

Establishing Sustainable Capitalism through Society 5.0 and New Threats to Human Security in the Anthropocene



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# About Keidanren

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Japan Business Federation

**KEIDANREN (Japan Business Federation) is a comprehensive economic organization** with a membership comprised of 1,492 representative companies of Japan, 155 nationwide industrial associations and 33 regional economic organizations (as of April 1, 2022).

**Its mission** as a comprehensive economic organization is to draw upon the vitality of corporations, individuals and local communities to support corporate activities which contribute to the sustainable development of the Japanese economy and improvement in the quality of life for the Japanese people.

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# Keidanren's Approach to Creating a Sustainable Society

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### Society 5.0 for SDGs = A new future society achieved through innovation



<u>経団連 Society 5.0 -ともに創造する未来-より</u>

# Charter of Corporate Behavior – For the Realization of a Sustainable Society –



Established: Sept. 14, 1991 5th Revision: Nov. 8, 2017

The role of a corporation is to take the lead in the realization of a sustainable society by creating added value that will benefit society and generating employment, through autonomous and responsible behavior, on the basis of fair and free competition. To this end, regardless of its location, a corporation is expected to comply with the letter and spirit of relevant laws and regulations and international rules and to fulfill their social responsibility with a strong sense of ethical values, by acting in line with the following ten principles.



# Update & Accelerate Corporate Behavior



### through Revision of the Implementation Guidance

### **The World Faces Compounded Crises**

- Climate change and the destruction of ecosystems
- COVID-19's structural impacts on the economy and society
- Widened economic disparities under excessive emphasis on shareholder capitalism
- Threat to world peace and security

### Revision of the Implementation Guidance of the Charter of Corporate Behavior

### Specifically,

Practicing Corporate Behavior from the Social Point of View toward the Establishment of Sustainable Capitalism

- 1. Respecting human rights, transforming work style and investing in people, aim to resolve social problems through green transformation & digital transformation and contribute to improving the wellbeing of society and individuals.
- 2. Achieve sustainable growth through co-creation of new value with diverse stakeholders.
- 3. Ensure sustainability and resilience and respond to the various crises by encouraging behavioral changes not only within their own corporations but also in their group corporation and supply chains.

### In line with the importance of the SDGs and human security

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### Keidanren Emergence and Proliferation of Drug-Resistant Bacteria

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- Antimicrobials are intended to treat bacterial infections and are not effective against viral infections such as the common cold.
- Drug-resistant bacteria appear and proliferate mainly due to the following factors:
  - (1) use against non-bacterial infections.
  - (2) discontinuation of use during the course of treatment,
  - (3) prophylactic use (including for livestock and pets), etc.



### Infectious Diseases that are Threatening the World

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### Furthermore, the risk of infection is increasing due to global warming

- \*1 COVID-19 Weekly Epidemiological Update (Revision 107) (forth.go.jp), As of March 19, 2023. Quarantine Information Office, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan
- \*2 AIDS: 2021, <u>326928.pdf (gifu.lg.ip)</u>; TB: 2016, FORTH The Latest News on Tuberculosis in 2018 (Fact Sheet); Malaria: 2021, <u>Malaria (Fact Sheet) (forth.go.jp</u>)
- \*3 Source: Jim O'Neill "Tackling Drug-Resistant Infections Globally: Final Report and Recommendations" May 2016

# Six Areas and Goals for Countermeasures on AMR

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- AMR, a new threat of the Anthropocene, is a major theme for the Global Health
- One Health" must be tackled not only by the pharmaceutical industry



National Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

# To Promote the Appropriate Use of Antimicrobials

- Solidarity between physicians, pharmacists and patients is needed
  - Improve patient understanding of AMR
- Ensure appropriate prescribing and drug instruction by physicians and pharmacists

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### Difficulty in Creating New Antimicrobials = Obstacle in Controlling Antimicrobial Resistant



Antimicrobial agents pose challenges in the market mechanism, making it difficult to create new antimicrobials



Pharmaceutical Industry- led Initiative to Create New Antimicrobials



AMR Action Fund, an industry-led initiative, established to create new antimicrobials against drug-resistant bacteria



### AMR Action Fund

- ✓ Established in July 2020
- Over 20 pharmaceutical companies across the world have invested <u>approx. \$1 billion</u>
  - ✓ (From Japan, Eisai; Shionogi; Daiichi Sankyo; Takeda
    Pharmaceutical; and Chugai Pharmaceutical are participating)
- <u>Pharmaceutical industry-led platform</u> supported by the WHO, the European Investment Bank, and the Wellcome Trust
- ✓ It invests in start-ups and provides them with expertise, aiming at commercializing 2–4 new antimicrobials in the next decade

# Goals that the Pharmaceutical Industry Aims to Achieve

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Establish a cycle in which industry, government, academia, and the private sector work together to bring new antimicrobials to market on a continuous basis





# Human Security & AMR

— International Solidarity is Required at the Government Level

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### New Threats to Human Security; Strategies essential to solving AMR - Protection, Empowerment, Solidarity –

Although the government is primarily responsible for protecting the lives, livelihoods, and dignity of people, it is necessary to strengthen the cooperation among the international and regional organizations, civil society, and community-based entities. (Source: "Human Security Approach," the United Nations Information Centre)

