

# Recognizing the Organizational and Societal Impact and Opportunities of Environmental Issues, and Contributing to Maintain and Develop a Sustainable Society

### Institution of the SBI Group Environmental Policy

The SBI Group recognizes the importance of long-term coexistence between society and the natural environment, and that environmental issues have impact on, and present both risks and opportunities to, organizations and society. Accordingly, by resolution of the Board of Directors, the Company has instituted the SBI Group Environmental Policy for the purpose of contributing to the maintenance and development of a sustainable society through business activities.

1. Providing products and services that promote environmental consideration
2. Compliance with environmental laws and regulations, and ethical conduct
3. Reducing environmental impact through business activities
4. Environmental education and awareness-raising activities
5. Improving initiatives through dialogues

### The SBI Group Environmental Policy (in Japanese only)



<https://www.sbigroup.co.jp/csr/environment.html>

### Initiatives at SBI Group Companies

#### Toward the Proliferation of Renewable Energy

The introduction of renewable energy for the purpose of reducing environmental impact is accelerating globally. In Japan, the introduction of natural energy sources that effectively utilize local resources is attracting attention as a critical element of the energy mix for future generations. SBI ENERGY is developing solar power, small-scale hydropower, biomass, small-scale wind power and other types of electric power plants in addition to the agricultural solar power plants (solar sharing) that it has already begun to operate in Sosa City, Chiba Prefecture, and Tono City, Iwate Prefecture. Through these businesses, SBI ENERGY will contribute to the development of sustainable communities through environmental conservation, improvement of the energy self-sufficiency rate and vitalization of local economies.

To contribute to the diffusion and expansion of renewable energy use and reduction of environmental impact on society as a whole, SBI Social Lending uses a social lending mechanism to provide loans to solar power operators that own solar power plants already in operation, including developers of solar power plants and biomass power plants. The cumulative amount of loans reached approximately ¥23.9 billion as of March 31, 2019.

### Promoting Issuance of Green Bonds

In March 2019, SBI SECURITIES became a registered issuance supporter on the Green Bond\*<sup>1</sup> Structuring Division of the "Green Bond Issuance Promotion Platform." This platform is connected with the Financial Support Programme for Green Bond Issuance, which is promoted by the Green Finance Promotion Organization under the sponsorship of the Ministry of the Environment.

The Financial Support Programme for Green Bond Issuance is a mechanism by which the Ministry of the Environment provides subsidies to support external costs that occur in addition to ordinary bond issuance procedures, in order to promote the issuance of green bonds in Japan. As a registered supporter, SBI SECURITIES will promote greater use of green bonds in Japan's capital markets and, by extension, expansion of the market for social benefit bonds by applying its expertise in green bonds.

\*1 Green bonds: Bonds that companies, municipalities and other entities issue to procure funding required for environment-friendly projects

### Contributing to Solving Water Problems by Using LIMEX Business Cards

Water problems continue to worsen due to population growth, aggravation of climate change and water pollution, and it is said that more than two billion people around the world are compelled to drink unsafe water. Although the SBI Group does not engage in business activities that require large amounts of water, we are promoting the use of environment-friendly business cards to contribute even in a small way to solving this problem. In FY2018, we began using LIMEX, a new material made mainly from limestone, for the business cards of Group company officers and employees.

LIMEX, a substitute for paper and plastic, can be manufactured using nearly no water. For instance, each box of 100 business cards made of LIMEX helps preserve approximately 10 liters of water resources. LIMEX business cards have been introduced at Group companies such as SBI Holdings, SBI Investment and SBI Insurance Group, and going forward we will contribute to solving water problems by expanding their introduction to the entire Group.

### Change in CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions \*2, 3

(Unit: t-CO<sub>2</sub>)

FY2016	FY2017	FY2018
1,916	2,309	2,128

\*2 Scope of data: These figures are Scope 2 emissions (indirect emissions from the use of purchased electricity and heat) as defined by the GHG Protocol from SBI Holdings and Group company domestic business sites having office floor space of 1,000 m<sup>2</sup> or more (at the fiscal year-end)

\*3 Calculation method: CO<sub>2</sub> emissions within the scope of data collection are calculated based on SBI Holding's electricity use and the CO<sub>2</sub> emission coefficient (actual emissions coefficient) for each power company published by the Ministry of the Environment