for employee consultations, while industrial physicians, psychiatrist, clinical psychotherapists, and others work together to provide consultation services and support to allow employees to work while maintaining good health.

In addition to our in-house occupational health staff, we have also set up external consultation services such as the E-Partner Consultation Service, which provides consultation on private family issues, and First Call, an online service that provides medical consultations 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.



Internal Consultation Services	With Nurse	Provides support as a person deeply familiar with each employee through daily contact, including health interviews.
	With Occupational Physician	With the supervising occupational physician taking a central role, occupational physicians provide post-treatment measures for regular health checkups, guidance for various interviews, and support for balancing treatment and work.
	With Psychiatrist	Psychiatrists who are familiar with mental health issues in the workplace work together with occupational physicians and nurses to support employees.
	With Clinical Psychotherapist	Counseling based on psychological knowledge is provided to care for employees who are troubled to help them resolve their problems.
External Consultation Services	EAP	An external consultation service that allows employees to consult with an external counselor about a variety of issues, including personal and family problems.
	Online chat-based consultation service	An online service that allows employees to consult with a doctor via chat or video phone 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

<sup>\*1</sup> AP (Employees Assistance Program): An employee support program provided by businesses outside the company. In response to consultations from companies, the program provides stress diagnosis, counseling (telephone counseling, e-mail counseling, and face-to-face counseling), medical recommendations, mental health education and training, consultation for human resources and managers, and programs to support an employee's return to work.

## **Various Measures**

As a foundation for all activities, we conduct not only regular health checkups, but also health consultations with employees conducted by inhouse nurses to support individual health maintenance and encourage participation in measures tailored to each employee's condition.

#### **Work Environment Creation/Health Literacy Training**

We are working on health literacy education to foster health awareness among the younger generation and those who are not currently experiencing any health issues. In the monthly Healthma newsletter distributed by our nursing staff, we try to make people feel closer to health by introducing health information and measures. We also strive to provide opportunities for health seminars for the entire company, as well as seminars for each office in line with the issues they face.

We promote health management while firmly connecting that management to work style innovation.

#### Physical Health - Efforts for improving daily habits

Since daily lifestyle habits such as eating habits, exercise, sleep, alcohol consumption, and smoking are deeply related to the onset and progression of diseases, various measures are implemented to improve and maintain lifestyle habits. In addition to specific health guidance, we also provide guidance comparable to specific health guidance to those under 40 years old who are subject to the same criteria, and are making efforts to raise awareness among the younger generation. At the same time, we are actively recommending that they undergo re-examinations and precision examinations, and are also working to support early detection and balance health and wellness.







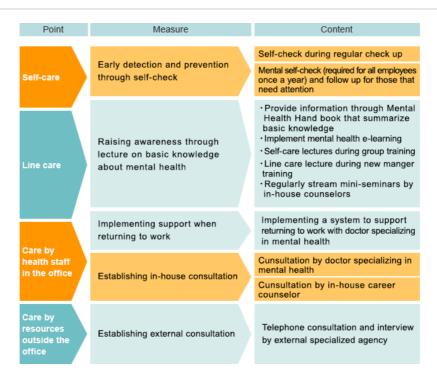




#### **Mental Health - Initiatives for Mental Health**

We have created two mental health management initiatives for the prevention and early detection of mental health problems: our self-care initiatives which aim to make employees aware of stress and take appropriate measures to counter it, and our line-care initiatives in which managers strive to improve the working environment and provide individual counseling. We are properly engaged in various health care efforts that include self-care in group training, courses in employee care overseen by a line manager, introduction of complete stress checks and counseling through clinical psychologist. We have also put in place a return to work support system for employees on leave to smoothly return to work.

#### **Examples of Mental Health Care Initiatives**



#### **Content of the Policy**

One Suntory Walk is a program aimed to raise awareness of health among the participants and make exercise a habit through competing the number of steps they take within a month. The program has been held every year since 2017 targeting all Suntory employees, totaling approximately 40,000. This event is considered to be an event that unite Suntory globally and help promote health management. Engaging in sustainability of water, source of Suntory Group's business activities, at a global scale is put forth as message and core aspect of the event to raise awareness among the employees.



#### Three Core Aspects of the Event



#### 2023 activity results

One of the participants commented that awareness toward number of steps taken raise during October along with the will to increase them. In addition, walking rallies are held independently at each office at the same time, proving that the exercise is becoming a habit through events. We will continue to hold this event every year with "October is One Suntory Walk month" as the slogan.

- Number of participants: 7,538
- Steps taken and distances traveled: 13.49billionsteps (1,028,203km)
- Participating countries: 30
- Total donations: 75,380 USD
   10USD was donated per participant to Charity Water
  - Charity Water ☐





Photo posted on the bulletin board by a participant

- For more information on our Health Management, we publish the Suntory Annual Health, Labour and Welfare Report in Japanese.
- We publish the Suntory Human Capital Report, which outlines the human capital strategies and human resources policies of the Suntory Group. (in Japanese) ▲

## **Positive Choices**

## **Our Policies and Approach**

As a consumer-oriented company, Suntory Group aims to contribute to their overall well-being and joy in life. Through our diverse business activities, including soft drinks, health foods, and alcoholic beverages, we provide products and services while driving innovation to create value. We support enriched and fulfilling lives tailored to the various life stages of consumers.

## Soft Drinks

In addition to leveraging Japan-led research on and development of "natural and healthy" beverages, Suntory Beverage & Food addresses health and wellness concerns through beverages to allow consumers to make positive choices in pursuit of a natural, healthy, convenient and rich lifestyle.

#### Suntory Beverage & Food Limited Health Policy

- 1. In order to satisfy the health needs of consumers worldwide, we will continue to expand our portfolio of products which satisfy your taste buds, body and mind, as well as provide services to contribute to healthy and positive lifestyles.
- 2. We will perform research that contributes to the health of consumers and will develop more natural, healthy products for world by using the expertise we have cultivated in Japan over many years in developing beverages which are sugar-free, low-sugar, and fortified for better health.
- 3. We will base labeling and communication on the guidelines from government agencies and industry groups in each country and region, and will endeavor to make it easier for consumers to select healthy beverages.
- 4. We will contribute to solving global health issues through joint research with external specialized institutions and through other communication with various stakeholders.

## Alcoholic Beverages

As a provider of alcoholic beverages including beer, wine and spirits, Suntory Group seeks to inspire human connections and to celebrate the milestones of our lives. To this end, we are committed to promoting the moderate consumption of our products and encouraging responsible choices surrounding alcohol. With our Drink Smart alcohol responsibility program as a core, we work both within Suntory Group and in partnership with industry peers and other partners to reduce harmful consumption of alcohol, including overconsumption, driving under the influence, underage drinking, and drinking during and after pregnancy. We also offer non-alcoholic and low-alcoholic products to meet customer preferences and support healthy lifestyles.

Responsible Consumption - Suntory Group's Principle and Course of Action

## Health Foods

With an aim to realize a society where everyone, even as they age, can live a full and fulfilling life being true to themselves, Suntory Wellness supply health foods and beauty products to a total of over 2 million customers annually through mail order. To help customers begin to live a

wellness life – a healthy, beautiful and fulfilling life, we offer reliable products harnessing the power of nature that are scientifically proven to provide health benefits, through a heart-to-heart dialogue with each customer.

#### **Our Initiatives**

## Soft Drinks

#### Expanding Our Lineup of Products that are Healthy for the Mind and Body

For decades, the expansion of the world beverage market has been largely driven by consumer demand especially for carbonated beverages, which contain large amounts of sugar. In recent years, there has been an accelerating shift in demand toward healthier and more natural beverages. Utilizing knowledge gained through many years of research in Japan regarding the development of low- and no-sugar beverages (such as tea and water), we are developing new beverages that are healthy for the mind and body. In Vietnam and Thailand we released Tea+ Oolong Tea, an oolong tea with Oolong Tea Polymerized Polyphenols (OTPP) that reduce fat absorption and mitigate the raise of neutral fat in blood. These products have been received positively by customers.

One of the products we have released in Europe is MayTea, a low-sugar iced tea. MayTea comes in a variety of flavors and was developed using Suntory's expertise and technologies in tea products. In addition to beverages, we also offer heath foods. Under the BRAND's umbrella, we offer the much-loved Essence of Chicken supplement drink in Thailand and other Asian countries. Essence of Chicken is an all-natural extract made of fine quality chicken without artificial chemicals or preservatives.

We are developing products that contain amounts as minimal as possible of sugar, artificial coloring, and artificial flavoring.

In Europe, we have set a target to reduce the use of sugar in all our products by 35% by 2025 compared to 2015. We have already made progress toward this goal, and as the end of 2023, we have succeeded in reducing the amount of sugar used in our products by 26% compared to 2015.

We are also working to develop natural solutions that will increase value while preserving the uniqueness of our beverages. In 2023, we were able to achieve significant sugar reductions for Schweppes and Lucozade.

Alongside reducing sugar use, we are expanding our healthy product lines by actively investing in low-calorie brands.

In Oceania, we aim to increase the portion of our portfolio that is low- and no-sugar to 1/3 by 2030. As a roadmap for achieving this goal, our strategy involves 1) leveraging Suntory Group know-how to lower sugar content, 2) introducing greater choice through new products, and 3) continuing to develop small-volume sizes. By the end of 2022, we had moved to lower sugar content in our energy drinks, particularly for V, and one in six drinks we sold was already low- or no-sugar.





#### Developing Food for Specified Health Uses and Foods with Function Claims to Address Health Issues

To help address social issues such as the rise in lifestyle diseases like obesity and high blood pressure, we offer a variety of products in Japan known as Food for Specified Health Uses (FOSHU) with proven benefits backed by research. This lineup includes Kuro Oolong Tea OTPP, developed based on research showing oolong tea's polymerized polyphenols have the effect of inhibiting fat absorption; Suntory Goma Mugicha (barley tea), suited for people with high blood pressure; Pepsi Special Zero, which inhibits fat absorption; and Tokucha (FOSHU Iyemon), the world's first drink to clarify the lipolytic action of quercetin glucoside. The



portfolio also includes a wide variety of other products such as Iyemon Plus, a functional claim beverage that can lower LDL cholesterol. While seeking to eliminate negative health impacts and contribute positively to our customers' well-being, we also emphasize great taste, focusing on developing products to ensure that our products are both healthy and great-tasting.

#### **Reducing Artificial Colorings and Flavors**

We are focusing on developing products that use a minimal amount of artificial colorings and flavors.

In Europe, we have set a target to remove artificial colorings and flavors by 2025. Recipe changes in 2023 resulted in 86% of all our products being free of artificial colors. Additionally, 73% of our beverages use natural flavors, and in France, our product Oasis was renewed to a recipe which uses less sugar and only 100% natural ingredients.



#### **Appropriate Information Disclosure**

Suntory Group strives to offer information related to safety and reliability to consumers in an appropriate and timely manner. We also indicate information on product labels, commercials, and ads in a way that is clear and avoid misunderstanding. Furthermore, Suntory Group's Code of Business Ethics stipulates that we must conduct responsible marketing as a corporate group that offers diverse products and services. We promote the display of accurate product information in a way that is accessible and easily understood by consumers. In order to ensure the

We promote the display of accurate product information in a way that is accessible and easily understood by consumers. In order to ensure the accuracy of product information, we collaborate with the related divisions in charge of development and production, and also confirm the compliancy and accuracy of disclosed information through our Quality Assurance Division.

In Japan, we investigate ingredients to determine the necessity of displaying nutritional information, such as energy, carbohydrates, and sodium equivalent, as well as allergens. We are sure to include not just the 8 items required by law to be shown on our labels, but the 20 items recommended to be displayed.

Suntory Beverage & Food Europe (SBFE) is a signatory to standards and guidelines for responsible marketing and labeling practices.

In Oceania, we have adopted the Health Star Rating System\* to provide easier-to-understand information that helps customers select products.

\* Health Star Rating System... A front-of-pack labeling system that ranks and labels packaged food's overall nutrition profile from half a star to five stars.



#### **Responsible Marketing**

SBFE takes the following initiatives for responsible marketing.

#### UNESDA

We are signatory to UNESDA's\* responsible marketing in schools program. In strict compliance with UNESDA guidelines, we do not sell or advertise soft drinks in primary schools. For lower secondary schools where sales are permitted, only sugar-free or low-calorie soft drinks are available, and only from unbranded vending machines without logos or commercial messages.

#### **EU Code of Conduct on Responsible Food Business and Marketing Practices**

We are a founding signatory to the 2021 EU Code of Conduct on Responsible Food Business and Marketing Practices. Through annual filings, we report on our progress regarding sustainability commitments, including our efforts to reduce sugar content.

Our commitments towards reformulation of our drinks, food waste reduction and the creation of sustainable packaging fully support the EU's objective to place healthier products on the market and to support the transition towards a circular economy.

#### **Marketing Code of Conduct**

SBFE does not market directly to children under the age of 16 in any country where we sell our products. This restriction is in accordance with our own SBFE Responsible Code of Marketing and Communications, which was established in December 2023. We also implement initiatives in line with the policies of the countries and regions in which we operate.

#### Spain

As a member of the Association for the Self-Regulation of Commercial Communication (Autocontrol), we follow the association's code of advertising practice for all our commercial communications.

#### ПК

We created our own code of conduct for marketing, which includes a commitment not to directly market products categorized as high in fat, sugar and salt (HFSS) to consumers under the age of 16 (18 in Ireland).

#### France

We volunteered in 2009 to not communicate on screens or in magazines aimed specifically at children under the age of 12. Since 2013, our commitments go further because we prohibit all advertising in generalist programs where children constitute more than 35% of the audience. In addition to providing clear nutritional labeling to help consumers make healthier choices, we have developed educational content on our website for reference portions based on recommendations from the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES).

#### Oceania

Rules stipulate that children are not to be targeted with respect to products that contain a large amount sugar, such as carbonated beverages. Only water is sold directly to primary and intermediate schools in New Zealand. We are also a member of the Healthy Kids Industry Pledge in partnership with the New Zealand government.

\* UNESDA = Union of EU (European Union) Soft Drinks Associations

#### **Organic Product Initiatives**

In Japan, Suntory Beverage & Food has released limited-edition products made exclusively from organic ingredients, including Craft Boss Special Soy and Milk Latte made with organic coffee beans and Craft Boss Tasty Sugar-Free Black Tea using organic tea leaves and organic lemon juice.

#### **Proposal of Healthier Lifestyle**

In accordance with our aim to be a company which promotes consumer well-being, we launched the "100 Year Life Project" in 2018 in Japan. This project supports consumers in their efforts to achieve healthy and positive lifestyles in line with their own goals. We also promote joint research with external experts, conduct research and development to strengthen our portfolio of beverages that address lifestyle diseases, and run programs to improve lifestyle habits.

In Europe, we published the Moving on Health and Wellbeing Report and are promoting various initiatives such as providing active lifestyle programs to approximately one million people, reducing the amount of sugar used in our major brands by half, engaging with employees to develop more effective health programs in the office, and promoting the physical and mental wellbeing of all employees in the workplace.

## Alcoholic Beverages

In addition to raising awareness regarding responsible drinking, Suntory Group strives to promote non-alcoholic drinks for a broad range of adult consumers of legal drinking age to enjoy without worrying about the effects of alcohol. In 2010, we launched "ALL-FREE and in 2011 "Non-aru-kibun", pioneering the creation of a market for non-alcoholic beverages with an alcohol content of 0.00%. In recent years, we have expanded our product lineup with the release of "All Free for Your Body," a food with functional claims that responds to growing health consciousness, "Non-aru-banshaku Lemon Sour Non-alcoholic," a lemon sour-flavored beverage, and "Non-alu-de-wine-no-kyujitsu," a new wine-flavored non-alcoholic beverage.



For more information, see Responsible Drinking

## **Health Foods**

#### Sesamin - From Elucidation of Function to the Launch of Heath Food Product

Taking on the challenge of clarifying the functions of sesame, which has been known to be good for health, we have scientifically proven the health benefits of "Sesamin," one of the sesame lignans found in a small amount in sesame seeds. We commercialized it into our first health food product in 1993.

Subsequently, we launched "Sesamin EX," a powered-up version that combines vitamin E, tocotrienols, and brown rice-derived ingredient "Oryza Plus."

Suntory Wellness also sells a variety of other health food products such as "DHA & EPA + Sesamin EX," "Locomoa," and "Omega Aid."

▶ For more information, see Suntory Wellness (Japanese)



#### Making Each Customer's Lifestyle Shine Throughout Their Lives

As customers grow older, their health conditions, way of living and purpose in life changes, resulting in greater diversity of lifestyles. At Suntory Wellness, we help customers of all ages live full and bright lives, by providing products and services that meet their individual needs throughout their lives, leveraging the power of science that we have cultivated over many years, the power of communication we have mastered through our close engagement with customers, as well as the latest digital technology.

With this in mind, Suntory Wellness promotes the "Be supporters!" project which is built around the concept of "providing opportunities to shine for everyone who wants to be excited no matter how old they are." This project aims to make people who usually need support for daily lives such as elderly people living in nursing care facilities and people with dementia, become healthy both physically and mentally by encouraging them to become supporters of a local soccer club.



▶ For more information, visit Suntory Wellness's official Be Supporters! website (Japanese)

#### **Promoting Communication with Customers**

We are delivering a wide range of information to customers through our website and booklets.



Suntory Global Innovation Center website



Healthy Drink NAVI website



Suntory Wellness website (Japanese)

- ▶ Healthy Drink NAVI website ☐
- Suntory Wellness website (Japanese) ☐

## **Responsible Drinking**

## **Our Policies and Approach**

As a company dedicated to the responsible manufacturing and sales of alcoholic beverages, we play an proactively address the issues around alcohol-related harms.

## Our way of Approach

The World Health Organization (WHO) has identified harmful drinking as one of the four major risk factors for non-communicable diseases (NCDs), including cardiovascular disease, cancer, chronic respiratory disease, and diabetes. In turn, the WHO adopted the "Global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol" at its World Health Assembly held in May 2010. In response, Suntory formulated an action plan for our global strategy in 2013. This included the goal of reducing harmful use of alcohol by at least 10%, which was later raised to 20% in the second action plan in 2022. Alcohol issues are garnering more attention globally, with frameworks being established to support specific efforts in each country.

Following this global trend, in Japan the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare took the lead to pass the "Basic Act on Measures against Alcohol-related Harm" in 2013 and to formulate the "Basic Plan for Promotion of Measures against Alcohol-related Harm" in 2016. The Basic Plan focuses on the issues of thoroughly disseminating knowledge about the risks associated with alcohol consumption, to prevent the occurrence of alcohol-related health problems in the future, and to establish a seamless support system ranging from prevention and consultation regarding alcohol-related health problems to treatment and support for recovery. The government is working together with local governments, medical institutions, and local communities to strengthen early intervention and treatment support for alcoholism and to raise awareness. Companies that carry alcoholic beverages, including Suntory, and the food and beverage industry are also actively carrying out initiatives to convey the importance of responsible drinking. This includes sharing alcohol consumption guidelines and implementing campaigns to prevent underage drinking.

Our goal is to ensure that people have proper knowledge of alcohol and practice responsible drinking habits to lead a healthy and enriching life by getting along well with alcohol.

Reducing the harmful use of alcohol is an important issue for society. Suntory Group is actively promoting responsible marketing practices and moderate drinking awareness.

#### Responsible Consumption - Suntory Group's Principle and Course of Action (Established 2002)

#### **Basic Principle**

Suntory Group strives to prevent misuse of alcohol and raise awareness of responsible consumption thus contributing to healthy lifestyles:

- 1. We recognize the intoxicating effects of alcohol and its potential for misuse, which can lead to various physical, mental and social issues, and we strive to prevent alcohol-related harms.
- 2. We strive to create a culture of responsible consumption in which differences in physical constitution and conditions, as well as drinking styles or attitudes towards alcohol, are respected. We understand and respect that for some people, the best choice is not to consume alcohol.
- 3. We recognize that responsible consumption can support a well-balanced lifestyle and that it can play a positive role in social occasions; we strive to promote responsible consumption whenever alcohol is consumed.

#### **Course of Action**

- 1. We are committed to responsible marketing, providing consumer information and responsible product innovation.
- 2. We actively cooperate in social activities, including but not limited to;
  - Eliminating under legal drinking age drinking
  - Eliminating drunk driving
  - Eliminating binge drinking
  - Eliminating alcohol related harassment
- 3. We will comply with laws and industry standards.

## **Promoting Structure**

In 1976, Suntory Group established the Suntory Advertising Code, leading the industry in exercising self-regulation in its promotions and advertisements related to alcoholic beverages. We subsequently established the Alcohol Responsibility and Sustainability (ARS) Committee and the Global ARS Department in 1991 to address alcohol-related problems. We focus on (1) responsible marketing, (2) promotion of moderate drinking. In 2021, we declared the New DRINK SMART COMMITMENT<sup>\*1</sup> toward Suntory Group employees in Japan. We designate every November as the Suntory Group ARS Month and strengthen our initiatives.

\*1 The DRINK SMART COMMITMENT was declared in 2018. The new COMMITMENT was declared in light of the changes in the environment surrounding alcohol since then. It consists of two tenets: "All employees have the correct knowledge about alcohol and will drink in a respectful and considerate manner." and "All employees recognize that we are a member of the world's leading liquor company group, and we will promote responsible drinking as we regard others as valued customers."

#### **Our Goals**

Suntory Group has been leading the industry by actively addressing alcohol-related problems. We will continue to engage in initiatives to raise awareness of responsible drinking for the consumers and also for our employees globally.

## 2025-2030 Activity goals

	Key Performance Indicator	Targets
[Japan] Share the value of alcohol and Raising awareness of responsible drinking	Through seminars, we directly convey messages about the importance of responsible drinking and the value of alcohol.	200,000 people
[Global] Raising awareness of responsible drinking	Deliver a message about responsible drinking •Dissemination of messages centered on advertisements to raise awareness of responsible drinking in Japan and overseas (Deployed in various media such as SNS and websites)	1 billion people in total
[Global] Employee Training	Conduct regular employee training	Approximately 40,000 employees (annually)

Activity goals for 2022 to 2024

- 1. Reach out to consumers in Japan with messages of "Drink in Moderation" (by the end of 2024): Achieved in April 2024
- 2. Provide alcohol content information on the packaging: Achieved in March 2023

3. Employees to participate in programs aimed at raising awareness of responsible drinking(approx. 20,000 employees of domestic group companies): e-learning implementation rate over 99%

#### **Our Initiatives**

## **Practice Responsible Marketing**

Recognizing that alcohol has intoxicating and addictive properties, Suntory Group has set its own stricter in-house standards in addition to the voluntary industry standards in order to engage in responsible marketing activities for alcoholic beverages.

In addition, our Global ARS Department, which specializes in alcohol-related issues, conducts internal pre-reviews of alcohol marketing based on laws and these voluntary standards.

Furthermore, we hold information sessions and e-learning programs for marketing and sales personnel of alcoholic beverages to promote responsible marketing activities.

#### Continuous Enhancement of Marketing Standards (Industry / Internal)

We support and continuously enhance self-regulatory marketing standards in partnership with the Council on Alcohol Consumption, as well as follow our own internal marketing code to correspond with societal trends. We introduced warnings for pregnant and nursing mothers in all communications beginning in 2010. Furthermore, the restriction period for television commercials on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays has been extended from 5:00 am to 12:00 pm to 5:00 am to 6:00 pm. We have also decided to refrain from airing alcohol-related television advertisements throughout the year from 5:00 am to 6:00 pm. Based on the "Alcohol Health Disorder Countermeasures Basic Law" enacted in 2014, we are taking independent measures to prevent the abuse of alcohol such as setting the age of celebrities appearing in TV ads to 25 and older, and removing the sound effect of "gulp" when drinks go down the throat.





#### 1.Promoting Non-alcoholic Drinks

Suntory Group is striving to promote non-alcoholic beverages to respond to a broad range of consumer interests and occasions. We established the same internal marketing standards on these products as alcohol products in order to ensure that all marketing activity is directed only to legal drinking age adults in each region.

The market for low/no-alcohol beverages is expanding due to diversification of consumers drinking behaviors influenced by the COVID-19. We are going to continue to lead this growing market, by further improving the quality of our existing products and developing the new product lineup.

#### Suntory Group's Non-alcoholic Beverages (in Japanese) ☐

## 2.Warning Labels on Packaging

All our alcoholic beverage products carry health warning messages to pregnant and nursing women and warning messages to stop under 20 drinking, based on the voluntary standards established by the alcohol industry. We also put alcohol beverage symbols on beer and RTD (ready-to-drink) beverages that are low in alcohol to prevent accidental consumption.



#### 3.Establishing Age Verification Gates to Alcohol Brand Website

Since 2015, we have used age gates to our alcohol brand websites in order to confirm visitors are at least 20 years of age, the legal drinking age in Japan.



#### 4.Conducting Seminars for Sales and Marketing Representatives

The Global ARS Department conducts seminars for sales and marketing representatives to deepen the knowledge on the industry's voluntary code of conduct and Suntory's own marketing code. The seminar provides them with the necessary viewpoints ranging from product development to sales promotion through case studies.

## Activities to Raise Awareness of Responsible Drinking

#### **Internal Initiatives**

As a member of a company that manufactures and sells alcoholic beverages, it is important that our employees are aware of responsible drinking at all times. We clearly state in our employment regulation that any employee who drinks and drives during or outside the working hours will be dismissed under instruction.



#### Moderate Drinking Awareness Program for Group employees in Japan

We conduct an e-learning program to raise awareness on knowledge necessary for employees of a corporate group that manufactures and sells alcoholic beverages, such as the mechanism of intoxication and differences due to genetics and physical constitution.



#### Alcohol Metabolism Genetic Testing for Group employees in Japan

We offer alcohol metabolism genetic testing to all Group employees in Japan for their consideration for others and to deepen understanding of moderate drinking.



#### **Intranet Page on Global ARS**

Every employee can access information regarding responsible consumption, as well as our voluntary standards, examples of responsible marketing, and seminar tools.

In addition, we also raise awareness of moderate drinking through seminars for executives and sales representatives, and "Drink in Moderation Campaign" posters.

#### **External Initiatives**

We are committed to providing customers and consumers with information about alcohol so that they can make informed choices about alcohol and consume in moderation.

#### **Suntory Activities to Promote Moderation in Consuming Alcohol**

Since 1986, Suntory Group has been promoting the importance of moderation in consuming alcohol. For example, we have issued advertisements stating that alcohol should be served in moderation. In addition, since 2011, we have held seminars to raise awareness of responsible drinking for companies and local governments. And over the past 13 years, we have helped a

total of 36,000 people to understand the importance of consuming alcohol in moderation and responsibly.



To convey this message even more effectively, we launched a new campaign in November 2024. The campaign will focus on responsible, diverse ways to enjoy alcohol in moderation by exploring the cultural roots of alcoholic beverages, and will emphasize the realization of a society in harmony with alcohol through awareness of responsible drinking.

#### Provide alcohol content information on packaging of liquor products

We provide the alcohol content information (in grams) of our major brands sold in Japan on our website. In addition, we have labeled the amount of pure alcohol in grams per containers since 2022 (canned beer, RTD (ready to drink) and wine that are manufactured in Japan)





#### Suntory receives multiple awards for its activities to raise awareness of responsible drinking

Suntory's awareness-raising activities have been highly praised from various sectors.

2002	<ul> <li>Moderated advertising</li> <li>The 22nd Newspaper Advertising Awards, Award for Excellence in Independent Advertising</li> </ul>
2018	<ul> <li>Homepage         The 6th Web Grand Prix Company BtoC Site Award for Excellence     </li> <li>Moderated poster         The 38th Newspaper Advertising Awards Newspaper Advertising Award Prize     </li> </ul>
2023	<ul> <li>Moderated advertising</li> <li>The 90th Mainichi Advertising Design Award, Food Category Award</li> </ul>
2025	Moderated advertising     JAGDA Award 2025

#### Responsible Drinking



We have been advertising "Drink in Moderation" in national newspapers since 1986, to communicate responsible consumption through humor. In addition to newspapers, we are stepping up dissemination via social media.

Drink in Moderation (in Japanese) 🗂



On Suntory's website, we feature DRINK SMART to promote moderate consumption for the healthier and well-balanced lifestyle by understanding the facts about alcohol and enjoying it responsibly.

DRINK SMART (in Japanese) 📑



We conduct "Drink Smart Seminars" to provide the facts about alcohol and individual differences, such as how gender, height, weight and ethnicity can affect of alcohol metabolism. We also released "DRINK SMART MOVIE" for responsible drinking.

DRINK SMART MOVIE (in Japanese) 🗂



**Drink Smart Ambassadors** 

We encourage our employees to be a "Drink Smart Ambassador" who conduct Drink Smart Seminars for our customers and third parties.

#### Recommend Drinking in Moderation



Raising awareness about drinking in moderation with humorous illustrations and witty approach to decline invitations to drink on non-drinking days advertisement.

Non-drinking days advertisement (in Japanese) 🗂

#### ●Prevent the Abuse of Alcohol



Educational movie to prevent under age drinking

**▶** Educational movie (in Japanese) 🖰



We produced educational materials to promote responsible drinking for young people and distributed them to educational institutions, primarily universities. We also conducted on-site classes at universities using these materials.

Omic book for young people (in Japanese)

"No Binge Drinking! Campaign," collaborated with NGO - Council for the Prevention of Binge Drinking.



#### Responsible Drinking Initiatives by the Alcoholic Beverage Producers Associations in Japan



We engage in the "STOP! under 20 Drinking Campaign" twice a year primarily on public transportation advertisements.



Posters to alert platform accidents by intoxicated passengers posted at major railway stations of JR West and inside railway cars



We are providing information to prevent alcohol consumption by at-risk women.

We also have been putting health warning messages on our products, advertisements, and POP materials to prevent consumption of alcohol when pregnant.

#### Global Initiatives to Reduce Alcohol Issues

The World Health Organization (WHO) adopted the "Global strategy to reduce harmful use of alcohol" in 2010. Reduction of harmful effects of alcohol is one of the goals of the action plan for NCD (non-communicable diseases/lifestyle-related diseases) prevention established in 2013 as well as one of the UN SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) in the health field established in 2015, and it is positioned as one of the global problems that must be addressed through cooperation with national governments, specialists from public health organizations, and other related parties. The manufactures of alcohol beverages are regarded as important stakeholders in these efforts.

Suntory Group is participating in the IARD organization (http://www.iard.org/) that makes efforts to promote responsible drinking internationally to respond to these alcohol-related issues. Since 2013, we have been working to promote the "Industry Commitment for Reducing Harmful Use of Alcohol" which involves major alcohol beverage manufacturers from around the world.

 $The \ progress \ of the \ Industry \ Commitment \ is \ published \ as \ a \ Progress \ Report \ after \ annual \ audits \ by \ an \ auditor.$ 

We have also established a division dedicated to reducing harmful use of alcohol, regularly hold Global ARS Committee meetings, consolidate global marketing regulations based on a mid-term vision and promote awareness-raising programs in order to realize responsible marketing activities on a global level and raise awareness of responsible drinking.

Furthermore, as part of the Suntory Group's global Drink Smart® program, we implement measures tailored to the specific needs and cultures of each market, based on fundamental principles such as preventing underage drinking and drunk driving, raising awareness about responsible drinking, and considering those who do not drink, in cooperation with relevant organizations.

#### About the IARD

The IARD (International Alliance for Responsible Drinking) is a non-profit organization headquartered in Washington D.C. in which 13 of the major alcoholic beverage manufacturers from around the world participate.

Suntory Group has participated in the IARD since its establishment as Suntory Global Spirits and has also been deeply involved in the formulation of the Industry Commitment for Reducing Harmful Use of Alcohol, an effort by the alcoholic beverage industry in response to the World Health Organization's Global Strategy to Reduce Harmful Use of Alcohol (adopted in 2010).

As part of this "Industry Commitment," IARD has been promoting efforts in the following five areas since 2013 to reduce harmful drinking:

- (1) Reduction of alcohol consumption by minors
- (2) Development and strengthening of industry voluntary standards on expression of drinking
- (3) Responsible product development and disclosure of information to consumers
- (4) Drunk driving reduction
- (5) Strengthening of collaboration with the retail field

Suntory Group's efforts in major markets including Japan and the United States have been reported and evaluated, including the distribution of educational materials for parents and children to prevent under age in Japan and education programs for drunk driving offenders in conjunction with traffic courts in the United States. These efforts unique to Suntory as well as collaborative efforts with alcohol industry associations in various countries have been highly praised.

IARD provides online training tools for retail and restaurant employees to prevent the sale of alcoholic beverages to those under the legal drinking age. In 2023, we also formed the Global Standards Coalition with more than 80 major companies around the world, including those in the distribution and advertising industries, to work to reduce the harmful use of alcohol.

In addition, an IARD CEO meeting is held annually during which serious discussions take place on matters that the liquor industry should tackle over the medium-to-long term and on a global level.



IARD Board Group meeting in 2024



Progress Report

#### Activities to Raise Awareness of Responsible Drinking Around the World

#### 1) Reducing Drunk Driving

**DWI Courts** 

Suntory Global Spirits is a lead supporter of America's National Center for DWI Courts, designed to get hardcore offenders who are most likely to repeat the treatment they need in an evidence-based program.

#### 2) Reducing High-risk Drinking in University

Building Resilience in Campus Communities (BRICC) Coalition

BRICC works to reduce high-risk drinking at individual, group, organization and community levels at the University of Louisville and University of Kentucky.

- **∑** Suntory Global Spirits Drink Smart Website ☐
- Suntory Global Spirits Proof Positive ☐

## **Quality Management**

## **Our Policies and Approach**

Suntory Group's "All for the Quality" policy puts quality first and is based on our founder's philosophy of crafting excellent products for consumers.

Under this quality policy, Suntory Group has established the Suntory Quality Management Regulations and the Rules for Suntory Quality, with which each Group company must comply. We strive to improve quality in all processes throughout the value chain, from R&D, product planning and design, to raw material procurement, manufacturing, logistics, and sales. We also believe it important that each and every Suntory Group employee is always aware of the importance of quality in carrying out activities, so we regularly hold quality education and awareness programs through in-house training and other programs.

All Suntory Group employees, including those outside Japan, constantly work to maintain and improve quality in order to earn even greater trust from consumers

# All for the Quality\*

We offer products and services that meet or exceed relevant safety standards and will continue to respond to the desires of our consumers and customers and earn their trust.

- 1. Each and every member of the Suntory Group wholeheartedly strives to offer products and services from the consumer's and customer's perspectives.
- 2. We strive to provide our consumers and customers with accurate information that is easy to understand. We earnestly listen to consumer and customer opinions and endeavor to reflect them in our products and services.
- 3. We abide by laws and regulations.
- 4. We place a very high priority on the safety of our products and services.
- We continue to quest for even greater product quality by reference to recognized international quality standards.
  - \* "All for the Quality" is a slogan showing our basic philosophy to pursue product quality and safety. It should not be construed as our legal obligations or commitments.



## **Quality Management System**

Following the acceleration of global development and expansion into new fields of business, Suntory Group has been enhancing our Quality Management Systems as part of Group Governance. We installed the Quality Assurance Committee at Suntory Holdings Ltd. to promote quality management throughout the entire Group. This committee identifies quality risks and prevents trouble before it occurs in priority issues across the organization based on the Group quality strategy.

To prevent serious quality issues from occurring, management-level staff and other persons in positions of responsibility in production and

R&D are brought together for a weekly risk review meeting. Internal and external quality risks identified during the previous week are shared in a timely manner, countermeasures are discussed, and changes in potential risk factors are monitored.



Our plants have acquired international quality and food safety management system certifications such as ISO9001 and FSSC22000, and continuously work to make improvements. The Chief Quality Officer (CQO) of Suntory Holdings Limited plays a vital role in this process by strengthening the quality management capacities through holding meetings on product quality with each Group company.

Suntory Group is committed to delivering high-quality products that offer new value and are safe and reliable to delight consumers across the globe. This promise is shared within the group through the Suntory's MONOZUKURI Manufacturing Values and Code of Conduct, which we have held dear and consistently delivered on since our founding.

## **Our Initiatives**

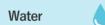
## **Quality Assurance across the Value Chain**

Based on the Suntory Quality Policy "All for the Quality," we continually work to maintain and improve quality in all our processes across the value chain, from R&D, product planning and development and the procurement of raw materials to manufacturing, distribution, and sales. The main quality assurance activities for each process are as follows.

## Water, Agricultural crops, and Natural resources

#### **Safety Management for Ingredients and Water**

The water, crops, and natural resources used in our products are carefully managed, and we ensure safety by assessing potential risks from various perspectives. We maintain strict management of raw ingredients suppliers and conduct thorough quality inspections. We also work to preserve the environment around water resources to ensure a stable supply of quality water.



- Regular analysis and inspection
- Development of new water resources
- Research into water quality in Japan and overseas





Quality auditing of suppliers

Developing new ingredients and sustainable procurement



Regular inspection of water at the Safety Science Institute



Production site visits (Florida, U.S.A.)

#### **R&D** and Technological Innovation

We passionately engage in research and technological development to create attractive products that exceed consumer expectations. We use evidence-based evaluation methods to verify new materials and technologies, contributing to the improvement of product performance and taste.

#### **Product Planning and Design**

We are committed to designing and delivering to consumers products that maximize the original flavor of ingredients. We clarify quality requirements from the product concept stage, and ensure that everything from package design to labeling is both easy to understand and compliant with legal requirements.





- Designs that pursue good taste and functionality
- Risk assessment, from an analytical chemistry perspective, microbiological perspective, and biological perspective, of the products to be manufactured and sold, and safety analysis and inspections









Research and development



- Accurate labeling using easy-to-understand language
- Compliance of food labeling regulations and standards for all products

#### Manufacturing

#### Quality Management at the Manufacturing Stage

To provide high-quality, safe and reassuring products, each of our manufacturing plants implement thorough quality control. Our manufacturing lines use a combination of automated inspection equipment and human eye checks to prevent contamination with foreign substances and maintain hygiene, preventing the outflow of defective product.



- Acquisition of ISO9001 certification, HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critial Control Point)recognition, and FSSC22000 recognition
- Adoption of TPM (Total Production by foreign objects
- Preventing and checking damage to containers, spillage of contents, and contamination of contents by foreign objects
- Strengthening of food defense, including room exit/entrance management and installation of cameras



Exterior check of products



Example of premium gifts attached to products



 Safety, function, and other inspections by expert teams of premium gifts

## Delivering

#### Quality Assurance at the Logistics Stage

In order to maintain product quality, we take the utmost care for logistics. For example, we control temperature and humidity in our warehouses and take measures to reduce vibrations and shocks during transportation to help ensure that product quality remains intact throughout distribution. Additionally, we ensure traceability, enabling us to quickly identify and address any potential issues with raw materials, containers, or labeling after shipping.

#### Sales

We also carefully manage store and vending machine stocks, striving to maintain quality until our products reach our customers. We also utilize customer feedback to improve our products and services so that we can provide products and services that resonate with our customers.



- Sharing quality assurance knowledge with logistics companies
- Checking facilities, temperature, safety and hygiene in warehouses for product storage



Draft beer consumption quality improvement seminar



- Support for sanitation management and quality control at restaurants
- Seminars on improving quality at the point of consumption aimed at business serving keg draft beer
- Hygienic management of kitchen facilities and ingredients at restaurant companies and quality assurance activities such as checking for food allergens in ingredients

#### Customers

#### **Customer Response System**

The Customer Center provides post-sale information to help ensure correct understanding of Suntory products and to build trust.



 Easy-to-understand introduction of safety and security initiatives



Suntory Group's Quality Initiatives Website

#### \*Traceability

Ingredient traceability system such as using two-dimensional codes and social quality assurance activities related to sustainable procurement to realize a sustainable society

## **Accurate and Easy to Understand Labeling**

In terms of product labeling, the Group Quality Assurance Division has established a system to check legal compliance and appropriateness, and promotes accurate labeling and easy-to-understand expressions in collaboration with the relevant teams including development and production of each Group company.

#### **Examples of Labeling on Products**

#### Labeling example to prevent drinking alcohol by mistake

A mark that shows that this is an alcoholic beverage is put on products to prevent people from mistaking low-alcoholic beverages for soft drinks. We also put a mark showing that "this is an alcoholic beverage" on the lid of the can and in Braille on our major products. In addition we also display "Drinking while pregnant or breastfeeding may be harmful to the development of unborn babies or infants" on products in order to evoke caution about alcohol in pregnant and nursing mothers.



#### Allergen labeling

Suntory Group assesses raw materials determine the necessity to be indicated on products as allergenic. For our soft drinks, we not only comply 8 mandatory items required to put on the label by the Food Labeling Standards set by the Consumer Affairs Agency, but also include 20 recommended items.

Although alcoholic beverages are exempted from allergen labeling requirement, we voluntarily put allergen information on beverages such as beer and Chu-Hi.

Product information (ingredients, nutritional information, etc. can be checked) (in Japanese)

#### "Month/year" labeling for "best-by" dates

The best-by dates of soft drinks are generally indicated by a "date/month/year." In order to reduce the environmental impact of inventory management along with ease of understanding for customers, Suntory Group is working to label products with the best-by date of 1 year or more as "month/year."

## **Approach for Food Safety**

To ensure our customers can confidently use our products, Suntory Group implements a variety of initiatives related to "food safety" across the entire Group. We confirm that the food additives, preservatives and other ingredients in our products are safe and in compliance with the Food Sanitation Act and other applicable laws and regulations in Japan. With regard to pesticide residues, we have established an assurance system that complies with the positive list system for agricultural chemicals. Our approach for food safety is a combination of setting strict internal standards, keeping track of pesticides, obtaining quality assurance letters from suppliers, and providing assurance through analysis. We also conduct site visits as needed for items that cannot be determined only with written documents. All food products and all pesticides are subject to regulations, and Suntory Group guarantees that the raw materials it purchases and uses comply with residue standards, thereby assuring the safety of its products. We also continue efforts to strengthen our system to guarantee all the raw materials we purchase and use, including those that have been highly processed. Specifically, we are working in cooperation with the industry to further grasp the actual status of pesticide use and expanding the scope of pesticides to be analyzed. We have also established our own traceability system.

We also take every precaution to ensure the safety of our containers and packaging. For each type of container (cans, bottles, PET bottles, paper cartons, etc.), we assess the anticipated risks at every stage from material selection to design and manufacturing in order to ensure safety and compliance with laws and regulations. For example, we conduct tests on leaching of components from the container into the contents to verify that safety standards have been met.

In terms of radioactive materials, we guarantee the safety of our products by ensuring the safety of the water and raw materials used in the manufacturing process. For water and raw materials, we obtain information from national and local governments and raw materials manufacturers, and also analyze for radioactive materials both in-house and through outside contractors to confirm safety.

To provide peace of mind to our consumers, Suntory Group conducts annual analyses of Suntory Tennensui (Mineral Water) at each water source. We also conduct an annual analysis of the water used in all non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverage products we manufacture in Japan. Through such testing, we confirm that our water is below the provisional limit for Japanese tap water (total of 50 ng/L for PFOA and PFOS combined) according to water quality management standards.

Through comprehensive efforts such as the above, Suntory Group ensures thorough quality assurance in all processes, from raw materials to when a product reaches the customer's hands. In the spirit of "All for the Quality," we will continue to pursue the highest quality and safety, and

strive to create reliable products.

## Voluntary Recalls

While striving for thorough quality assurance, we swiftly and appropriately disclose information if any issues arise.

During the period from January to December 2024, there were no recalls announced in newspapers or on the company's website due to violations of related regulations or our internal standards.

\* The following Suntory Group companies in Japan are eligible

Suntory Holdings Ltd., Suntory Beverage & Food Ltd., Suntory Foods Ltd., Suntory Spirits Ltd., Suntory Wellness Ltd., Suntory Flowers Ltd., Izutsu Maisen Co., Ltd.,

Pronto Corporation, DYNAC HOLDINGS CORPORATION, Häagen-Dazs Japan, Inc. and Monte Bussan K.K.

## **Consumer-Oriented Management**

## **Our Policies and Approach**

## **Voluntary Declaration toward Consumer Orientation**

Since our founding, Suntory Group has placed great importance on being consumer-oriented, sincerely listening to and engaging sincerely with our customers. This long-standing policy of consumer orientation is clearly stated in the Voluntary Declaration of Consumer Orientation.

#### **Voluntary Declaration toward Consumer Orientation**

Nobuhiro Torii
President, and Member of the Board,
Representative Director,
Suntory Holdings Ltd.

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In line with Suntory Group's Corporate Philosophy, we offer products and services of the highest quality that enrich the lives of people around the world and contribute to a sustainable natural environment.

We aim to be a "Growing for Good" company that is a good corporate citizen trusted by consumers.(April 2017 enactment)

#### **Initiative Policies**

#### (1) We will offer products and services that create harmony with customers

We value close communication with customers, placing top priority on the customer. We will respond sincerely to opinions and requests received from customers. We will strengthen initiatives that help to develop and improve our products and services.

#### (2) We will pursue safety and reliability for customers

Grounded in the Suntory Group All for the Quality Policy, we will continually work to maintain and improve quality in all of our processes, from planning and development of products and services, to procurement of materials such as water, agricultural products and packaging, to manufacturing, distribution, sales, and services. We will strive to improve the quality of our products and services while preventing quality risks through the Quality Assurance Committee which promotes quality management throughout the Group.

#### (3) We will utilize customer feedback in our business activities

We will share the valuable information and opinions received from customers quickly throughout the Group and reflect that feedback in our corporate activities and the actions of our employees, ranging from improving products and services to strengthening risk management.

#### (4) We will strive to provide information to customers

We will strive to use accurate indicators and easy-to-understand expressions for the labeling of our products, promotional materials and advertisements. We will also work to enhance information on our websites to enable customers to search for

themselves online, in addition to using the communications received through the Customer Center such as telephone calls, letters, and emails. We will offer quality-related information in an easy-to-understand manner for customers.

#### (5) We will foster a culture and awareness among employees to take action from the viewpoint of customers

We will continue the Customer Satisfaction Cultivation Activities to foster a corporate culture in which all of our employees consider the viewpoint of customers in their work. We will hold training programs for all employees, including those in divisions that have few opportunities to hear the views expressed directly by our customers.

#### **Basic Policy on Customer Satisfaction and Course of Action**

Based on the Voluntary Declaration toward Consumer Orientation, the Customer Center set out its Basic Policy on Customer Satisfaction in 1999 so that each and every employee always acts with the goal of delivering customer satisfaction. We formulated the Course of Action for our Customer Center in 2002 to be put into comprehensive practice by all of the Customer Center staff



Customer Center

#### **Basic Policy on Customer Satisfaction**

We strive to realize, maintain and improve customer satisfaction in every way through various activities to fulfill the responsibility as a member of the society. We value communication with the customers and provide safe and reliable products and services that bring joy to the customer and gain their trust, while providing information and implementing customer feedback to our business activities.

#### **Course of Action for Customer Center**

- 1. We will respond to customer inquiries and complaints in a timely, accurate and sincere manner while being fair and just.
- 2. We will proactively provide reliable information that brings satisfaction to the customer.
- 3. We will incorporate feedback and requests of the society in the company.
- 4. We will comply with laws and our own standards to protect the rights of the customer.

#### **Customer Response Standard**

Suntory Holdings Ltd. and 11 Group companies\* formulated a Customer Response Standard in accordance with ISO10002 (JIS Q 10002) as a working mindset for implementing the Basic Policy on Customer Satisfaction and the Course of Action for Customer Center. The regulation recognizes the rights of customers to make inquiries and provide feedback, and clearly states our responsibility to actively respond to customers with the objective of maintaining and improving customer satisfaction through our corporate activities. In addition, we will formulate and thoroughly familiarize employees with standards and procedures based on this course of action.

\*Suntory Beverage & Food Ltd., Suntory Foods Ltd., Suntory Beverage Solution Ltd., Suntory Foods Okinawa Ltd., Suntory Products Ltd., Suntory Spirits Ltd., Okinawa Suntory Ltd., Suntory Business System Limited, Suntory Global Innovation Center Ltd., Suntory Corporate Business Ltd. and Suntory Field Expert Ltd. (as of July 2025)

#### **CREDO (SUNTORY MIND for Customer Service)**

The CREDO (SUNTORY MIND for Customer Service) was formulated as a doctrine for customer service in 2013 to firmly root the Basic Policy on Customer Satisfaction and the Course of Action for Customer Center in the hearts of each and every employee in their daily tasks. We created this CREDO with all the staff at the Consumer-Oriented Management Department in an effort to cultivate an organizational culture that fosters activities leading to greater customer satisfaction.



#### **Our Initiatives**

## Communicating with Customers

Suntory Group has prioritized customer satisfaction and valued dialogue with customers since our founding. In 1976, we established the Consumer Affairs Department to serve as a contact point for customers. Today, Suntory Holdings Ltd's Consumer-Oriented Management Department serves as its successor and continues to reflect the opinions and requests we receive from customers in our corporate activities.

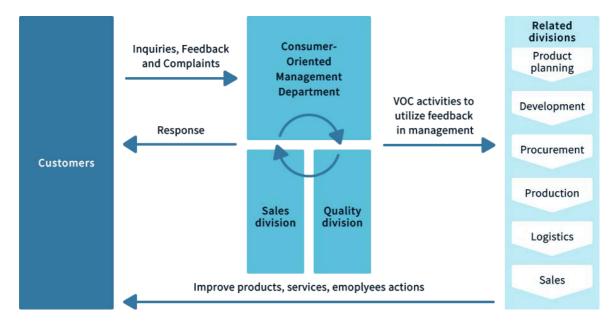
#### Responding, Sharing and Utilizing Customer Feedback

Our Customer Center uses a proprietary information search system to respond quickly and accurately to customers so that those who make inquiries are not left waiting.

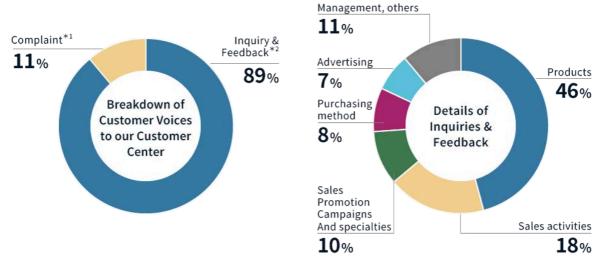
By recording the inquiry and our response in our core information management system upon receiving the inquiry, valuable information from the customers is shared immediately with relevant departments to enhance quality and improve risk management. We periodically share the feedback we receive from the customers with relevant departments to strengthen our VOC activities\* that reflect this feedback in our corporate activities and employees course for action, which includes improving our products and services and enhancing our provision of information.

\* VOC (Voice of Customer) activities: Activity to reflect customer feedback in management policy.

#### Flow of customer information



#### Customer voices to our Customer Center (Results of 2024: Approx. 75,000)



- \*1 Complaints: Includes expressions of dissatisfaction by customers about products or corporate activities
- \*2 Inquiries and feedback: Includes a wide range of questions and opinions expressed by customers other than complaints

#### **Valuing Customer Feedback for Product Development**

We are aiming to improve quality, product development and the provision of information by incorporating opinions and requests from our customers. Having a point of view of our customers is crucial in developing products that are safe and easy to use. We carefully listen to the feedback, and aim to provide products that are kind and considerate to everyone.

We listen to customer feedback carefully and use it to continuously improve our products and services. Customer feedback regarding products of other companies and products in other categories are shared with the development division to stimulate new findings from a wider perspective and make prior checks from the customers' point of view.

The following are examples of how we have utilized actual customer feedback in our products and services, using a variety of situations as a starting point.

\* Products that are no longer sold are also shown.













#### **Customer feedback**

I would like the caffeine content information on the "BOSS Caffeine" product to be easier to see.

#### Making the most of customer feedback

The caffeine label was placed prominently on the front of the product to make it easy to understand, and the warning for children and nursing mothers was also included using noticeable colors.



<sup>\*</sup> This product is no longer available



#### **Customer feedback**

The designs of "Horoyoi" <Iced Tea Sour> and <Cassis and Orange> are similar. Can you make them easier to distinguish?

#### Making the most of customer feedback

The designs have been changed so that customers can easily distinguish them at a glance.



<sup>\*</sup> The designs have since been further revised



#### **Customer feedback**

Are there any beverages to prevent heat stroke?

#### Making the most of customer feedback

Suntory offers a wide product lineup of beverages containing moderate amounts of salt, which are effective in combating heat stroke.





## **Customer feedback**

Can "Iyemon green tea 'Ocha Dozo" be heated using a warmer?

#### Making the most of customer feedback

The bottle was not originally designed to be heated, but now it can be used both cold and hot, and can also be heated in using a warmer or other device. To make it easier to understand that the bottle can be used both cold and hot, the phrase "Delicious both cold and hot" has been added to the product itself.



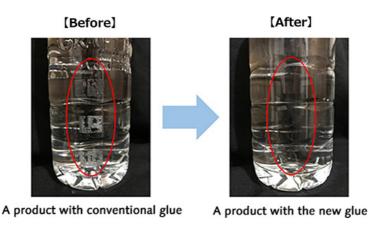


#### **Customer feedback**

The labels on the PET bottles are difficult to remove. Sometimes glue is left behind.

#### Making the most of customer feedback

We have developed a glue that is easier to peel off than conventional glues while maintaining the same adhesive strength. The new glue will be applied progressively to a wide range of products in the future.



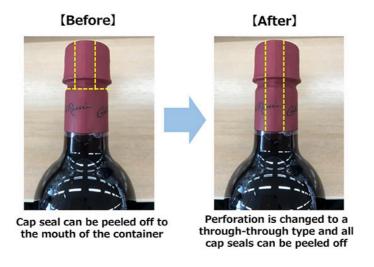


#### **Customer feedback**

There is no cut line at the bottom of the wine cap seal, making it difficult to remove from the container when sorting.

#### Making the most of customer feedback

To make it easier for customers to remove, we have added the cut line to the cap sticker of all PET bottled wines.



#### Expanding communication outlets: Use of Digital and Social Media tools

In addition to communication by telephone, letter, and email through the Customer Center, we are working to enhance the information on the Customer Center website by utilizing photos and illustrations for customers who search for information through the website. In addition, we have prepared an inquiry form in English to respond to inquiries from overseas customers. We opened a LINE customer service center in 2022 and continue to create an environment where customers can easily contact us.





Suntory Customer Center website (PC)

Suntory LINE app Customer Service

Suntory Customer Center website ☐

#### **Communicating Our Consumer-Oriented Initiatives to Society**

Suntory Group actively communicates our consumer-oriented management philosophy and initiatives through various media and activities.

#### **Voluntary Declaration toward Consumer Orientation and Activity Report**

The specific activities we have undertaken based on the Voluntary Declaration toward Consumer Orientation are disclosed to society annually through our corporate sustainability website. In January 2020, we were selected received the 2019 Consumer Affairs Agency Commissioner Award for Consumer-Oriented Management in recognition of our good practices.

As a company that discloses its Voluntary Declaration toward Consumer Orientation, we have provided the declaration and content of activities on the Customer Affairs Agency website.

For detailed archives of our sustainability website, see Reporting Archive.

## **Employees with Consumer-Oriented Mindset**

In order to promote consumer-oriented management, we conduct enlightenment activities for employees for nurturing consumer-oriented mindset.

#### **Continuing to Meet Consumers Expectations**

We focus on consumer-oriented enlightenment activities and culture-building, with the aim that each employee will deepen his or her understanding of changes in customer attitudes and interests, and be capable of delivering products and services that exceed customer expectations.

#### **Overview of Internal Enlightenment Activities**

#### Consumer-Oriented Awareness-raising Company-wide Activities

Initiative	Target	2024 results
Top commitment (Homepage/Video)	All employees	Held in May
Seminar for Taking Prudent Consumer-Oriented Actions	All employees	Held from November to January 2024
Consumer Orientation Month	All employees	Held in May
On-site Customer Relations Promotion Leaders	All sales sites	Held year-round
VOC* Monitoring by Management	Executive	Held in March

#### **Human Resource Development**

Initiative (Suntory University)	Target	2024 results
New manager training	New managers	Held in February and August
4th year training	4th year employees	Held in October
New employee training	New employees	Held in April

#### **Enhancing VOC Contact Points**

	Initiative	Target	2024 results
Monthly report		All employees	Once a mounth
Weekly report		Management Level	Once a week

<sup>\*</sup> VOC : Voice of Customer

#### Consumer-Oriented Awareness-raising Company-wide Activities

#### **Seminar for Taking Prudent Consumer-Oriented Actions**

We hold the Consumer-Oriented Action Brush-up Seminar annually for all employees. Each employee listens to voices including the words of encouragement from customers and is presented with examples of consumer-oriented activities being undertaken at each site in the company to deepen a consumer-oriented mindset and encourage action. After attending the seminar, each employee declares what he or she can do as an individual "Consumer-Oriented Action Declaration". In addition, the seminar is widely distributed to Group companies in a form that makes it easier for them to take the seminar, such as by video distribution, and the entire Suntory Group is working to firmly establish consumer-oriented behavior.



Message from the President



Video Introducing examples of consumer-oriented activities

#### Month for Enhancing Suntory's Consumer-Oriented Spirit

Every May is designated as the Month for Enhancing Suntory's Consumer-Oriented Spirit. It applies to all Suntory Group companies in around the world and presents an annual opportunity to think about consumer-oriented spirit and reaffirm the significance of consumer orientation and the need to take prudent actions, both on an organizational and individual basis.

Each department recalls their specific day-to-day tasks and discuss what they are doing or not doing in terms of consumer orientation. It also provides an opportunity to reflect upon the Consumer-Oriented Action Declaration issued at the beginning of the year and serves as a catalyst for having a consumer-oriented spirit to take prudent actions.

#### The System for On-site Customer Relations Promotion Leaders

Beginning in 2018, we have assigned "Customer Relations Promotion Leaders" to play a central role in further penetrating and establishing customer orientation, particularly at sales offices that have many direct points of contact with customers.

#### **VOC Monitoring by Management**

At Suntory Group, we provide a program for management to listen to calls from customers received by the Customer Center in real-time. They can hear the questions, concerns and opinions that customers have about Suntory Group products and services in daily life. This puts in place an opportunity to utilize all of this customer feedback to better address their needs.



President Torii listening to customer feedback

#### **Talent Development at Every Level**



As a part of our talent development program, we carry out training in line with the career path of each employee. During new employee training, participants will learn about the Suntory Group's consumer-oriented spirit continuously passed down since its foundation. Employees in their third year listen in groups to customer feedback and discuss their thoughts and expectations to learn more about the importance of consumer orientation. Employees who are being promoted to management are practically educated on consumer-oriented decision-making such as through group discussions based on business experiences.

#### **Enhancing Opportunities for Employees to Listen to Customers**

We engage in activities to strengthen opportunities to share customer feedback with employees, including those who do not have the opportunity to directly interact with customers.

## Disseminate Customer Feedback through Monthly Reports and Weekly Reports

We share customer opinions and requests widely within the company on a weekly and monthly basis via the intranet and e-mail. The aim is for employees to consider this feedback about our products and corporate activities, and link them to their own work and actions. Employee opinions and impressions about this customer feedback are also posted, allowing employees to exchange opinions and consider perceptions different from their own.



Harmonics Report provided to employees via our intranet

## **Communities**

## **Our Policies and Approach**

## Basic Policy on Social Activities

Suntory Group has long been involved in community contribution, arts, culture, sports and environmental activities based on the spirit of Giving Back to Society. Through our social activities, we aim to contribute to the sustainable growth of our business as well as solutions to social.

#### **Suntory Group Basic Policy on Social Activities**

Suntory Group follows the principle of "Giving Back to Society" established by our founder. We have actively engaged in social contribution efforts to help realize a society where people can enjoy a fulfilling and rich life.

To realize our corporate philosophy, "To inspire the brilliance of life, by creating rich experiences for people, in harmony with nature," we strive to deliver the highest quality products and services to customers while fulfilling our social responsibilities to achieve a prosperous society and a sustainable global environment.

- 1. Promote activities based on the standpoint of the next generation and actual situation worldwide together with our employees around the fields of arts and culture, sports, social welfare, and the natural environment.
- 2. Focus on a dialog with stakeholders and work to generate links and cooperation.
- 3. Support wide-ranged volunteer activities by employees.

#### **Our Initiatives**

#### Social Contribution and Welfare

#### **Support through the Social Welfare Organization**

#### Social Welfare Organization Hojukai

Hojukai began with the establishment of the "Imamiya Dispensary" free clinic in the Airin district of Osaka City in 1921 by Suntory founder Shinjiro Torii to assist people living in financial hardship based on his strong belief in social contribution. The Hojukai was named by combining one Japanese kanji character of Shinjiro Torii's wife's name and one Japanese kanji character from our Kotobukiya company name from that time. During the turmoil after the Second World War, accommodation was provided for victims of war, returnees, and those without family, and this facility was carried on as a special elderly nursing home and nursery school. Since then, Hojukai continued activities as a social welfare organization and today it operates Takadonoen (special care facility for seniors established in 1974), Domyoji-Takadonoen (a general-purpose welfare facility established in 2008), the Tsubomi Nursery School (established in 1975), and the West Asahi-ku Community General Support Center (commissioned by Osaka City in April 2011).

To respond to the current needs, Hojukai has been putting efforts in at-home nursing care services such as home-visit nursing care, outpatient

nursing care, and in-home long-term nursing care services. In the spring of 2017, Tsubomi Nursery School moved to a new premise with the aim to become an even more unique and comfortable facility as well as a nursery school that nurtures a wealth of sensibility. Hojukai, the first corporation to conduct social welfare activities in Osaka, celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2021.

In recent years, we have also been holding activities such as calisthenics classes and health talks for local residents, dementia prevention seminars, and parenting circles. In addition to providing meals, Takadono 5-chome Shokudo and Takadonoen Hiroppa provide a place for children to belong through play, events, and experiences. They also offer learning support and access to child-rearing support closely in tune with the local community. We practice the Hojukai philosophy of "living together with smiles and compassion, sharing comfort and joy" and implement activities that contribute to the local community.



Takadonoen, special care facility for the elderly and Tsubomi Nursery School



Domyoji-Takadonoen, a general-purpose welfare facility



West Asahi-ku Community **General Support Center** 



Takadonoen. Takadono 5-chome Shokudo



Domyoji-Takadonoen Hiroppa Autumn Festival

🔊 For more information, see Social Welfare Organization Hojukai (in Japanese) 🗗

### Donating Suntory Products to Children's Homes by Supporting Food Bank Activities

Suntory Group has donated food and softdrinks to entities such as orphanages, welfare institutes, community centers, and disaster affected areas through the Second Harvest Japan non-profit organization that engages in food bank activities. The products that are donated are given under the condition that they have the same quality as the products sold commercially. We also conduct the same level of quality assurance, customer service, and all other operations for those products as the products sold commercially.

Additionally, we support Good Neighbors Japan, an authorized NPO that runs "Good Gohan," a food bank for single-parent families, as a way for employees to volunteer. Every year before summer vacation and other long holidays and at the end of the year, we carry out an initiative to donate large amounts of food and beverages to single-parent households and children.



Endowments to inner-city children homes

#### **Engaging in Charitable and Voluntary Activities**

Suntory Group continues to conduct community contribution activities through charity events.

#### **Employee Volunteer Activities**

Suntory Group conducts a wide range of social contribution activities based on our spirits of Giving Back to Society. At the same time, we believe that it is important for each employee to have rich connections with society as a good person.

We encourage employees to utilize the time created through work style reform promoted throughout the entire Group to participate in employee volunteer activities to discover new value and serve as opportunities for individual growth. We have also introduced a volunteer leave program to support employees taking part in volunteer activities. In fiscal 2024, 22 employees took a total of 32 days of volunteer leave. We will continue to raise awareness of the program and encourage its use in an effort to deepen our ties with local communities.

#### Volunteer Web and Donation Website

To allow employees to easily participate in volunteer work, we have set up Volunteer Web, a website that lists volunteer opportunities Suntory employees can apply for according to area and day. We also offer volunteer opportunities at work or at home and donate food to single-parent families experiencing economic hardship. We launched a Donation Website to collect donations for organizations working on social issues during "Mutual Aid Month" at the end of the year.

## Volunteering at Related Organizations and Events

Each year Suntory Group employees perform gardening, window cleaning, provide management support for sports events, and other work together with facility staff at elderly care facilities and child daycare centers operated by the social welfare organization Hojukai. New employees of Suntory Group also participate in volunteer activities such as road cleaning and weed removal after receiving training at each facility regarding the history of the Hojukai and the founder's ideas about social contribution.

#### • Volunteering in Areas Affected by Natural Disasters

After the torrential rains in Western Japan in 2018 and Typhoon Hagibis in 2019, Suntory as a company donated money and supplies products to the areas affected, and employee volunteers were also sent to help those affected on the ground. Over the past two years, more than 200 employees have helped in Okayama, Tochigi, Nagano and other prefectures by, for example, shoveling mud from under floorboards of damaged homes, removing furniture and cleaning up apple orchards.

In support of the areas affected by the Noto Peninsula Earthquake of 2024, Suntory employees from across Japan donated approximately 7.3 million yen in response to a call from our Donation Website at the beginning of the year. Around 200 employees volunteered to support the affected areas, including cleaning up damaged homes.

# • Volunteer Clean-up Activities at Offices Nationwide

Suntory Group's business locations across Japan take part in environment beautification efforts through clean ups organized by local governments and other actions.

# • Employee Secondment to NPOs

In 2024, we began the secondment of employees to NPOs engaged in next-generational empowerment activities that share our awareness of issues. In 2024, one employee was seconded to each of three organizations. We intend to continue providing personnel support to NPOs that collaborate with us in next-generation empowerment activities. This marks one step further in social participation for both employees and Suntory as a whole.

#### Suntory Group's Initiatives around the World

Around 1,000 employees of Suntory Global Spirits representing 12 countries participated in local community contribution activities under the slogan "Together for Good."

Additionally, Suntory Beverage & Food Europe has established its own volunteer platform, with around 1,000 employees giving back to society under the slogan "Do Good."

#### **Suntory Ladies Open Golf Tournament**

The "Suntory Ladies Open Golf Tournament," which began in 1990, contributed entry fees from the amateur-pro charity tournament and proceeds from the charity corner to aid Kobe City's earthquake reconstruction and the creation of a safe and secure community from 1995 after the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake until 2010.

Since 2011, we have donated fire trucks and other equipment to Natori City and Sendai City in Miyagi Prefecture as support for disaster-affected areas that were severely damaged by the Great East Japan Earthquake. Since 2016, we have been providing recovery support to areas affected by the Kumamoto Earthquake and the Great East Japan Earthquake. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we donated to Hyogo Prefecture to support frontline medical workers.

Currently, our activities include support for junior golfers and the development of the golf industry, and we will continue to engage in charitable activities that meet the challenges of the times.



A Fire truck donated to Natori City, Miyagi Prefecture

## **Suntory Dream Match**

We use a portion of the proceeds from "Suntory Dream Match," an event held since 1995, to conduct charity activities centered on baseball and catch-ball classes for children, taught by former professional baseball players.



A baseball workshop held in Kumamoto Prefecture in November 2020



Catch ball class in disaster affected areas using charity

# **Support for Disaster Areas**

Suntory Group provides ongoing support for the reconstruction efforts following the Great East Japan Earthquake, Kumamoto Earthquake, and Noto Peninsula Earthquake.







#### **Disaster Recovery Support**

Year	Incident	Amount Donated	Beneficiary	News Release
2010	2010 Canterbury (Darfield) Earthquake (New Zealand's South Island)	3.25 million yen	Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Trust	

2010	Haund-foot-and- mouth Disease Outbreak in Miyazaki Prefecture	10 million yen	Miyazaki Prefecture, and the Miyazaki Community Chest Association Social Welfare Organization	Suntory Relief Aid for Haund- foot-and-mouth Disease in Miyazaki Prefecture (in Japanese only)
2010	Chilean Earthquake	50 million yen	Chile Embassy	Suntory Relief Aid for Earthquake Recovery in Chile
2010	Haiti Earthquake	10 million yen	The Japanese Red Cross Society	Suntory Haiti Earthquake Aid
2011	Thailand Floods	Approx. 2.5 million yen	The Government of the Kingdom of Thailand	Support for Recovery from Flood Damage in Thailand
2011	Christchurch Earthquake (New Zealand's South Island)	6.2 million yen	New Zealand Red Cross	Earthquake Relief Donation, to New Zealand
2011	Queensland Floods, Australia	8 million yen	Queensland Fund, Disaster Relief Appeal	Flood Relief Donation to Queensland, Australia
2011~	Great East Japan Earthquake	4.3 billion yen in 2011 2.0 billion yen in 2012 2.5 billion yen in 2013 2.0 billion yen in 2014 (total: 10.8 billion yen)	Iwate Prefecture, Miyagi Prefecture, Fukushima Prefecture, Save The Children Japan, et al.	Relief Donation for Earthquake in the Tohoku Region of Japan
2014	Landslide disasters in Hiroshima	1 million yen	Chugoku Shimbun Social Welfare Services Corporation	
2015	Nepal Earthquake	3 million yen	Nepal Earthquake	
2016	Kumamoto Earthquake	100 million yen in May 2016 300 million yen in October 2016	Kumamoto Prefecture	Release of Contributions to Kumamoto Prefecture
2017	Storm Disaster in Northern Kyushu	Fukuoka Prefecture (5 million yen) Oita Prefecture (5 million yen)	Fukuoka Prefecture/Oita Prefecture	Relief Donation for the Storm Disaster in Northern Kyushu
2017	Massive Hurricane Disaster in United States	Approx. 110 million yen (1 million dollars)	American Red Cross	About Aid Following the Massive Hurricane Disasters in the United States
2017	Earthquake in Mexico	Approx. 22 million yen (200,000 dollars)	Mexican Red Cross	About Aid Following the Earthquake in Mexico

2017	Hurricane Maria, the Virgin Islands	Approx. 55 million yen (500,000 dollars)	Virgin Islands Aid Fund	
2018	Torrential Rains of July 2018 (in Western Japan)	900 million yen (Hiroshima, Okayama, and Ehime Prefectures received 300 million yen each)	Hiroshima Prefecture: Japanese Red Cross Society Hiroshima Okayama and Ehime Prefectures: Aid provided directly to each prefectural government	Information About the Donations for the Torrential Rains of July 2018
2018	Hokkaido Eastern Iburi Earthquake	100 million yen	Hokkaido	Information About Support Provided for the 2018 Hokkaido Eastern Iburi Earthquake
2018	Midousuji Gingko NamikiDamage by Typhoon No.21	Approx. 50 million yen	Osaka City	

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Year	Incident	Amount Donated	Beneficiary	News Release
2019	Typhoon No.15	50 million yen	Chiba Prefecture	Suntory Pledges ¥50 million to support Typhoon No. 15 Relief and Recovery
2019	Typhoon No.19	550 million yen	Iwate Prefecture, Miyagi Prefecture, Fukushima Prefecture, Ibaraki Prefecture, Tochigi Prefecture, Gunma Prefecture, Saitama Prefecture, Kanagawa Prefecture, Niigata Prefecture, Nagano Prefecture and Shizuoka Prefecture	Suntory Pledges ¥550 million to support Typhoon No. 19 Relief and Recovery
2020	Bushfire Relief and recovery in Australia	\$500,000 AUD	Australian Red Cross, the New South Wales Rural Fire Service and the New South Wales Wildlife Information Rescue and Education Service (WIRES)	SUNTORY GROUP PLEDGES \$500,000 TO SUPPORT BUSHFIRE RELIEF AND RECOVERY IN AUSTRALIA
2020	Australian Bushfires	50 million yen	Kumamoto Prefecture	Suntory Pledges ¥50 million to support the Relief and Recovery of the Kumamoto area affected by the heavy rain
2021	COVID-19 Relief in India	\$600,000 (approx. INR 44,184,000)	British Asian Trust Confederation of Indian Industry National Restaurant Association of India Government-led relief efforts	Suntory Holdings and Beam Suntory Donate \$600,000 to Organizations Supporting COVID-19 Relief in India

2021	Tornados in Kentucky	\$1 million	Team Western Kentucky Tornado Relief Fund American Red Cross's Disaster Relief Fund	SUNTORY HOLDINGS AND BEAM SUNTORY CONTRIBUTE \$1 MILLION TO SUPPORT RECOVERY FROM DEVASTATING TORNADOS IN KENTUCKY
2022	Tonga's Volcanic Eruption and Tsunami	US \$87,700 (10 million Japanese yen)	Kingdom of Tonga	Suntory Group to Donate Over US \$100,000 to Support Tonga's Volcanic Eruption and Tsunami Response
2022	Humanitarian Assistance in Ukraine	\$600,000	Humanitarian organizations such as the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP)	Suntory Group to Support Humanitarian Relief Efforts in Ukraine
2023	Maui Fire and Disaster Relief	US \$70,000	Maui Strong Fund, Hawaiʻi Community Foundation	Suntory Holdings to Donate US \$70,000 To Support the Maui Fire and Disaster Relief
2023	Aid for hurricane damage in southern Mexico	100,000 US dollars (approx. 15.1 million yen)	Mexican Red Cross(Cruz Roja Mexicana)	Suntory Holdings to Donate US \$100,000 To Support the Hurricane Disaster Relief in Mexico
2024	Disaster relief following the 2024 Noto Peninsula Earthquake	50 million yen Approximately 180,000 bottles of Suntory Tennensui (Mineral Water), etc.	Affected areas	➤ About Suntory's support for damage caused by the 2024 Noto Peninsula Earthquake
2024	Disaster relief following the heavy rains that hit Noto Peninsula in 2024	50 million yen	Affected areas	Suntory Holdings to Donate 50 Million Japanese Yen to Support the Heavy Rain Disaster Relief in Noto Peninsula

# **Providing Free Beverages When Disasters Strike**

Suntory Foods Ltd. has developed and is furthering the installation of emergency beverage vending machines. This system normally sells beverages from vending machines in peace times but will provide them for free during emergencies such as when disasters strike. Beverages can be easily accessed even if the power goes out. We are furthering the installation on premises with focus on public facilities and hospitals.



Emergency beverage vending machine

# **Coexisting with Communities around Our Plants**

Suntory Group's major plants are making efforts to proactively engage in dialogue with local residents. We also work to provide venues for interacting with the local community through measures such as opening parks and trails created at our plants. We have third parties conduct environmental impact assessments when we construct new plants and work to get the understanding of the people who neighbor the site. We also make efforts to harmonize the plants with nature by preserving the sites' biodiversity and pursuing greening initiatives on their grounds.

# **Promoting Greening of Plants**

Suntory Group's plants consider biodiversity and promote greening that is in harmony with local environment, receiving awards in various locations as model green plants.

# Model greening plant commendation (hosted by Japan Greenery Research and Development Center)

Year of commendation	Plant of commendation	Name of commendation
1987	Suntory Tonegawa Brewery	Tokyo Commerce and Industry Bureau Director's Award
1989	Hakushu Distillery	Prime Minister's Award
1993	Azusa-No-Mori Plant	Minister's Commerce and Industry Prize
2002	Yamazaki Distillery	Minister Prize of Economic, Trade and Industry
2006	Kyushu Kumamoto Plant	Japan Greenery Research and Development Center Award
2008	Takasago Plant	Japan Greenery Research and Development Center Award
2014	Suntory Tonegawa Brewery	Minister Prize of Economic, Trade and Industry
2014	Kyushu Kumamoto Plant	Minister Prize of Economic, Trade and Industry
2014	Haruna Plant	Japan Greenery Research and Development Center Award
2019	Kyushu Kumamoto Plant	Prime Minister's Award
2023	Kita Alps Shinano-no-Mori Water Plant	Japan Greenery Research and Development Center Award

# Other greenification commendations

Year of commendation	Plant of commendation	Name of commendation	Hosted by
1986	Kyushu Kumamoto Plant	Kyushu Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry Greenery Award	Kyushu Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry
1997	Suntory Tonegawa Brewery	National Arbor Day Awards Grand Prize in the Contest for Environmental Greening	Gunma Prefecture
2005	Kyushu Kumamoto Plant	Prize for Kumamoto Scenery/Prize for Local Scenery	Kumamoto Prefecture
2011	Okudaisen Bunanomori Natural Mineral Water Plant	Award from The Japanese Society of Revegetation Technology (Technology Award)	The Japanese Society of Revegetation Technology

2018	Kyushu Kumamoto Plant	Kumamoto Environmental Grand Prize	Kumamoto Prefecture

#### **Dialogue with Customers through Plant Tours**

We offer plant tours at our breweries, whisky distilleries, wineries, and natural mineral water plants so that more people can become familiar with our dedication to good taste and safety, our concern for the environment, and the approaches we take through our products. While viewing our production processes, visitors will be provided with easy-to-understand explanations about the detail that goes into our work and enjoy tasting and other activities. In addition, special seminars to learn the commitment toward brewing beer and ways to enjoy whisky are held, attracting approximately 660,000 visitors each year.







Special seminar held at a beer plant

# **Empowering Children & Youth**

# **Our Policies and Approach**

# **Basic Policy on Social Activities**

Suntory Group has long been involved in community contribution, arts, culture, sports and environmental activities based on the spirit of Giving Back to Society. Through our social activities we aim to contribute to the sustainable growth of our business as well as solution to social.

## **Suntory Group Basic Policy on Social Activities**

Suntory Group follows the principle of "Giving Back to Society" established by our founder. We have actively engaged in social contribution efforts to help realize a society where people can enjoy a fulfilling and rich life.

To realize our corporate philosophy, "To inspire the brilliance of life, by creating rich experiences for people, in harmony with nature," we strive to deliver the highest quality products and services to customers while fulfilling our social responsibilities to achieve a prosperous society and a sustainable global environment.

- 1. Promote activities based on the standpoint of the next generation and actual situation worldwide together with our employees around the fields of arts and culture, sports, social welfare, and the natural environment.
- 2. Focus on a dialog with stakeholders and work to generate links and cooperation.
- 3. Support wide-ranged volunteer activities by employees.

To support the development of the next generation, we provide opportunities for children to experience the best in such fields as music, art, sports, and environmental education. As the birthrate declines and the importance of nurturing the next generation increases, we are strengthening these activities to support the development of rich individuality and character in children.

In addition to the rapid decline in the birthrate, the low level of mental well-being among children has become a major issue in Japanese society today. To help realize a society where children facing various difficulties can take on challenges with motivation, hope and dreams, we are supporting children in our own unique ways through the Suntory next-generation empowerment activities "Kimi-wa-Michisu," which we have been strengthening since 2023.

# **Our Initiatives**

#### Suntory Mizuiku-Education Program for Nature and Water

Suntory "Mizuiku"\* - education program for nature and water, a next-generation environmental education program launched in 2004. The program is unique to Suntory that helps children experience the wonder of nature, become aware of the importance of water and the forests nurturing it, and consider what they can do to pass on water to future generations. In Japan, he program centers on 2 activities: Outdoor School of Forest and Water and Teaching Program at Schools. As Suntory Group's business activities expand worldwide, we also expanded the program overseas in 2015.Building on the program in Japan, the global Mizuiku program promotes activities tailored to local water issues.

<sup>\*</sup> Sponsor: Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, etc.







> For more information, see Suntory Mizuiku — Education Program for Nature and Water.

#### **Plastics-related Educational Opportunities**

As a company that uses PET bottles extensively, Suntory Group is committed to achieving a sustainable society by promoting understanding of PET bottle recycling and encouraging sorted collection through external seminars and other initiatives. Aiming to build awareness on the among the next generation, we concluded an agreement with Waseda University in 2021 to help realize a circular society. At elementary and junior high schools in municipalities with which we have concluded agreements for "bottle to bottle" horizontal recycling, we conduct classes to promote awareness and understanding of "bottle to bottle" horizontal recycling and proper separation of PET bottles, and give students a chance to think about recycling and resource circulation.



#### Supporting the Development of Children through Music

Suntory Hall operates a variety of programs for youth and children to provide opportunities for experiencing the excitement of live performances by top-class musicians and to develop a rich sense of humanity through music.

## **Subscription Concert for Children**

Suntory Hall has held the "Children's Regular Concert Series" since 2001 with the hope that children will develop the habit of regular visits to concert halls and bring classical music into their lives. This is Japan's first regular orchestra concert for children and youth. The 93rd to 96th concerts are scheduled to be held in the 2025 season. We collect and adopt illustrations for the flyers and the theme song for the season from the children in a format that allows children to not only listen but also participate. In addition, there are programs in which child and youth musicians selected through auditions can play duets with pianists or perform as part of the orchestra. In 2021, the "New Song Challenge Project" was launched to connect children and musicians, inviting young composers to submit new songs using original short melodies created by children.



A four-hand piano performance by a young soloist, who passed an audition, and Michie Koyama, one of Japan's top pianists, with the orchestra



Young musicians who pass an audition receive the opportunity to perform with Tokyo Symphony Orchestra

# Suntory Hall Keizo Saji Junior Program Seat

This program follows on from the wishes of the founding President of Suntory Hall, Keizo Saji, desired to pass on classical music to the younger generation.

3 pairs of elementary and junior high school students are invited each time to attend select performances in the large hall on weekends and holidays.





Keizo Saji Junior Program Seat

#### **Suntory Hall Academy**

Suntory Hall Academy, comprised of the Opera Academy and Chamber Music Academy, is geared towards young musicians who are on their way to becoming professionals.

In addition to receiving coaching from the world's leading artists, fellows (academy members) attend regular workshops to deepen their musical knowledge and perform in actual concerts.



Giuseppe Sabbatini, one of world's acclaimed Tenor, also gives lessons in person as the Executive Faculty of Opera Academy.



Workshop of the chamber music academy. Tsuyoshi Tsutsumi (pictured second from left) serves as academy director.

#### **Violin Loaning Program for Students**

Every year since 2014, the Suntory Foundation for the Arts has loaned a world-class violin for 3 years free of charge as the "Suntory Foundation for the Arts Special Prize" in the "All Japan Student Music Competition (sponsored by the Mainichi Newspapers), Violin Division, Junior High School Division and High School Division." So far, 15 young musicians have received the loan. Suntory supports the activities of the next generation of young performers by providing them with new opportunities through a variety of activities.



'10th Suntory Foundation for the arts Special Prize' in 2023 Winner, Hibiki Oya



TOMASO CARCASSI(made in 1751/Italy)

#### Supporting the Development of Children through Art

Aiming to become a museum that welcomes children, Suntory Museum of Art provides various programs that allow children to easily engage with art and cultivate love for beauty in enjoyable ways.

#### **Offering Learning Programs**

The Suntory Museum of Art is actively working to proliferate education to the next generation according to the "Art Revised, Beauty Revealed" Museum message.

The Museum offers free admission to children in junior high school and younger, and also distributes activity sheets. This tool not only guides users to notable areas of interest, but also cultivates a spirit to enjoy free inspiration brought by appreciation. For each exhibition, a variety of learning programs are held that can be enjoyed by people of all ages. In addition to talks, workshops, and activities such as the Art Club for junior and senior high school students at the Suntory Museum of Art, the Museum also actively welcomes visitors from elementary and junior high schools, as part of school programs, and holds teaching programs at schools.



Activity sheet for children



Suntory Museum of Art
Art Club for junior and senior high school students

#### All Day Kids' Museum!

All Day Kids' Museum! is a special event when the museum is open to elementary and junior high school students as well as their parents or guardians on a day that the museum is normally closed during which a variety of educational programs are held over the course of one day. This event has been held around once a year since 2014. While viewing exhibitions as they enjoy things such as doing quizzes and drawing sketches using a worksheet, a complete museum experience is offered through specialized programs for children, including interactive art appreciation, workshops, and a museum tour. All Day Kids' Museum! has been attended by a total of around 10,000 participants up to 2024. Additionally, at some exhibitions, kid-friendly "Family Times" are set aside to help children experience Japanese art.



All Day Kids' Museum!



Interactive art appreciation program

# Art Kids Club Iro-Iro Do-Re-Do-Re

This joint project of Suntory Hall and Suntory Museum of Art is a creative art experience and appreciation program for preschool children aged 3 to 6.



Suntory Hall and Suntory Museum of Art joint workshop



Art Kids Club Iro-Iro Do-Re-Do-Re

#### Supporting the Development of Children through Sports

Suntory Group runs a variety of activities designed to support the healthy development of children's minds and bodies through sports. As part of the activity, Suntory's sports teams, Tokyo Suntory SUNGOLIATH and Suntory SUNBIRDS promote their sports.

In addition to holding clinics where players and staff directly teach children, Tokyo Suntory SUNGOLIATH instructs at rugby schools and operates rugby sports events while the Suntory SUNBIRDS instructs local volleyball teams and students and supports the operation of volleyball tournaments, to offer opportunities for children to experience sports.

Wheelchair basketball workshops are also held for elementary and junior high school students to promote and nurture parasports.

#### ▶ For more information, see Supporting Challenged Sports ☐







Rugby workshop

Volleyball workshop

Wheelchair basketball experience event

#### **Q to VIEW Outreach Inquiry Class**

Inquiry-based learning is not meaningful unless participants continually ask themselves questions. During the special class Q to VIEW, students learn through hands-on videos and manga about how eminent people of the past have changed humanity's worldview (VIEW) through the questions they asked

Through this class, junior and senior high school students learn that inquiry can broaden their view of the world, and that sometimes this can bring about major changes in the way society works. The curiosity and spirit of challenge evoked there become a driving force behind their learning.

Suntory Group began providing teaching programs at schools in 2024, conducting a total of 3. Our goal is to have 1,000 participants by the end of 2025.





## Support through the Hibarigaoka Gakuen

The Hibarigaoka Gakuen has been supporting integrated education from kindergarten to high school since Shinjiro Torii became the first chairperson in 1950. Shinjiro Torii places importance on being devoted to one's parents and kept saying "a person who is devoted to his own parents can do anything well." The founding spirit has been passed down today and the school engages in educating people based on the belief that "Parents wish for the growth of their children, and children are grateful and respectful of their parents, and this natural human spirit is the basis for the family circle and the desire to serve society." Additionally, based on the Yatte Minahare spirit, we support the implementation of highly flexible educational programs that bring out children's spirit of adventure. From 2008, as educational supports of next generation, we have provided primary school and junior high school students environmental curriculum on flower (Hanaiku) and water (Mizuiku) and out of school activities. In March 2022, the 70th anniversary program was completed and the new cultural center Michishirube was opened. In addition, to supporting the school's "exploration activities," we provide a curriculum that utilizes the knowledge in the research fields of Suntory Flowers and Suntory Foundation for Life Sciences.



Planting trees at the outdoor education classes

#### Nurturing Challenging Spirit through Experiencing Camping at an Uninhabited Island

Since 2007, Suntory Group has been promoting Yoshima Project in cooperation with Kobe YMCA which operates a camping site in an uninhabited island in Shodo- gun, Kagawa Prefecture from 1950. The project is intended to nurture a spirit of challenge and dreams of children through experiencing the rich natural environment unique to an uninhabited island and holds Adventure Camp and various programs around the year. Every year, around 1,000 children visit Yoshima.



Yoshima Summer Camp

# Next-Generation Empowerment Activities "Kimi-wa-Michisu"

The wide range of challenges facing children and youth is an important social issue in Japan. Suntory Group has committed to spending a total of 1.0 billion yen over 3 years to strengthen its initiatives for supporting children and youth to help create a society where they can overcome challenges with motivation, hope, and dreams.

The potential of children and youth is "Michisu (limitless)". We will create a society in which all children can realize their potential, regardless of their environment or circumstances in which they were born and raised. This is our commitment. Primarily targeting adolescents, we work with NPOs and other pioneering organizations in this field to create opportunities for children to encounter the unknown and meet other people.



#### **Targets of Support**

The main target of these activities is adolescents. Children and youth of this generation are increasingly facing various difficulties, yet public support is considered to still be insufficient.

In addition to economic challenges, family problems such as abuse and discord, as well as a sharp increase in school absenteeism, have led to fewer social connections and insufficient opportunities to learn and experience things, making it difficult for children to feel motivation or hope. Financial, food, and academic support is of course essential. Yet, it has become clear that this alone will not be enough to fundamentally solve these problems. Attention is now being paid to the importance of providing opportunities for a variety of experiences and creating places where children and youth can connect with society.

# **Problem Solving Method**

In order to resolve these issues, we believe that the role of NPOs and other organizations that deeply understand the circumstances and needs surrounding children and work in partnership with schools, local governments, and local communities is important. We therefore provide financial support, such as grants, to NPOs that share the same awareness of the issues, as well as personnel support, such as the secondment of employees to these organizations. Furthermore, with the aim of creating mechanisms to resolve issues surrounding children and youth, we are working on collaborative projects with NPOs, including launching new businesses.

We also receive advice and support from professionals and experts in various fields as advisors and fellows in our activities.



# Business development with prominent NPOs focused on resolving social issues

- Creation of mechanisms for eliminating personal experience disparity
- ☐ Support for improving quality and expanding number of places to belong
  - Creation of model youth centers providing a place for adolescents
  - Expanded support for Kodomo Shokudo
- Program development support in collaboration with local communities
- ☐ Secondment of employees to certain NPOs

Support for the development of next-generation NPOs

# Kimi-wa-Michisu Foundation subsidy program for NPOs

- □ 2024: selected 6 organizations
- □ 2025: selected 7 organizations

#### Main Results in 2024 and Activities for 2025

In August 2024, with the non-profit organization Florence, we jointly developed and launched the Children's Adventure Bank, a platform to eliminate personal experience disparities between children. In addition to Suntory, 27 other companies have cooperated to provide experiences at leisure facilities, outdoor activities, factory tours and other experiences to a total of 4,360 children and youth (as of February 28, 2025). Regarding the "Kimi-wa-Michisu", which supports the growth and development of organizations such as NPOs, the first round of public applications was conducted in 2024, and 6 organizations were selected. In the second round in 2025, 7 organizations were selected.

### Column (Voice of Employee in Charge)

2 years will soon have passed since the activities were launched. As we come to realize the breadth and scope and depth of the issues, which could be considered a microcosm of modern social issues, we are once again reminded that the power of collaboration is key in resolving these challenges. Challenges that would otherwise be impossible for Suntory to overcome alone can be overcome through collaboration with a variety of sectors, including NPOs, businesses, and government. With this belief, we now aim to increase awareness, empathy, and collaboration both inside and outside the company through our Kimi-wa-Michisu activities to create a collective impact.

For more information, see "Kimi-wa-Michisu" (in Japanese)

# **Arts & Culture**

# **Our Policies and Approach**

# Basic Policy on Social Activities

Suntory Group has long been involved in community contribution, arts, culture, sports and environmental activities based on the spirit of Giving Back to Society. Through our social activities, we aim to contribute to the sustainable growth of our business as well as to finding solutions to social.

For more information, see Communities.

# **Our Initiatives**

Suntory Group is involved in a variety of cultural contribution activities such as operating the Suntory Museum of Art, Suntory Hall and other activities that contribute to the development of a rich culture and lifestyle.

In addition, we also support academic research in the humanities and social sciences, and promote research activities in bio-organic science. Through these activities we aim to foster global talent capable of leading the next generation.

# Suntory Foundation for the Arts

Suntory has been active in the field of arts for nearly half a century through the Suntory Museum of Art, which opened in 1961, and the Torii Music Foundation, which was established in 1969 to commemorate the company's 70th anniversary (renamed the Suntory Music Foundation in 1978). In 2009, we established the Suntory Foundation for Arts to bring together the activities of these two organizations and to innovate them into a new form suited to the 21st century. In 2012, we added the operation of Suntory Hall to our business portfolio. Through our unique and diverse business activities, we aim to contribute to the further popularization and development of Japan's music and art.

For more information, see Suntory Foundation for the Arts

# Suntory Museum of Art — Art revised, beauty revealed

Opened in 1961 with the basic philosophy of "Art in Life," the Suntory Museum of Art has hosted special exhibitions and expanded its collection, mainly consisting of Japanese art pieces. In March 2007, the museum was moved to Tokyo Midtown in Roppongi. Under the theme of "Art revised, beauty revealed," the museum has held a variety of special exhibitions with approximately 3,000 items from its collection, including one National Treasure and 16 Important Cultural Properties, and continues its activities to pass on the aesthetic values that lie at the heart of Japanese people to future generations. The museum, designed around the theme of "urban living room" by architect Kengo Kuma, features a store, café, tea ceremony room and a hall that features various programs.



Suntory Museum of Art

> For more information, see Suntory Museum of Art

#### Suntory Hall — In pursuit of the world's most beautiful sound

The Suntory Hall opened in 1986 as Tokyo's first dedicated concert hall. Performances by leading musicians from Japan and around the world are performed in two halls, The Main Hall with a vineyard style, praised as "a jewel box of sound" by world-renowned conductor Herbert von Karajan, and Blue Rose (Small Hall) which gives the space a warm sound and atmosphere and allows the audience to feel close to the performers. Every year, Suntory Hall holds approximately 600 events by world's top artists from home and abroad, and welcomes approximately 600,000 visitors. Suntory Hall's mission is to enrich people's lives through music and to lead music culture and contribute to society. In September 2021, the total number of visitors to Suntory Hall hit 20 million since its opening.

In 2021, we opened the "Digital Suntory Hall," allowing visitors from all over the world to enjoy Suntory Hall's facilities and concerts beyond







Visitors to Suntory Hall hit 20 million since its opening.

For more information, see "Suntory Hall"

distance and time.

> For more information, see "Digital Suntory Hall"

# Suntory Hall and Suntory Museum of Art Switches to 100% Renewable Electricity

Since April 2022, Suntory Group purchases 100% renewable electricity for all 30 directly owned manufacturing sites and R&D facilities in Japan. Suntory Hall and Suntory Museum of Art have also switched to purchasing 100% of their electricity from renewable energy sources.

Through these efforts, the two facilities have reduced  $CO_2$  emissions by approximately 800 tons per year compared to before. We believe that both "the most beautiful echoes in the world" and "urban living room" can be realized by placing importance on harmony with nature as well as with people and society.





#### Music Division — Innovative Activities to Promote Music

The Music Division engages in a wide range of activities with the aim of contributing to the development of Western music and the advancement of culture in Japan. Suntory Foundation supports creative musical activities in Japan through its programs, including the Suntory Music Award, which honors individuals or groups for outstanding achievements in the field of Western music every year for the past 55 years, the Keizo Saji Prize, which recognizes performances that demonstrate a spirit of taking on challenges, the Yasushi Akutagawa Suntory Award for Music Composition, which selects outstanding works by up-and-coming Japanese composers based on public performances, and the publication of Japanese Contemporary Composition, which critiques new Western music premieres. Since 2014, the Foundation has been preserving world-famous string instruments of cultural value in its



Suntory Music Award and Keizo Saji Prize ceremony

collection, as well as lending them out to train young performers. To date, these instruments have been loaned free of charge not only to professional performers, but also to more than 15 junior and senior high school students who have received the Suntory Foundation for Arts Special Prize for Masterpiece Instruments, many of whom have now gone on to play internationally.

## Vienna Philharmonic & Suntory Music Aid Fund:

In 2012, Suntory and Vienna Philharmoniker established the Vienna Philharmonic & Suntory Music Aid Fund within Suntory Foundation for Arts, following the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake, with the goal of revitalizing disaster afflicted areas as well as the rest of Japan through music. In collaboration with the Vienna Philharmoniker, we hold "Concerts for Children" for children and their families in disaster afflicted areas, and we also provide music instruction to nurture the next generation of music aficionados and performers.



Vienna Philharmonic & Suntory Music Aid Fund:



Concert for junior and senior high school students in Suzu City, Ishikawa Prefecture at La Porte Suzu performing arts center Interaction and music instruction with brass band members

- > For more information, see Music Division
- For more information, see Vienna Philharmonic & Suntory Music Aid Fund (in Japanese)

# Suntory Foundation

Suntory Foundation was established in 1979 in celebration of Suntory's 80th anniversary. Aiming to deepen international and interdisciplinary exploration of society and culture, we will support and discover of talented human resources across a wide range of fields, and support original and adventurous research, and, contribute to the dramatic development of cultural exchange between the world and Japan.

Our initiatives as a Humanities and Social Sciences Promotion Project effort include research assistance and investigative research in the fields of the humanities and social science, awarding of the Suntory Prize for Social Sciences and Humanities, and overseas publishing support.

Community Culture Promotion Project efforts include awarding the Suntory Prize for Community Cultural Activities and support for regional cultural activities.

In recent years, the Foundation has been actively working to provide support to young researchers, and carrying out initiatives including providing support those who will lead the future of society, and working to bridge the gap between researchers and society by providing opportunities for exchange between the worlds of academism and journalism.



Suntory Prize for Social Sciences and Humanities award ceremony



Suntory Prize for Community
Cultural Activities award ceremony



Grant for Groundbreaking Young Researchers report briefing

# For more information, see Public Interest Incorporated Foundation Suntory Foundation for Culture

# Suntory Foundation for Life Sciences

Preceded by the Institute of Food Chemistry which was established in 1946 to improve the health and nutrition of the Japanese people, the name was changed to Suntory Institute for Bioorganic Research (SUNBOR) in 1979 and Suntory Foundation for Life Sciences in 2011. The Foundation promotes research and disseminating academics of bioorganic science, which is a fusion of life science and organic chemistry. It has produced many university professors and other researchers that play active roles on the frontline.

We engage in research activities for unveiling the mechanisms of life emphasizing molecules using the keywords "metabolism," "biomembrane," and "signalling" by positioning our own research into structural biology, organic chemistry, and molecular biology as points of integration for dissimilar fields. Collaborative research with research institutions such as universities is also promoted. It also operates an analysis center to aid research by universities. SUNBOR GRANT for young researchers, SUNBOR SCHOLARSHIP for graduate students, aiding academic meetings, postdoctoral fellow system, educational support for universities, and other activities to train researchers are also operated.



Exhibition displaying the history of the foundation



800 MHz superconducting nuclear magnetic resonance equipment

Many research findings have been published in prestigious academic journals, such as the discovery of enzyme gene for biosynthesis of Sesamolin and Sesaminol from Sesamin, antioxidant components of sesame, the deciphering of the mechanism of blue coloration through interactions between floral pigments and flavonoid glycosides, and the discovery of a new mechanism for iron absorption from grains and vegetables. In addition, joint researchers and front-line researchers are invited to hold debriefing sessions annually.



Research Institute annual meeting (Saji Keizo Memorial Hall, Osaka University Nakanoshima Center)

# SunRiSE (Suntory Rising Stars Encouragement Program in Life Sciences)

"SunRiSE" has been established to support the life science researchers who will lead Japan's basic research in the future and take on great challenges.

Applications were accepted in fiscal 2020, with 10 young researchers (SunRiSE Fellows) selected from nearly 500 applicants. Starting in April 2021, they received support of 50 million yen per person (10 million yen per year for five years). They are also

being supported through various activities. Following on from the research discussion meetings held at the end of every fiscal year, a report was made from each fellow at the end of fiscal 2024 covering the progress made in their research over the past year and their research strategy for the remaining one year. The Fellows received advice from different perspectives from the members of the Program's steering committee and from the SunRiSE Advisors, and their future research results are eagerly anticipated.







The SunRiSE award ceremony

🔰 For more information, see Public Interest Incorporated Foundation Suntory Foundation for Life Sciences 🖰

# Suntory Presents Beethoven's 9th with a Cast of 10,000 – Spreading the Joy of Singing Together

Suntory Presents Beethoven's 9th with a Cast of 10,000 started as a commemorative event of the opening of the Osaka-Jo Hall in 1983 which was held for the 42th time in 2024. Suntory Group has been a co-sponsor from the this concert, which has become a seasonal event in December, from the first event.

As an opportunity for 10,000 people to share the joy of singing and experience the wonder of classical music, the event has expanded its rehearsal venues and now welcomes participants of diverse ages and nationalities. It is growing into an event that transcends generations, regions, and national borders.

In 2011 to 2013, the Tohoku venue, which was linked live with the Osaka-Jo Hall, was also set as a part of an activity to support the recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake. In 2014, 150 people from Iwate, Miyagi and Fukushima prefectures were invited to the Osaka-Jo Hall.

From 2017, in addition to television broadcasts, we have been providing LINE LIVE, a live broadcast for reaching more viewers. Starting in 2020, as a new challenge, we began an initiative for people to participate in the concert by submitting videos from across the country. In the 40th anniversary concert in 2022, the choir gathered once again at Osaka-Jo Hall for the first time in three years. The concert also featured relay choirs from 10 locations nationwide, along with singing videos from around the world, creating a grand chorus that connected people across Japan and the world with the voices of over 10,000 singers. In 2023, a choir of 10,000 people gathered together for the first time in four years at Osaka-Jo Hall.



Suntory Presents Beethoven's 9th with a Cast of 10.000



The 38th Suntory Presents Beethoven's 9th realized through singing videos by a total of 10,000 people (2020)

🔰 For more information, see Suntory Presents Beethoven's 9th with a Cast of 10,000 (in Japanese) 🖰

# **Championing Sports**

# **Our Policies and Approach**

Suntory Group not only creates enthusiasm and excitement in people through the bold passionate spirit of Suntory sports, but also aims to inspire the brilliance of life, by fostering connections with people and sports, motivating people to "shine" and providing strong support to those who take the first step.

For more information, see Suntory Sports. (in Japanese)

# **Our Initiatives**

#### **Rugby Team Tokyo Suntory SUNGOLIATH**

Tokyo Suntory SUNGOLIATH was created in 1980, and has taken the Top League championship five times and won the All-Japan Rugby Football Championship eight times. The team is currently participating in JAPAN RUGBY LEAGUE ONE that started in 2022.

SUNGOLIATH has signed comprehensive partnership agreement for the development of the local community with Minato Ward in September 2020; Fuchu City, Chofu City, and Mitaka City in April 2021; and Tokyo in November 2021, and strengthened ties with the community. Members of the Tokyo Suntory SUNGOLIATH instructs rugby experience for elementary school students at its host town as well as share their life story in a workshop called "Trying for Dreams," teaching students about the importance of striving for your dreams.



Rugby Team Tokyo Suntory SUNGOLIATH



Rugby Clinic



Lecture titled "Trying for Dreams"

For more information, see Tokyo Suntory SUNGOLIATH

# Volleyball Team Suntory SUNBIRDS Osaka

Suntory SUNBIRDS Osaka is a volleyball team that marked its 50th anniversary in 2023 since its founding in 1973. In 2023, they became the first Japanese team to win the Asian Club Championships, and in the World Club Championships, they took third place and a bronze medal, proving they are a talented club that can compete globally.

The team currently belongs to the Daido Life SV.LEAGUE MEN, the top volleyball league in Japan. In 2024, the team won its tenth league championship in the V.LEAGUE, the predecessor to the SV.LEAGUE MEN.

The SUNBIRDS also actively engage in social contribution activities such as ball-based exercise training for the senior generation, supporting activities for recovery after the Great East Japan Earthquake, and holding volleyball clinics for elementary and junior high school students at home games.

The team has signed comprehensive partnership agreements for the development of local community with Osaka City in September 2018 and

Minoo City in October 2021 and offers volleyball clinics instructed by the players and staff for a wide range of generations with a focus on elementary and junior high school students at the home town.







Volleyball team Suntory SUNBIRDS

Volleyball Clinic

Comprehensive partnership agreement with the home town

For more information, see Suntory SUNBIRDS (in Japanese)

## Ai Miyazato Suntory Ladies Open Golf Tournament: Pathway to AIG Women's British Open

Suntory Ladies Open Golf Tournament is an official ladies open golf tournament of the Ladies Professional Golfers' Association of Japan hosted by Suntory. The event is held annually at the Rokko Kokusai Golf Club in Kobe City. This tournament is seen as a competition to test the true skill of the golfers because it is held for four days, while in Japan most golf tournaments usually last for three days. Ai Miyazato, a professional golfer affiliated with Suntory, acts as an advisor for the tournament and is involved with setting the course, PR for the tournament, and hospitality for visitors. As an international open tournament, it opens its doors and supports the growth of next generation of Japanese and international amateur golfers who are expected to become leading players in the future, and actively engages in other charitable events. From the 30th tournament in 2021, the first- and second-place golfers gain entry to the AIG Women's British Open.





Tournament winner Momoko Osato (right) and tournament ambassador Ai Miyazato (2024 tournament award ceremony)

For more information, see Suntory Ladies Open Golf Tournament (in Japanese)

#### **Suntory Dream Match**

Suntory has been hosting this baseball event since 1995 to deliver dreams and excitement. The event, which features retired pro baseball legends, have brought joy to more than a million fans to date.

In the 28th match in 2024, the Premium Malt's team, led by Manager Koji Yamamoto, and the Dream Heroes team, led by Manager Yasushi Tao fought a heated battle. The Suntory Dream Match is also a charity event, and a portion of the proceeds are used to support charity activities such as baseball classes for children throughout Japan.





#### **Suntory Challenged Sports Project**

Suntory Group has been supporting para-sports since 2014.

This began in 2014 as part of the recovery efforts following the Great East Japan Earthquake, and has gradually expanded the scope and area of its activities. Currently, it mainly consists of the following four activities:

- (1) "Challenged Sports Athletes Incentive Program" for athletes and sports organizations nationwide
- (2) "Dream Athlete" wheelchair basketball clinic for elementary and junior high school students (currently held in Koto Ward)
- (3) "Para-Sports Design College" is a project to promote the appeal of parasports with university students
- (4) Wheelchair Skills Seminar for medical and welfare students

#### **Suntory Challenged Sports Athletes Incentive Program**

The pillar of this project is the Suntory Challenged Sports Athletes Incentive Program. Starting in 2023, we have provided grants to support the activities of athletes, associations, and sports organizations designated by each association, with the hope of spreading and promoting challenged sports and nurturing and strengthening world-class athletes. In addition to targeting young athletes\*, grant recipients are selected from athletes recommended by parasports associations in prefectures and ordinance-designated cities across Japan, as well as from each association or sports organization designated by each association, in order to support community-based activities and develop them with many partners.

The third round of recipients was selected in 2025. A total of 76 athletes and 20 parasports associations or sports organizations from 57 prefectures and ordinance-designated cities will be selected and awarded a total of 28.5 million yen.

We will continue our challenges with our athletes under our PASSION FOR CHALLENGE grounded in our "Yatte Minahare".





Press announcement

# **Dream Athlete**

We are also offering hands-on clinics for para-sports, including wheelchair basketball in the Tohoku region and other areas. Currently, the activities are based in Tokyo Ariake Arena and offer hands-on clinics for elementary and junior high school students in Koto Ward, with players from the Tokyo wheelchair basketball team NO EXCUSE as instructors. Since 2023, more than 1,000 children have participated, experiencing the joy of parasports through interactions with athletes.



Hands-on clinic held in a friendly setting

## **Parasports Design College**

In 2021, we launched a project ParaSports Design College with university students to promote the appeal of para-sports. The project has posted on its website and social media a player directory that introduces wheelchair basketball players from a university student's perspective, as well as interviews with players and a project to survey university students about awareness of parasports in order to convey the excitement of challenged sports in various ways. Parasports Design College also hosts wheelchair basketball clinics and sets up event booths at tournaments.



The project is made up of students from various universities who are passionate about parasports.

#### **Wheelchair Skills Seminar**

We hold seminars for medical and welfare university students, where they acquire active wheelchair skills, with the aim of nurturing the next generation of parasports instructors. The implementation area started in the Tohoku region and is now being expanded to Kanto, Kansai, and Kyushu areas.



A seminar where participants learn how to "raise casters," a technique used to overcome everyday barriers.

In addition to these four activities, from 2025, Paralympian Mami Tani (an employee of Suntory) will serve as an ambassador for the project, promoting not only her own athletic activities but also the efforts and appeal of challenged sports.



Mami Tani working hard in training



Press conference for her appointment as ambassador

**▶** For more information, see Supporting Para-Sports (in Japanese) ☐