

Materiality and Impact Indicators

Realizing a society filled with happiness and well-being — Through all our Group's businesses, we are firmly committed to creating social value by addressing social issues and looking beyond them to the future, creating social value.

We have embedded this strong commitment into our three new materiality themes: "Green Planet," "Thriving People," and "Fulfilled Growth."

Generally, materiality is defined as key issues to be addressed by a company. However, as a company aiming to be a front-runner in social value creation through the power of finance, we have depicted the form of society we aim for—the state beyond problem-solving—as our materiality. This connects to more proactive and positive practice by each and every employee.

Together with the newly established impact-based quantitative targets, the entire SMBC Group will work as one to address these issues.

Materiality Lower row: Goal	Focus Areas	Impact Indicators		Direction of Initiatives
		Targets of the New Medium-Term Management Plan	Concept of Indicators	
 Green Planet passing on a green planet to future generations	Climate Change	Contributing to CO ₂ Reduction 1.5 times (compared to the previous Medium-Term Management Plan)	CO₂ reductions achieved through transition finance, new energy, technology projects, and others supported by SMBC Group	- Take an integrated approach to climate change, natural capital, and circular economy - Support the transition toward decarbonization of the real economy
	Natural Capital			
	Circular Economy			
 Thriving People creating a society where everyone can pursue their aspirations	Poverty & Inequality	Creating Opportunities for the Future 10 million people (cumulative total from FY2023)	Total number of beneficiaries reached through financial literacy programs and microfinance support across Asia	- Provide opportunities and support for social and economic self-reliance to break the cycle of Poverty and Inequality - Empower the next generation by providing access to education and opportunities to take on new challenges - Establish and strengthen frameworks for respecting human rights across the entire supply chain
	Education			
	Human Rights			
 Fulfilled Growth delivering growth that brings fulfillment from Japan to the world	Industrial Revitalization	Shaping Fulfilled Growth	Revenue growth rate of Japan's strategic and emerging industries, such as semiconductor manufacturing and space development	- Create new industries and support structural transformation of existing industries - Contribute to reducing people's everyday anxieties through both financial and non-financial solutions - Build digital infrastructure that supports economic growth and people's livelihoods
	Declining Birthrate & Aging Population		Future Financial Well-being 7% or more (FY2028)	
	Digital		Cashless Leadership 25% or more (FY2028)	



Green Planet — Passing on a Green Planet to Future Generations —

We will work as a unified Group to address “Climate Change,” “Conservation and Restoration of Natural Capital,” and “Realization of a Circular Economy,” passing on a green planet to future generations.

Addressing Climate Change

While the stances of countries and regions regarding climate change measures vary, the fact that it remains a critical social issue is unchanged.

Through appropriate risk-taking and management and diligent dialogue, we will contribute maximally to the decarbonization of the real economy.

● Decarbonization of the Real Economy

We aim to achieve net zero across our entire investment and loan portfolio by 2050. Particularly for high-emission sectors where alternative means of decarbonization are limited, we are utilizing our “Transition Finance Playbook” and accumulating financing track records through diligent engagement.

We will also supply risk money to accelerate the development and social implementation of new energies and technologies such as hydrogen, ammonia, and CCUS*¹.

*1 Carbon dioxide Capture, Utilization and Storage



● Appropriate Management of Climate-Related Risks

We position climate change as a top risk and have built a comprehensive risk management framework from the perspectives of policy, portfolio, and individual company/project. Especially for sectors with high GHG emissions, we have set medium-term reduction targets and strengthened management.

We also conduct environmental and social due diligence, utilizing it for enhancing credit decisions and engagement with customers.

Conservation and Restoration of Natural Capital

Toward the realization of Nature Positive, in addition to supporting customer initiatives, we are also advancing SMBC Group’s own environmental conservation efforts. For example, through the “SMBC’s Forests” program, we contribute to forest conservation and regeneration, global warming prevention, and biodiversity maintenance. Furthermore, the “Forest GX Consortium,” which we established with The University of Tokyo, is working on joint research and social implementation aimed at establishing a socio-economic model oriented towards environmental regeneration.

Everyone’s CO₂ Reduction (Minna De Genkotsu) Project



To encourage consumers to take decarbonization action in their daily lives, we collaborate with local governments, retailers, and manufacturers on educational activities for elementary school students, various events, and promotions for environmentally friendly products. Through this project, the circle of “CO₂ Reduction Supporters” who learn, take action, and cooperate is expanding.



Realization of a Circular Economy

To sustainably utilize the Earth’s limited resources, we are promoting the expansion of a “Circular Economy” through finance.

Focusing on EV batteries, plastics, and textiles, we combine financial support, support for use/collection/recycling through methods like leasing, and co-creation support to promote the social implementation and diffusion of circular models as a unified Group.



Thriving People — Creating a Society Where Everyone Can Pursue Their Aspirations —

We will support people's challenges through various initiatives toward the realization of a society filled with happiness and well-being.

Addressing Poverty & Inequality

We will work to break the cycle of Poverty and Inequality both domestically and internationally from both financial and non-financial perspectives.

● Financial Inclusion in Emerging Countries

In Asian countries, we provide microfinance, vocational training for social self-reliance, and entrepreneurship support.

We also support the development of digital infrastructure in emerging countries through the issuance of the world's first Digital Inclusion Bond.

● Nurturing Children's Futures Through Diverse Experiences

In cooperation with Chance for Children, a public interest incorporated association, we have provided the "SMBC Group Study Coupon," usable for tutoring and extracurricular lessons, to over 1,500 children cumulatively. Furthermore, at "Atelier Banrai-ITABASHI-," established in a former bank branch, various companies and organizations have conducted educational programs, attended by over 1,300 children cumulatively.



Providing Educational and Challenge Opportunities

In addition to providing financial literacy education to a wide range of generations, we provide continuous support to student athletes excelling in both academics and sports, and to researchers tackling unique studies.

● Providing Financial Literacy Education and Social Experience

Toward realizing a society where everyone can acquire correct financial knowledge and live with peace of mind, we offer financial literacy education leveraging the knowledge of Group companies to a wide range of generations.

Furthermore, in Japan Research Institute's "Children's Social Experience Program Shikumi-na®," children learn the basics of social mechanisms, such as the flow of money, experientially through videos and role-playing.

● Support for Student Athletes and Researchers

In the "Shaka-kachi BOON BOON PROJECT," we support university student athletes' activities in collaboration with project partners and companies, supporting their growth for future success in society.

In the "Shaka-kachi RISE PROJECT," we provide researchers with financial aid and support for the commercialization of their research, leading to the resolution of social issues and the creation of innovation.

New Chichibunomiya Rugby Stadium SMBC Olive SQUARE

SMBC Group has signed on as the top partner for the New Chichibunomiya Rugby Stadium, scheduled to open in 2030. The facility's secondary name will be "SMBC Olive SQUARE." In addition to allowing visitors to experience SMBC Group's advanced features through cashless payments and other means, the stadium will not be limited to sports and entertainment but will also serve as a venue for various demonstration tests and cross-industry exchanges, leading to the creation of new business.



Enhancing the Human Rights Respect Framework

Considering the ever-changing global situation, we continuously review our corporate activities and responses to human rights. In FY2025, we expanded the scope of the remedy framework through the "Engagement and Remedy Platform" of the Japan Center for Engagement and Remedy on Business and Human Rights (JaCER) to the Group level. We are also strengthening our response to human rights risks not only within our own company but also in transactions with external contractors.



Fulfilled Growth — Delivering Growth that Brings Fulfillment from Japan to the World —

With innovative and forward-looking approaches, we strive for “Fulfilled Growth,” where economic development contributes to solving global and social issues.

Initiatives for Industrial Revitalization

We will strongly promote the creation of new industries and the structural transformation of existing industries.

● Support for Creating New Industries

In September 2025, SMBC invested in a startup in the U.S. developing commercial fusion reactors. This investment marks the first time for SMBC to invest in a startup in this field.

Leveraging the investee company’s technology and knowledge, we will support the early commercialization and industrialization of fusion power generation in Japan.

● Promoting Structural Transformation of Existing Industries

To contribute to Japan’s food security and the sustainable growth of the food and agricultural industry, we established the “Next-Generation Agribusiness Council.” We will support agricultural corporations in solving challenges such as fundraising, securing management talent, and farmland consolidation, transforming agriculture into a growth industry.

Addressing the Declining Birthrate & Aging Population

We will help address concerns arising from the declining birthrate and aging population from both financial and non-financial aspects.

● Financial Support

In the era of 100-year lifespans, we will provide integrated support from our banking, securities, and trust businesses for asset building and management tailored to life stages. In particular, for young people in their 20s and 30s, we will support asset building through the provision of deposits and accumulation products.

We have also begun building “Mirai Tasuku,” a cross-industry platform for unifying procedures, to reduce the procedural burden involved in inheritance.

● Non-Financial Support

We are also focusing on providing life support services to support our customers and their families in living healthy and fulfilling lives every day. In the “SMBC Elder Program,” from banking services to various lifestyle services provided by partner companies, an SMBC concierge will stay close to our customers to help them realize a secure and enriched life.

Digital Innovation

Advanced digital financial infrastructure creates a strong foundation for economic growth and more convenient lives.

● Digital Financial Infrastructure for Individuals and Corporations

Olive provides individual customers with account, payment, and financial functions on a single platform, transforming financial transactions into something more familiar.

Trunk is a digital comprehensive financial service for SMEs and newly established corporations, offering speed, convenience, efficiency in accounting tasks, and other advanced features unique to digital.

● Contactless Transit Payment Services Supporting Mobility

“Stera transit,” a service provided by Sumitomo Mitsui Card Company, enables contactless transit rides on public transportation using credit card functionality, while also contributing to cost reduction and utilization data analysis for transportation operators. It also contributes to expanding travel and tourism for overseas visitors, leading to the revitalization of regional economies.

