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MARUI GROUP Receives Minister of the Environment Award in the Japan Green Bond Awards

MARUI GROUP CO., LTD., announces that the Company received the Minister of the Environment Award in the Japan Green Innovation Category of the Japan Green Bond Awards. Sponsored by the Ministry of the Environment, the Japan Green Bond Awards is a new award program established in the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019.

■ Japan Green Bond Awards

The Japan Green Bond Awards program was established in the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019, with the goals of accelerating the trend toward issuance of and investment in green bonds,^{*1} recognizing innovative green bond initiatives, and communicating these initiatives to society. Recipients are selected based on their contributions to the development of the green bond market, environmental benefits, and other characteristics, and awards are presented in five categories.^{*2}



MARUI GROUP was presented with the Minister of the Environment Award in the Japan Green Innovation Category of this program, a category designed to recognize companies that have contributed to the development of the domestic green bond market with innovative ideas. This award was a reflection of the high evaluation of the MARUI GROUP's issuance of Japan's first green bonds for procuring renewable energy as an exemplary and innovative initiative.

^{*1} Green bonds are bonds issued for the purpose of procuring funds for initiatives that address global warming and other environmental issues.

^{*2} For information on the five categories, please refer to the following news release on the Ministry of the Environment's homepage (Japanese only).

→ <https://www.env.go.jp/press/106518.html>

■ Renewable Energy Initiatives

MARUI GROUP is developing businesses with low environmental impact and that are considerate of natural capital and proposing ecologically sound lifestyles that are in harmony with nature and the environment. A concerted Groupwide push to adopt renewable energy is one facet of our efforts on this front.

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**

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

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 on MARUI GROUP's membership in RE100, please refer to the following news release.

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

For more information on MARUI GROUP's issuance of green bonds, please refer to the following news release.

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



In September 2018, Shinjuku Marui Main Building started being powered by renewable energy on a trial basis.

■ MARUI GROUP Announces 2050 Vision

MARUI GROUP announces that it has published *VISION BOOK 2050*, its latest co-creation sustainability report for all stakeholders.

MARUI GROUP's 2050 Vision

**Harnessing the power of business to build a world
that transcends dichotomies**

Going forward, MARUI GROUP will proceed to establish action plans for accomplishing its 2050 Vision, examine long-term targets, and engage in ongoing dialogue to shape a brighter future together with all stakeholders. MARUI GROUP will continue to look toward the future from an ultralong-term perspective, and we are marching forward as we identify the tasks we can undertake today.

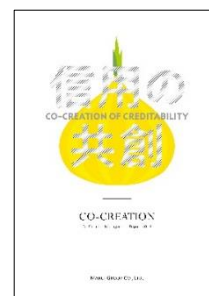
Information on MARUI GROUP's co-creation sustainability management can be found in the following reports.

Co-Creation Management Report 2018

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

MARUI IR DAY Materials and Videos

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



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