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MARUI GROUP Becomes First Japanese Retailing Company to Be Included in CDP' s Climate A-List

MARUI GROUP CO., LTD., announces that it has become the first Japanese retailing company to be included in the **Climate A-List**, which represents the highest evaluation offered by the international NPO CDP.

■ Overview of CDP

CDP is an international NPO endorsed by institutional investors from around the world. One of the most trusted evaluation institutions by investors, CDP investigates the initiatives of companies and cities around the world for addressing climate change, water, forest, and other environmental issues and discloses the results of its analyses and evaluations.

■ Climate A-List

CDP' s **Climate A-List** is a list of companies that have incorporated superior climate change response initiatives into their climate change response plans and strategies.

In 2018, approximately 7,000 companies from across the globe are investigated during the process of compiling the A-List.

MARUI GROUP' s inclusion in the A-List is thought to be a reflection of the evaluation that its climate change and information disclosure initiatives, such as its receipt of certification from **Science Based Targets**^{*1} and its endorsement of the **Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures**,^{*2} are of a high level even on the international stage.



*1 The Science Based Targets initiative was jointly established by CDP, the United Nations Global Compact, the World Resources Institute, and WWF. This initiative is tasked with encouraging companies to set science-based greenhouse gas reduction targets with the aim of keeping the average increase in global temperature from pre-industrial times below 2° C.

For more information, please refer to the following news release.

→http://www.0101maruigroup.co.jp/pdf/settlement/18_0329/en_18_0329_1.pdf

- *2 The Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures is an organization established by the Financial Stability Board to encourage companies to disclose information pertaining to climate change-related business risks and opportunities and to facilitate the sharing of this information among institutional investors and financial institutions.

For more information, please refer to the following news release.

→http://www.0101maruigroup.co.jp/pdf/settlement/18_1120/en_18_1120_1.pdf

■ Renewable Energy Introduction Initiatives

MARUI GROUP is advancing concerted, Groupwide initiatives for introducing renewable energy. Examples of these initiatives include its becoming a member of RE100 and issuing green bonds.

《Membership in RE100》

RE100 is an international initiative comprising a collective of companies committed to the procurement of 100% of the electricity used in their business activities from renewable power sources. MARUI GROUP became a member of this initiative in July 2018. Companies joining this initiative are asked to declare and disclose their commitments to sourcing 100% of the electricity used in their business activities from renewable power sources by the earliest possible time and 2050 at the latest.

《MARUI GROUP's Target》

**•Source 100% of electricity used in business activities
from renewable power sources by 2030**

(Interim target: Source 70% of electricity used in business activities from renewable power sources by 2025)

For more information, please refer to the following news release.

→http://www.0101maruigroup.co.jp/pdf/settlement/18_0710/en_18_0710_1.pdf

《Issuance of Green Bonds》

Green bonds are bonds designated for the purpose of procuring funds to be used for environmental initiatives. MARUI GROUP became the first Japanese retailer to issue such bonds in October 2018. The funds procured through these bonds will be used to help the Group achieve its target of sourcing 100% of electricity used in business activities from renewable power sources, primarily through the purchase of electricity generated using renewable sources. The green bonds were the first bonds in Japan to be issued with the intent of being used exclusively for funding renewable energy initiatives.

For more information, please refer to the following news release.

→http://www.0101maruigroup.co.jp/pdf/settlement/18_0928/en_18_0928_1.pdf

■ MARUI GROUP's Co-Creation Sustainability Management

MARUI GROUP practices forward-looking co-creation sustainability management, an approach that merges its business, environmental, social issue response, and corporate governance initiatives in an integrated manner.

In conjunction with the adoption of this new approach, we also redefined the focus of our business from serving all customers to promoting **inclusion**. This redefinition was accompanied by the establishment of four core themes related to inclusion that are also based on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

One of MARUI GROUP's four core themes is **ecological inclusion**. Based on this theme, we develop eco-friendly businesses to contribute to the realization of a low-carbon, recycling-oriented society and propose ecologically sound lifestyles that are in harmony with nature and the environment.

Through co-creation activities advanced with all stakeholders, MARUI GROUP will endeavor to help build a flourishing and inclusive society that offers happiness to all.

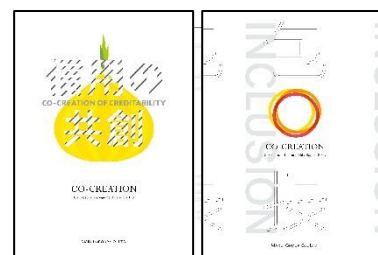
Information on MARUI GROUP's vision for **co-creation sustainability management** can be found in the following reports.

Co-Creation Management Report 2018

→ <http://www.0101maruigroup.co.jp/en/ir/lib/i-report.html>

Co-Creation Sustainability Report 2017

→ <http://www.0101maruigroup.co.jp/en/sustainability/lib/s-report.html>



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