

In his book *Shi to Tomo* ("Teacher and Friend"), Masahiro Yasuoka, a leading Japanese philosopher born in the late 19th century, spoke that it is truly wonderful the way a good connection develops by inviting a better connection. He describes it as "*En Jin Ki Myo*." Yasuoka also said that good outcomes are achieved by associating with good people, which he describes as "*Ta ho Sho-in*." He meant that people should focus as much as possible on finding good opportunities, good situations, good people, and good books.

Since its founding in 1999, the SBI Group has established a business ecosystem and has developed the Group as a whole while each company in the ecosystem has mutually evolved and grown through generating synergies. In order to "go beyond finance with finance at its core," lately, we have been active in entering new business domains that go beyond the limits of a financial company.

The Group's 25-year journey up to now attests to how we, as a corporate Group, have practiced the way in which one business can eventually evolve into another through relationships.

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