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Nippon Shokubai Signs United Nations Global Compact

NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD. (Headquarters: Osaka, Japan, President: Yujiro Goto, hereinafter "Nippon Shokubai") has signed the UN Global Compact (UNGC), and has been registered as a member company on October 19, 2020. Moreover, Nippon Shokubai has joined Global Compact Network Japan, which comprises Japanese companies and organizations that are UNGC signatories.

UNGC is a global initiative that encourages companies and organizations to act as good members of society and achieve sustainable growth by demonstrating responsible and creative leadership.

Nippon Shokubai aims to support people's affluent lives through our business and to grow ourselves as a sustainable company with our Group Mission "TechnoAmenity-Providing affluence and comfort to people and society, with our unique technology."

"Amenity" in TechnoAmenity has the meaning of "healthy, convenient, pleasant and attractive environment with hope for the future that people are happy to live in, in harmony with nature and culture", which is also concocted to the idea of SDGs, adopted in the United Nations.

By signing the UNGC and clearly stating our corporate stance for sustainability, Nippon Shokubai supports the UNGC's 10 principles which consist of the four fields: "human rights," "labour," "environment," and "anti-corruption" and we will further implement the Group Mission and continue working for the contribution to the realization of a sustainable society.

■Ten Principles of UNGC

Human Rights

Principle 1: Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights; and

Principle 2: make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.

Labour

Principle 3: Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;

Principle 4: the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour;

Principle 5: the effective abolition of child labour; and



Principle 6: the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

Environment

Principle 7: Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges;

Principle 8: undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; and

Principle 9: encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.

Anti-Corruption

Principle 10: Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.

*The SDGs are Sustainable Development Goals consisted of 17 goals and 169 targets, which were adopted at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit 2015.

About NIPPON SHOKUBAI Co., Ltd.: Since 1941, Nippon Shokubai has grown up its business with unique catalyst technology. Nippon Shokubai has supplied, for example, ethylene oxide, acrylic acid, automobile catalysts, process catalysts and so on. Among all, our global market share of superabsorbent polymers is the largest in the world now. Nippon Shokubai is a global chemical company operating under its corporate mission "TechnoAmenity-Providing affluence and comfort to people and society with our unique technology." <https://www.shokubai.co.jp/en/>

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