

Prolonged Battle Against COVID-19

The battle against COVID-19—which started last year—has yet to come to an end and continues to impact our daily lives significantly. I wish to give our deepest appreciation to all medical workers and relevant parties fighting against the disease each day under harsh environments over this long period of time. I also wish to express our heartfelt condolences to all who have passed away due to COVID-19 as well as wish for the speedy recovery of those who are still undergoing treatment.

More Value to All 2021: Generating Greater Value Together!

This is the final fiscal year of the RIKEN TECHNOS GROUP's three-year mid-term business plan. Ever since we embarked on this mid-term business plan, we have been faced with several global crises beyond our expectations. They include the spread of COVID-19; violent fluctuations in the price of petroleum, which is an upstream raw material essential for us; and the frequent occurrences of natural disasters in various places. Even while embroiled in such crises, we have strived to deliver even better products to customers—through product development, manufacturing frontlines, and sales activities—while responding to changes in the environment. These efforts were based on the RIKEN TECHNOS GROUP's management policy of "More Value to All 2021: Generating Greater Value Together!" In the final fiscal year of the three-year mid-term business plan, we will strive to be able to continue delivering greater value.

Blue Challenge Product Development That Contributes to a Sustainable Society

Amid being faced with such crises one after another, regarding "Contributing to a Sustainable

Society" which is stated as a main topic for the RIKEN TECHNOS GROUP, it is important for us to push forward with even greater speed and detailed effort. Since last year, we have been referring to such action in general as "Blue Challenge" and are strengthening them. To fulfill our responsibility as a chemical manufacturer while keeping the SDGs in mind, we are focusing on areas such as developing products that place a reduced burden on the environment through fuel efficiency improvements and developing products with disposal and recycling in mind. Furthermore, we are also expanding the sale of RIKEGUARD®, a series of products against infectious diseases, and enhancing it with new functional lineups. The featured article in this report will introduce such products of the RIKEN TECHNOS GROUP that contribute to a sustainable society.

Together with All Our Stakeholders

As we move toward the future, there is a ton of issues, such as responding to climate change. While initiatives toward addressing these issues are still in development, the RIKEN TECHNOS GROUP will face each issue seriously. Our partnerships with all stakeholders, including customers, business partners, shareholders, employees, and people from local communities, are essential for addressing these issues. Going forward, we will deepen trust and build even stronger partnerships with our stakeholders and contribute to a sustainable society. We are aiming to become the leading provider of comfort for all living spaces. I hope you will continue to give us your support in the future.

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Representative Director,
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Profile

Kazuaki Tokiwa

Kazuaki Tokiwa was born in Kanagawa Prefecture in 1961. He graduated from the Faculty of Engineering at the Chiba Institute of Technology in 1983, and joined RIKEN VINYL INDUSTRY CO., LTD. (now RIKEN TECHNOS CORPORATION) in the same year.

He was appointed President & CEO of RIKEN ELASTOMERS CORPORATION (U.S.A.) in 2007; appointed Assistant General Manager of the Compound Division and General Manager of Compound Sales Department in 2011; appointed Director and General Manager of the Corporate Planning Office in June 2013; then appointed Representative Director, President & CEO in April 2016.