

Hello everyone, this is Ito from Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group.

Today, let me explain SMBC Group's strategies and initiatives addressing sustainability, including climate change and sustainable business.

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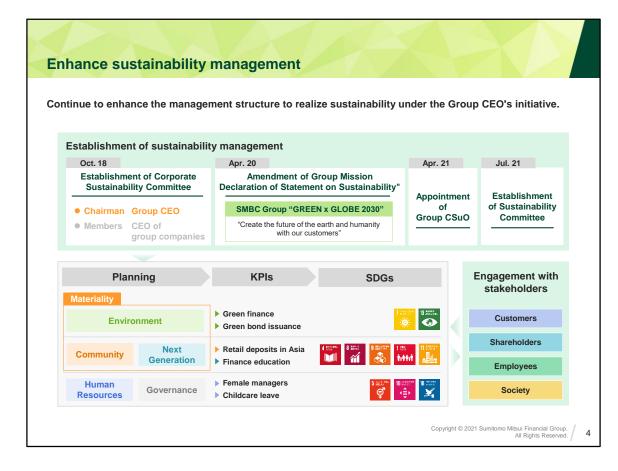
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First, let me look back on the history of how we have evolved our management structure to realize sustainability.

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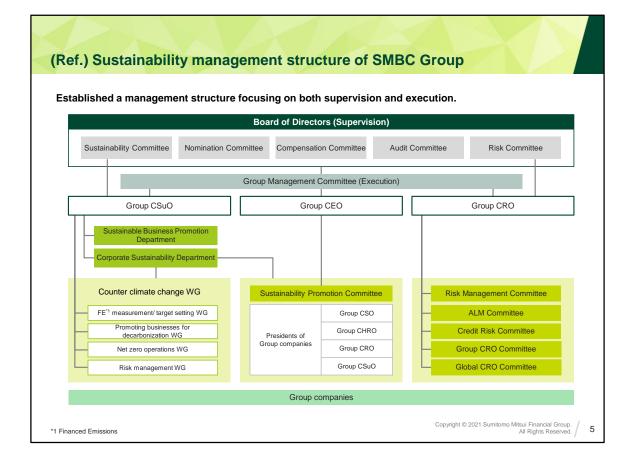


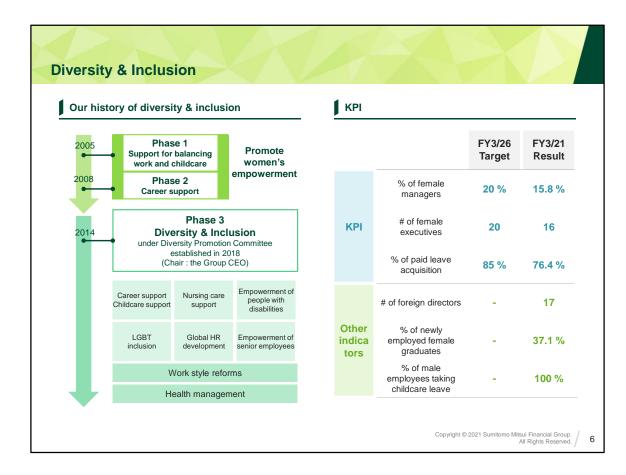
I would like to emphasize that SMBC Group's management is deeply committed to ESG initiatives, and that we are about to even integrate ESG into our core management principle.

In 2018, we established the Corporate Sustainability Committee, chaired by our Group CEO to spearhead sustainability-focused management. Top executives from group entities also join the committee to ensure that the entire SMBC Group consistently addresses ESG.

In April 2020, we revised our corporate mission for the first time since our incorporation by adding "Society" as one of the most important stakeholders and released the Statement on Sustainability to embrace sustainability as part of our higher-level management concept.

In April 2021, we created a new role of Group Chief Sustainability Officer to promote sustainability from both axes of corporate planning and operational execution. We also established the Sustainability Committee as an internal committee of our Board of Directors so that the execution side and the supervision side could promote sustainability together. This committee provides a forum in which high-level discussions on risks and strategies could be held based on the insights of our external directors and experts.



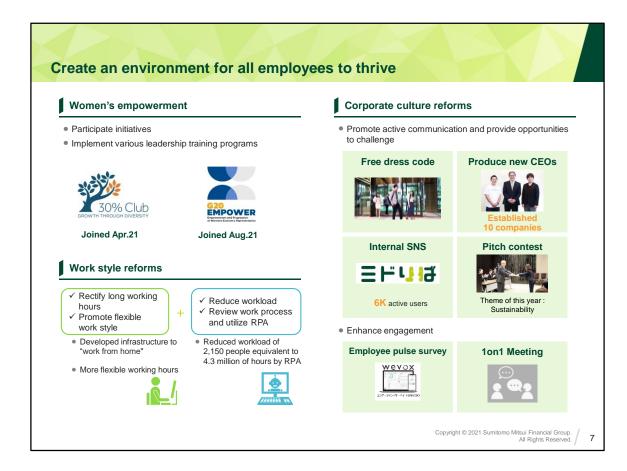


However, to penetrate the awareness of sustainability to the organization, it is not enough to establish a management structure. What is important is to raise each employee's awareness of sustainability on top of providing an environment where employees could make the most of their abilities.

"Diversity and Inclusion" is the key.

On the left-hand side, shows our history on diversity.

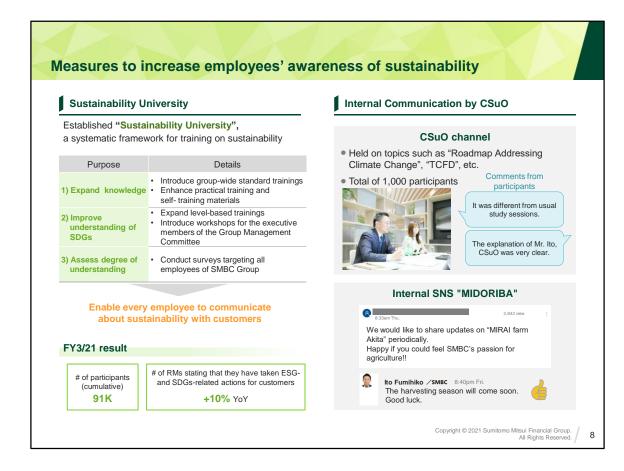
Our diversity initiatives were originally focused on supporting female employees' career development by helping them balance childcare and work. However, under the strong commitment by the top executives, we are now working on more various programs such as mobilizing multinational and senior personnel, work-style reform, and health management of all employees.



We signed up to "30% Club Japan" whose aim is to increase the percentage of women in key decision-making functions in order to further diversify decision-making layers within the organization. To encourage work-style reform and to adapt to "living with COVID-19," we are making more investments in remote working infrastructure. Slashing workload and revising our processes by actively using RPA also remain our focus.

Our unique program is the cultivation of organizational culture, shown on the right-hand side. For example, we promote free dress code, which attracted a lot of media attention, and "production of new CEOs", which is an initiative to encourage internal entrepreneurship by mid-career and junior employees.

In addition, there are six thousand active users in our internal social networking media and they share ideas and information daily. I, myself post comments on sustainability, and our Group CEO sometimes makes comments on junior employees' ideas.



It may be hard to imagine that we could directly achieve sustainability by preparing an environment where employees could work enthusiastically, but we think that it would lead to raising the employees' awareness of sustainability. We are establishing a training course and giving employees access to information to ensure that they can get into good communication with customers.

As shown on the left-hand side, we launched "Sustainability University" framework that allows our employees to learn online about the basics and solutions of ESG, and sustainability trends of various industry segment. The number of participants is more than 90 thousand in total.

I am also sporadically streaming live videos on the CSuO Channel for internal audience, in which I explain in detail the objectives and background of our "Roadmap Addressing Climate Change" and TCFD initiatives, while allowing time for discussions.

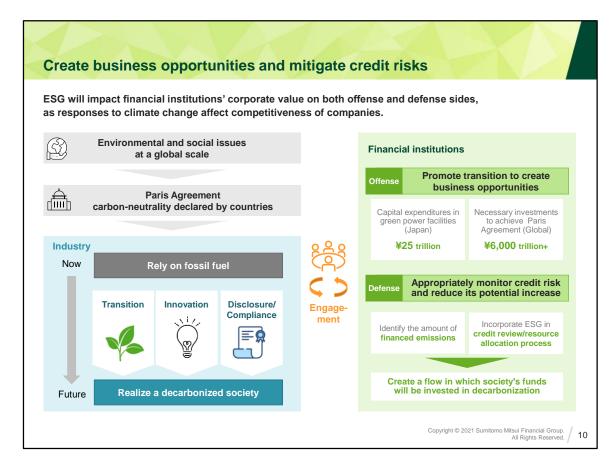
We will strive to promote sustainability as a group by enhancing our management structure from both supervision side and execution side as well as promoting initiatives like Diversity and Inclusion to build an organization and culture where all employees could thrive.



Next, I will talk about the enhancement of corporate value through ESG.

Last year, we conducted an ESG meeting for the first time. We received comments from participants that though they now fully understand our ESG efforts, they find it hard to see how the corporate value of a financial institution can be enhanced through ESG.

Regarding those comments, though it may be a little conceptual, we will explain in detail.



Firstly, the gain of attention to ESG, especially climate change is both a large business opportunity and a risk for financial institutions.

As seen on the left-hand side, industries will be required to strive toward a carbonneutral society through long-term initiatives in transition, innovation, and changing regulations.

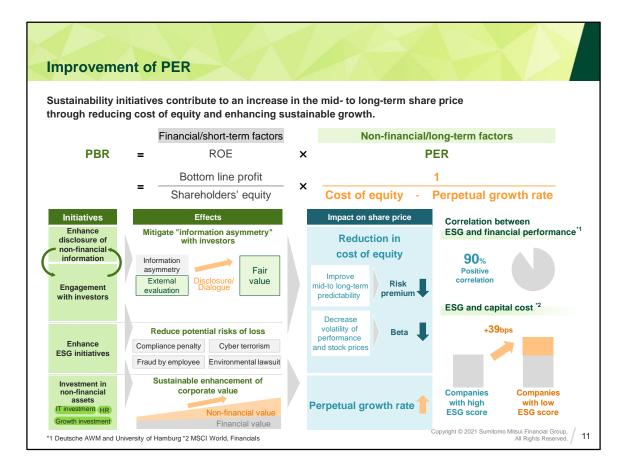
Such efforts by the customers provide a tremendous business opportunity to financial institutions like us.

Total capital expenditure required to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement is said to exceed JPY 6 quadrillion globally. We believe we could breed business opportunities by providing SMBC Group's diverse financial solutions such sustainable loans, underwriting of sustainable bonds, leasing, and advisory services.

On the other hand, as some companies which fail to adapt to ESG face declining performance in the mid-to long term, it would in turn affect us in the form of higher credit cost.

However, even though the risk hikes, we would not just divest from those industries or customers.

Rather, we would like to contribute to the development of society by engaging with customers, providing transitional support to them, and integrating non-financial values into credit decisions and resource allocation process as well as controlling the risk.



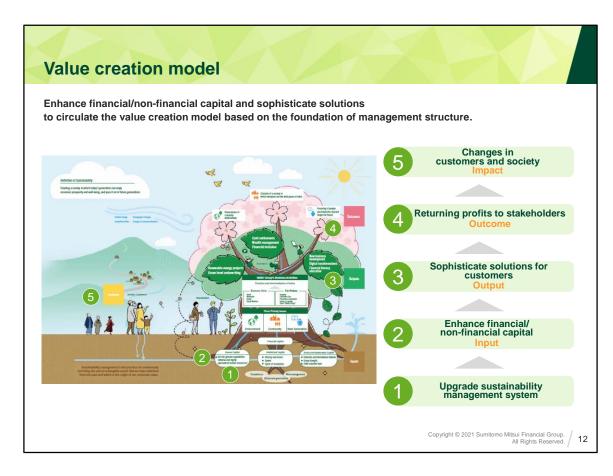
Next, let me explain how sustainability leads to increasing our corporate value. Actively working on ESG is thought to contribute to the increase in share price through the improvement of PER, as shown on the top and right-hand side charts. There are many empirical studies that prove the hypothesis, and we believe it would become more concrete.

If we apply this to financial institutions, especially SMBC Group, we estimate that the ratio of non-financial data to corporate value would increase going forward. Therefore, the key to sustainable growth for SMBC Group is the "non-financial capital" which is not visible on the balance sheet, including our personnel, data, and customers' trust.

We will improve our corporate value through the allocation of management resources to the enhancement of human capital and intellectual capital. We would also like to enhance the predictability of our mid- to long-term financial results and corporate value by actively disclosing non-financial information and engaging with stakeholders.

We also think we could eliminate the volatility on our bottom-line profit by vigorously promoting ESG. As a global financial institution, we are always holding potential risks of loss such as cyber-attacks, money laundering, and our loans becoming stranded assets. We believe the keys to prevent those losses are governance and corporate culture.

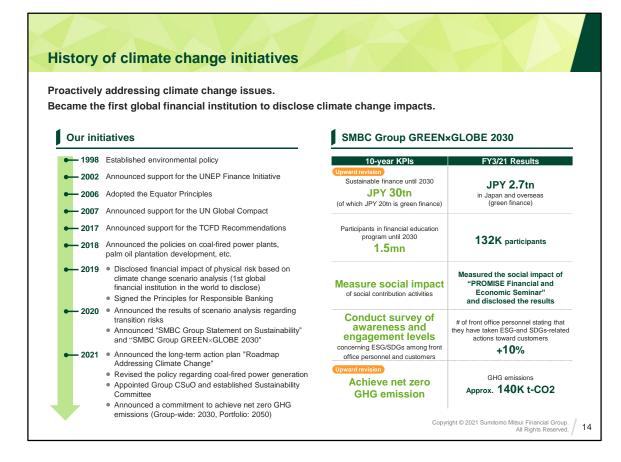
We would like to minimize our beta by enhancing risk management like corporate governance and scenario analysis of climate change.



This page shows SMBC Group's Value Creation Model. Please refer to our Annual Report to understand the process.



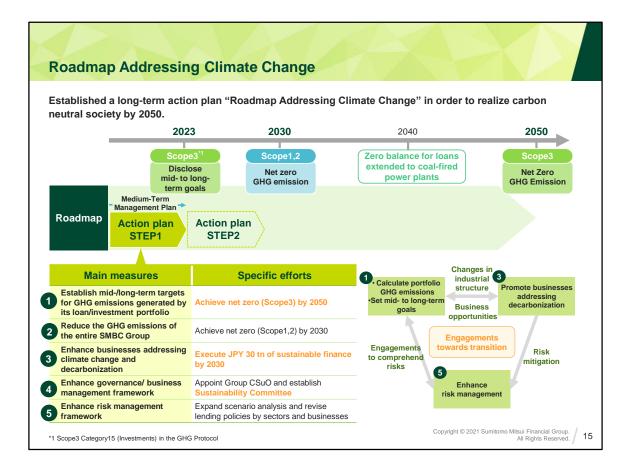
Let me now talk about our initiatives to address climate change.



We have placed "Environment" as a key management challenge and are working on various initiatives.

In April 2020, as part of a 10-year action plan to realize sustainability, we developed "SMBC GREEN×GLOBE 2030" to accelerate our efforts to resolve environmental and social challenges.

However, the situation regarding climate change has changed dramatically in this past year; Japan has declared to become carbon neutral by 2050 and the U.S. returned to the Paris Agreement.



Based on this backdrop, SMBC Group announced "Roadmap Addressing Climate Change" which aims to realize carbon neutral society by 2050.

On the bottom left, we show the 5 action plans in this current Medium-term Management Plan. I will explain those later, but what is important here is the relationship shown in triangle on the bottom right.

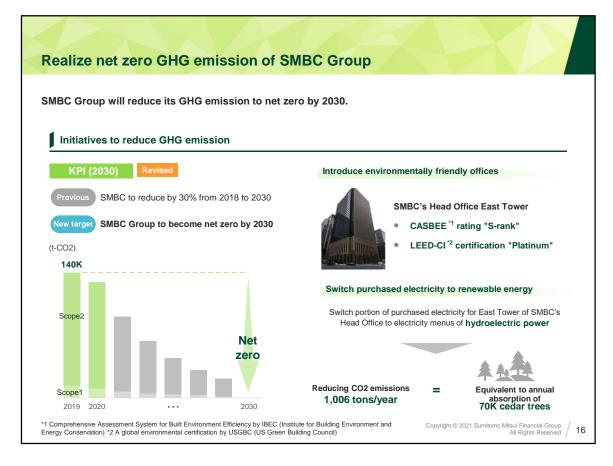
First, (1) we assess the amount of GHG emissions of customers. This will lead to recognizing which asset in our portfolio has a risk of becoming stranded asset from the (5) risk management perspective.

From another point of view, this acknowledgement of customers' GHG emissions would lead to (3) capturing business opportunities like transition financing.

Therefore, business regarding climate change prevents customers' assets from becoming stranded assets, and as a result, it will lead to the elimination of our credit risk.

The key to circulating this triangle is the engagement with stakeholders.

I will explain in more detail from the next page.

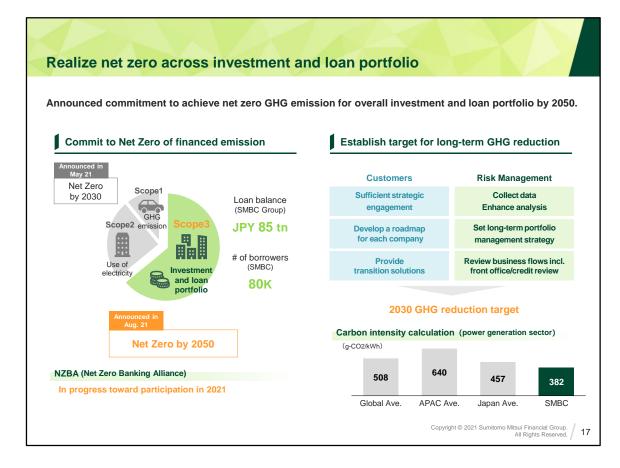


First, let me talk about the reduction of SMBC Group's GHG emission.

Our goal is to achieve net zero in Scopes 1 and 2 by 2030.

Our original 2030 goal was to reduce CO2 emissions of SMBC by 30% from 2018, but now our scope is expanded to the entire Group and the level of reduction has significantly increased.

Our office buildings have proactively adopted environmentally friendly structures, but going forward, we will further strive to reduce GHG emissions by taking measures like switching our company cars to EVs and transitioning to electric power generated by renewable resources.



Next is our initiatives on our financed emission (Scope3).

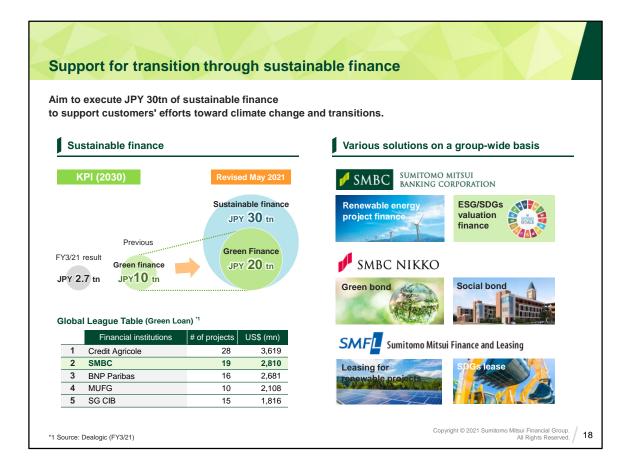
Last month, we made a new commitment in the Group CEO message of the TCFD Report 2021 that we would also achieve net zero GHG emission across the entire investment and loan portfolio by 2050 in line with the goals set by the Paris Agreement.

In addition, as shown on the bottom right-hand side, we calculated the amount of GHG emission of the Group's portfolio in the power generation sector. This calculation includes not only project finance but also corporate finance, and we recognize this is the first attempt as a Japanese financial institution.

However, this is not the end. As shown on the right-hand side, the next important step would be to set a mid- to long-term target.

Scope3 of financial institutions tends to be much broader as it corresponds to the overall investment and loan portfolio. We will engage with customers one by one, illustrate roadmaps to decarbonization, and support their initiatives from the financial perspective.

At the same time, we will set appropriate milestones to become net zero by 2050 alongside with upgrading our scenario analysis on climate change risk and establishing portfolio management strategies.



SMBC Group is committed to execute JPY 30 trillion of sustainable finance by 2030, with an aim to maximize our support so that our customers could take necessary measures to climate change and achieve transition.

This goal was originally "to execute JPY 10 trillion of green finance," but we decided to significantly upscale it given the global trend and the result of engagements with customers and stakeholders.

The point I would like to emphasize here is that we would not judge everything based on dualism, such as decarbonization or not, or green vs. brown.

We will support our customers' smooth transition in their quest for decarbonization while continuing thoughtful conversations with the stakeholder community.

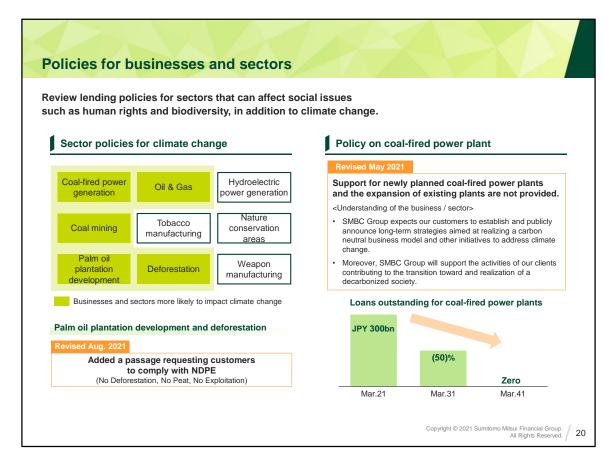
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At the same time, we should sophisticate our risk management as the "defense" side.

As disclosed in our TCFD Report, we expanded our scope of scenario analysis on physical risks by utilizing AI technology and satellite data to analyze the impact on credit-related costs arising from water disasters on a global scale. Such usage of AI and satellite data in scenario analysis is the first attempt ever in the world.

As for transitional risks, we applied 1.5 degree scenario-based analysis as well as broadening the scope and revising the method of analysis. We estimated the impact on credit-related cost on a global scale based on the new scenario and taking into account carbon cost.

We need to further enhance these analyses since they are conducted under a very long period, and have many uncertainties.

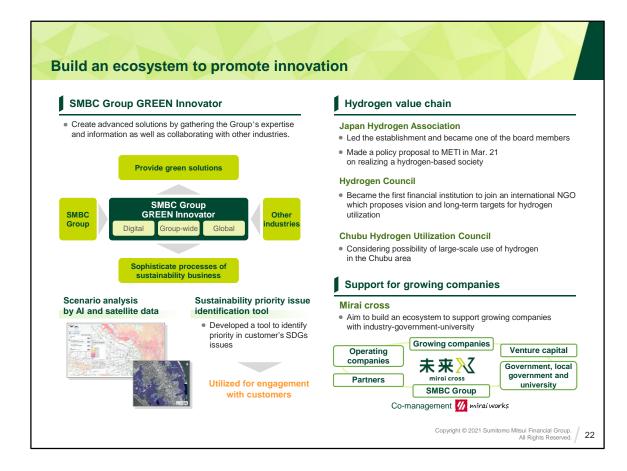


We occasionally revise policies for certain businesses and sectors. For example, we updated our policy on coal-fired power plants to a more rigorous one of not supporting any new constructions or expansions.

With a global shift towards low carbon/decarbonized society, transitional risks that are expected to arise as investments turn into stranded assets could significantly impact financial institutions' lending portfolio and credit cost. Therefore, we are committed to continue upgrading scenario analysis and other measures.



In this last section, I will show some of our notable examples of sustainable business.

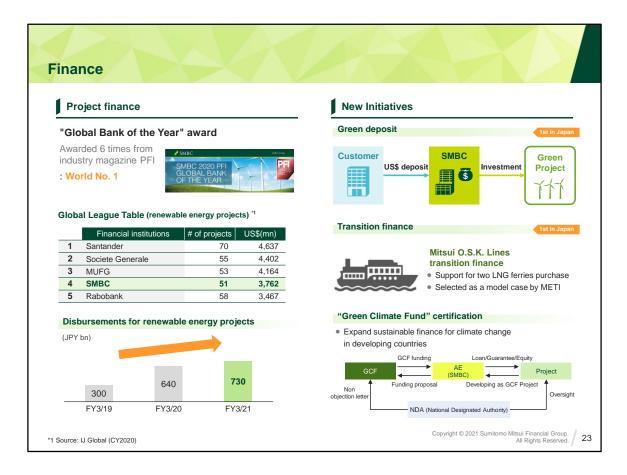


What I would like to emphasize is that we are trying to build an ecosystem where we could generate solutions and innovations that contribute to realizing a sustainable society, by gathering SMBC Group's expertise and information and by collaborating openly with customers and partners of other industries.

Under this concept, we have launched a program called "SMBC Group GREEN Innovator" to coordinate solutions utilizing technologies such as tools that automatically derive potential priority issues for customers in the area of sustainability, etc.

One of the examples of building an ecosystem for the future is our initiatives on hydrogen. We are taking the lead in Japan Hydrogen Association and actively working on promising technologies for our future.

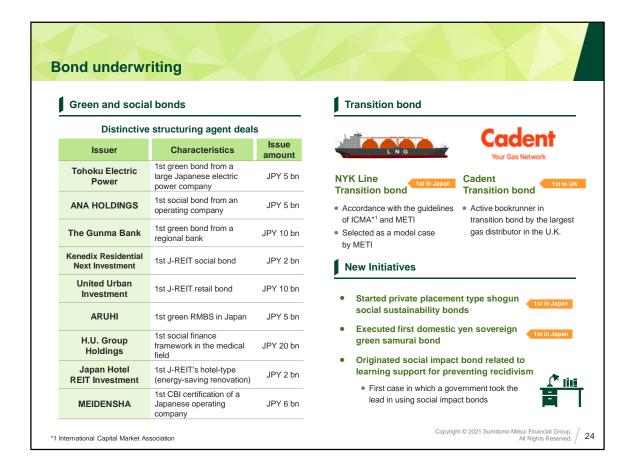
We would also like to provide various solutions through collaboration with non-financial partners and international NGOs.



From this page, I will present some examples of our solutions. First is finance.

We are proud of our prestigious presence as a 6-time winner of "Global Bank of the Year Award" by the project financing industry journal, and for originating JPY 730 billion in project financing last fiscal year.

In addition, we are putting effort in providing new solutions. The deals shown on the right-hand side are the first in Japan. One is "green deposit", a product that connects green projects with customers who wishes to invest their money in eco-friendly projects and another is transition finance to a customer purchasing LNG ferries.



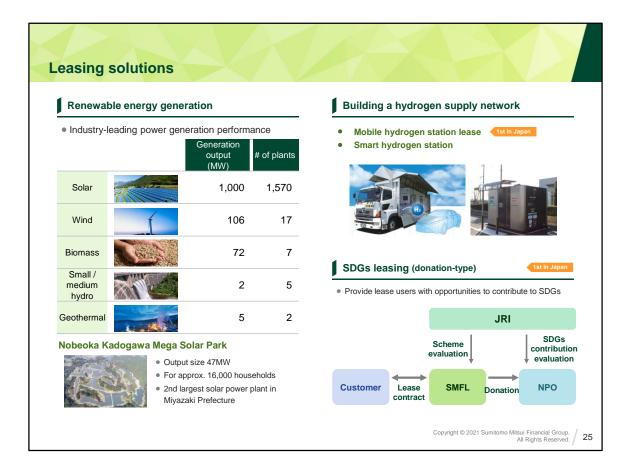
Next is bond underwriting.

As shown on the left-hand side, SMBC Nikko has structured many green bonds and social bonds that became first in each sector like electric power company, operating company, and regional bank.

SMBC Nikko has also joined the first transition bond in the U.K. as active book runner.

The transition bond of NYK Line was the first model case of METI's public collection, which is in accordance with the guideline of ICMA.

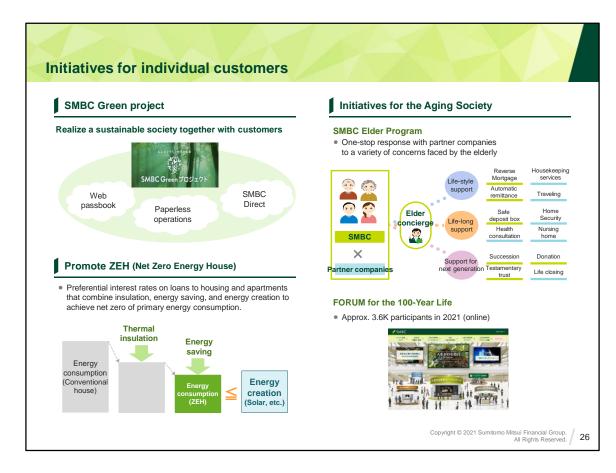
Finally, as shown on the bottom right, we are also working on creating new schemes such as social sustainability bond printed as private placement shogun bond.



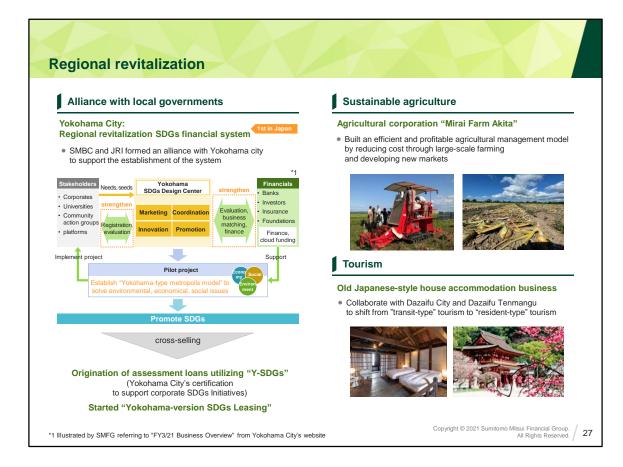
One of SMBC Group's strengths is holding SMFL, a leading company of the leasing industry.

SMFL aims to rank in the top 5 power generation companies of renewable energy and already has top-class results in solar, wind and biomass power.

We also structured a leasing scheme to the first "mobile hydrogen station" and aim to build a stable power supply network of future energy.



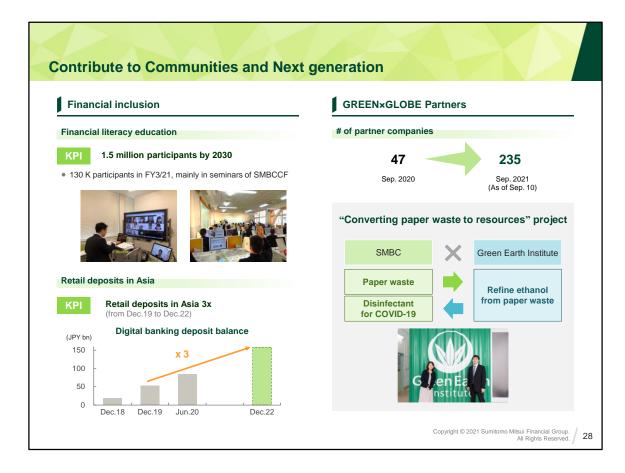
For retail customers, we implement "SMBC Green Project" which promotes switch to web-version passbook and paperless operations. We also apply lower interest rates to housing loans and apartment loans specifically on environmentally considerate residences.



Regional revitalization is another important subject.

For example, SMBC and JRI are giving financial support to the city of Yokohama, to realize their goal to become an "SDGs Future City."

Another unique initiative is agriculture. Many people say it is unique for a financial institution to enter the agricultural business. We aim to help regional revitalization through these initiatives.

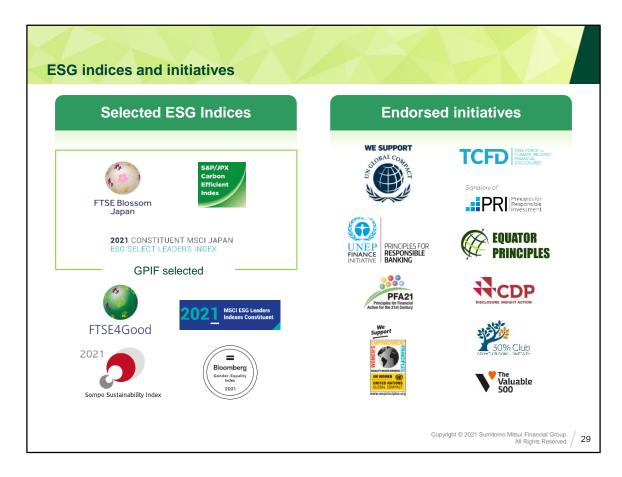


Next, I would like to introduce our initiatives for "Community" and "Next Generation", which we also set as our priority issues (materiality) along with "Environment."

As for the arrangement of various financial and economic educational programs, with the spread of Covid-19, we launched a new format of virtual seminars last year. A total of approximately 130 thousand people completed our courses. We will continue to provide financial and economic training to people of broad age groups.

Also, we established "GREEN×GLOBE Partners" last year to resolve social challenges. The number of customers who resonated with the concept has counted up to 235.

There are projects incubated from this community, and we would like to further activate these initiatives.



SMBC Group is incorporated in many of the major ESG indices as a result of our various initiatives.

We also endorse various initiatives both domestic and global as a member of the global society and regarding the social impact financial institutions may derive.

This concludes my presentation today.

SMBC Group will further strive to realize a sustainable society together with our customers. We would highly appreciate your continuous support.

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