

## The 26 Medium-Term Management Plan

(FY2025 to FY2027)

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## I. Future Vision of the Taiheiyo Cement Group

## Mission of the Taiheiyo Cement Group

Our mission is to contribute to social infrastructure development by providing solutions that are environmentally efficient, enhance our competitive position and bring value to our stakeholders.

## **Future vision targeting 2050**

- Deploy around the world the Group's overall capabilities and revolutionary technologies including carbon neutrality.
- Become a leader in the global cement industry.
- Become a corporate group that supports a safe and secure decarbonized/recycling-based society.

## **Taiheiyo Vision 2030**

- Expand the Group's presence in the Pacific Rim by utilizing its overall capabilities.
- Contribute to the achievement of carbon neutrality and circular economies.
- Become a robust corporate group that grow sustainably.



## Vision of the 26 Medium-Term Management Plan

## 3D Approach for Sustainable Future

—Three-dimensional approach toward the realization of a sustainable society—

The Taiheiyo Cement Group aims to promote a combination of three initiatives toward the realization of a sustainable society to widely share the benefits gained through such initiatives with its stakeholders.

- Revitalize domestic business
- Further promote global strategy
- Promote sustainability management and contribute to carbon neutrality

## Achieve a sustainable society

Safe and secure living environment

Creation of circular economies

Robust social infrastructure

Prompt disaster response

## (1) Benefits and Challenges of the 23 Medium-Term Management Plan

	23 Medium-Term Management Plan (FY2022-FY2024)
Profitability	<ul> <li>◆Operating income on sales 6.4%</li> <li>◆ROE 8.2%</li> <li>◆Growth investments         <ul> <li>Acquisition of the Redding Plant (U.S.)</li> <li>Acquisition of the cement sales business of Denka Company Limited</li> <li>Construction of a new cement distribution terminal in Luzon island (Philippines)</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆Strengthened our business foundation         <ul> <li>Green Innovation Fund Project (C2SP Kiln®)</li> <li>Upgrading of plant production management</li> <li>Development of the Shin-Tsukumi Quarry and the Toumi Quarry</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Returns to shareholders	◆Steady dividend payments and repurchased Taiheiyo Cement Corporation shares  • Total return ratio 89% (3-year cumulative total)  • Maintained steady dividends (70 yen per share)  • Repurchase of Taiheiyo Cement Corporation shares 10 billion yen
Financial structure	◆Net DER 0.52 times  • Net interest-bearing debt 290.3 billion yen

#### Review

#### Benefits

- Proceeded growth investments as planned
- Steady progress in initiatives to achieve carbon neutrality
- Provided steady returns to shareholder

#### Challenges

- Strengthen the earnings capacity of domestic cement businesses
- Improve financial structure

## (2) Management Targets and Guidelines

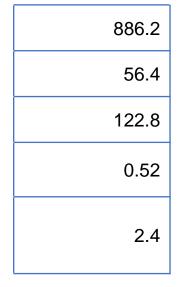
		FY2024 Target
Management Targets	Operating income on sales	11% or more
	ROE	10% or more

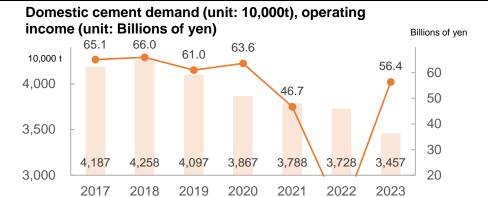
(Billions of yen, unless otherwise stated)

Guidelines	Net sales	750.0 or more
	Operating income	85.0 or more
	EBITDA	145.0 or more
	Net debt/equity ratio (DER) (times)	Around 0.4
	Net interest-bearing debt / EBITDA ratio (times)	1.5 or less

## FY2024 Results

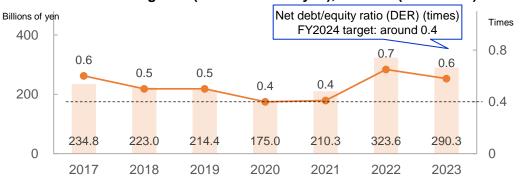
8.2%







#### Net interest-bearing debt (unit: Billions of yen), net DER (unit: times)



## (3) Analysis of the Current Situation

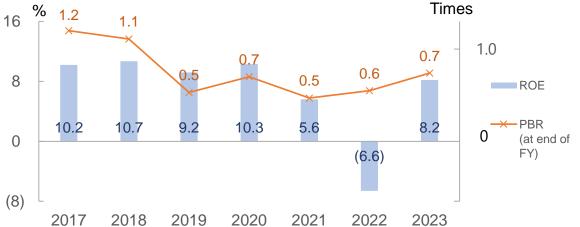
# External environment

- Decrease in domestic cement demand and various rising costs
- Increasing need for blended cement

# Internal environment

- Lower earnings capacity in domestic business
- Maintained financial soundness

## ROE (%) and PBR (times)



Decreased ROE due to energy price hikes and other factors is picking up, but return on capital needs to be improved to steadily exceed cost of capital.

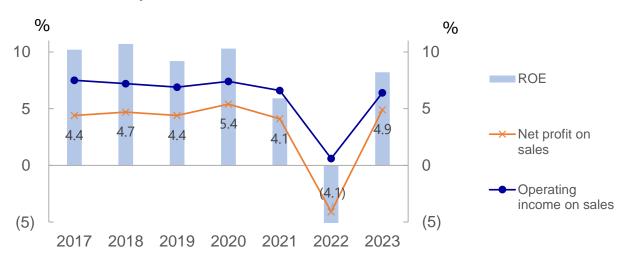
(The cost of capital recognized by the Company is approximately 8%.)

PBR from March to April 2024 is around 0.7x. We aim to achieve a PBR of over 1x at the earliest possible time.



#### **Decomposition of ROE**

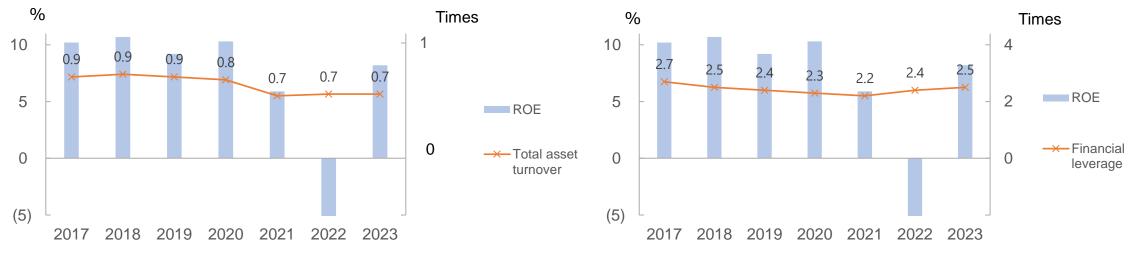
ROE = net profit on sales x total asset turnover x financial leverage



The Company's ROE has a high correlation with net profit on sales (operating income on sales).



Net profit on sales and operating income on sales need to be improved to increase ROE.



## Recognizing the Social Environment

Unprecedented natural disasters have occurred frequently in Japan as well as around the globe. A labor shortage has arisen associated with work style reform, declining birth rate and an aging population.

The Group aims to maximize its corporate value while addressing social issues where it can make contributions.

## **Social environment**

#### **Demographics**

- Declining birth rate and an aging population (decreasing working population)
- Population decline
- Concentration of population in urban areas

#### **Environment**

- Intensifying natural disasters
- Societal demand for carbon neutrality
- Growing demand for reducing impact on the environment

#### **Human capital**

- Diversification of work styles
- Globalization
- · Mobilization of human resources

#### **Technology**

- Advancement of AI technology
- Sophisticated communication technology
- · Expanding opportunities to utilize big data

## **Our mission**

Supply of critical materials for national resilience

Key player in the formation of circular economies

Steady transition to carbon neutrality



Engagement with stakeholders

## **Fundamental Policies**

Sustainable growth and enhancement of corporate value of the Taiheiyo Cement Group "Improve profitability" and "Pursue growth potential"

#### Improve capital efficiency

• ROE: 10% or more (ROIC: 7% or more)

#### **Maximize earnings**

Operating income on sales: 10% or more



## Maximize corporate value

(achieve a PBR of over 1x at the earliest possible time)



#### Returns to shareholders

- Total return ratio: 33% or more
- Annual dividend per share: 80 yen or more

**Revitalizing domestic business** 

Interdivisional cooperation

**Global strategy** 



## **Promoting sustainability management**

Carbon neutral strategy

DX strategy

Human capital strategy

IR strategy



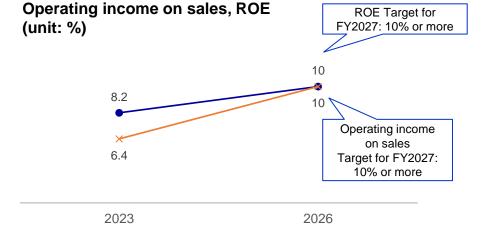
## Management Targets and Guidelines

		FY2024 Results
Management targets	Operating income on sales	6.4%
	ROE	8.2%

FY2027 Target

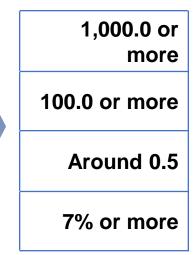
10% or more

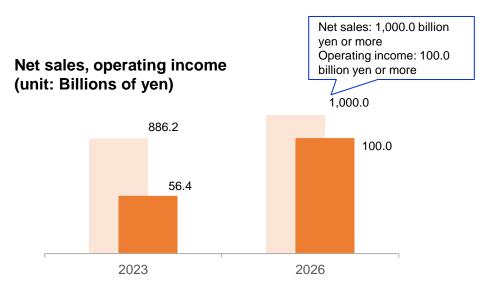
10% or more



(Billions of yen, unless otherwise stated)

Guidelines	Net sales	886.2
	Operating income	56.4
	Net debt/equity ratio (DER) (times)	0.52
	ROIC	4.3%





## **Cash Allocation**

## Operating cash flow

400 billion yen (3-year cumulative total)

## New investment aimed at sustainable growth

Capital expenditure, and investment and financing: 360 billion yen

#### Returns to shareholders

Total return ratio: 33% or more

Maintaining steady dividends: Annual dividend per share of 80 yen or more

Agile acquisition of treasury shares

#### Maintaining financial soundness

Execute investment and provide returns to shareholders while maintaining financial discipline

## **Investment Strategy**

Growth investments and concentrated investments

220 billion yen

Ordinary maintenance investments

140 billion yen

#### Growth investments

- Investment for expanding blended cement (U.S., etc.)
- Expansion of business areas
- Development of carbon neutral technology

150 billion yen

Investment that strengthen the business foundation to support our sustainable growth (Priority strategy)

## **Strengthening plant facilities**

- Renewal of large-scale key machinery
- Production process innovation

20 billion yen

## **Strengthening mines**

- Shin-Tsukumi Quarry (Oita Prefecture)
- Development of the Mount Kurohime summit (Niigata Prefecture)

50 billion yen

## **Maximizing Earnings**

## 1. Revitalizing Domestic Business

## (1) Fundamentally revise pricing policy

 Shift from an emphasis on market share to an emphasis on profitability (operating income on sales of 10% or more)

#### (2) Provide total solutions

 Strengthen interdivisional collaboration and improve efficiency of sales systems

## (3) Optimize production systems

 Kiln allocation (focusing on blended cement for export)

## 2. Global Strategy

# (1) Strengthen our earnings base for existing businesses

- · Deepen U.S. business
- Expand the Philippines business

## (2) Further expand business areas

- Explore and implement M&As
- Expand to unexplored areas and undeveloped businesses

## (3) Expand trading business

- Expand blended cement
- Strengthen logistics network

## **Revitalizing Domestic Business**

## (1) Fundamentally revise pricing policy

- Worsening profitability due to decreased demand
- Further contribution to a recycling-based society
- Renewal of aging facilities

Transition to a sustainable business

- Profitability-oriented sales policy
- Shorten the cycle of passing on cost increases
- Share recognition of medium- and long-term price levels aimed at a carbon-neutral society

#### (2) Provide total solutions

- Duplicated sales resources
- Improve interdivisional collaboration
- Advance DX in sales

Improvement of value provided

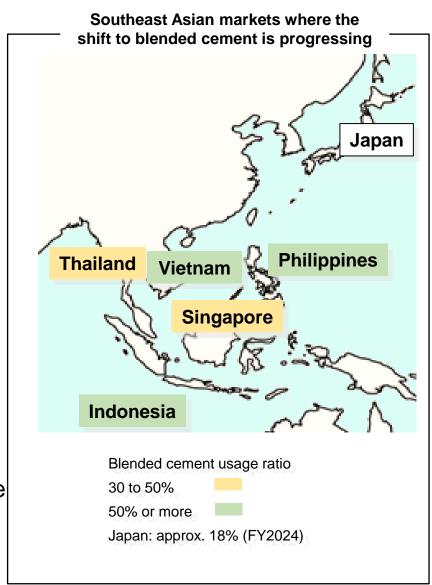
- Improve efficiency of sales systems
- Shift to one-stop service
- Introduce sales information sharing tools



## **Revitalizing Domestic Business**

### (3) Optimize production systems

- (1) Maintain a balance between expansion of blended cement for export, where demand is increasing, and stable supply to the domestic market
  - Capital investment to expand blended cement
  - Increase the capacity to export a variety of cement products at plants in bay areas
  - Long-term contracts for stable supply
- (2) Contribute to society by maximizing waste disposal
  - Expand use of fuel-related wastes
  - Introduce sewage sludge pre-treatment facilities, etc.
- (3) Reduce costs and promote carbon neutrality
  - Introduce the latest clinker coolers (energy saving)
  - Convert fuels for on-site power generation: from coal to methane and e-methane (planned)



#### III. Outline of the 26 Medium-Term Management Plan

## Global Strategy: Deepen U.S. business

- Stable and growing U.S. market
- The shift to blende cement is accelerating with a background of carbon neutral/green procurement trends
  - ⇒ We aim to increase added value of blended cement to promote carbon neutrality while contributing to earnings

#### Growth strategy utilizing carbon neutrality

- Expand business in cementitious materials (SCMs)\* including slag and fly ash by expanding silos of import terminals
- Promote blended cement Limestone-blended cement (Type IL), ternary blended cement (Type IT)
- Develop and introduce innovative technologies (industry-academia-government joint development, consideration of acquiring technologies from startup companies)
- Strengthen human capital (development) by establishing CPC college (tentative name)

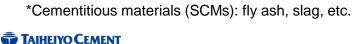
#### Growth strategy through business expansion

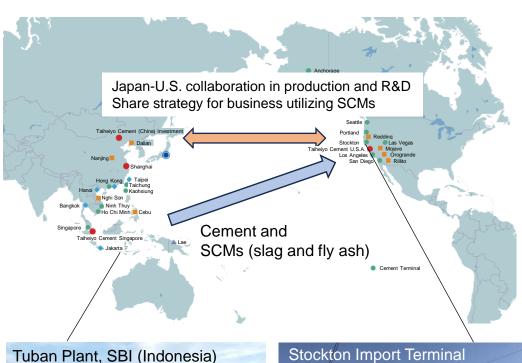
- · Investigate investment opportunities in cement business to expand business areas
- Investigate M&As in ready-mixed concrete and aggregate businesses

#### Strengthen our supply chain

- Import and sale cement through Semen Indonesia Group (construction of pier at Tuban Plant, Solusi Bangun Indonesia (SBI))
- Shift to blended cement at import sources

- Expand strategy for business utilizing SCMs to Japan and Southeast Asia business

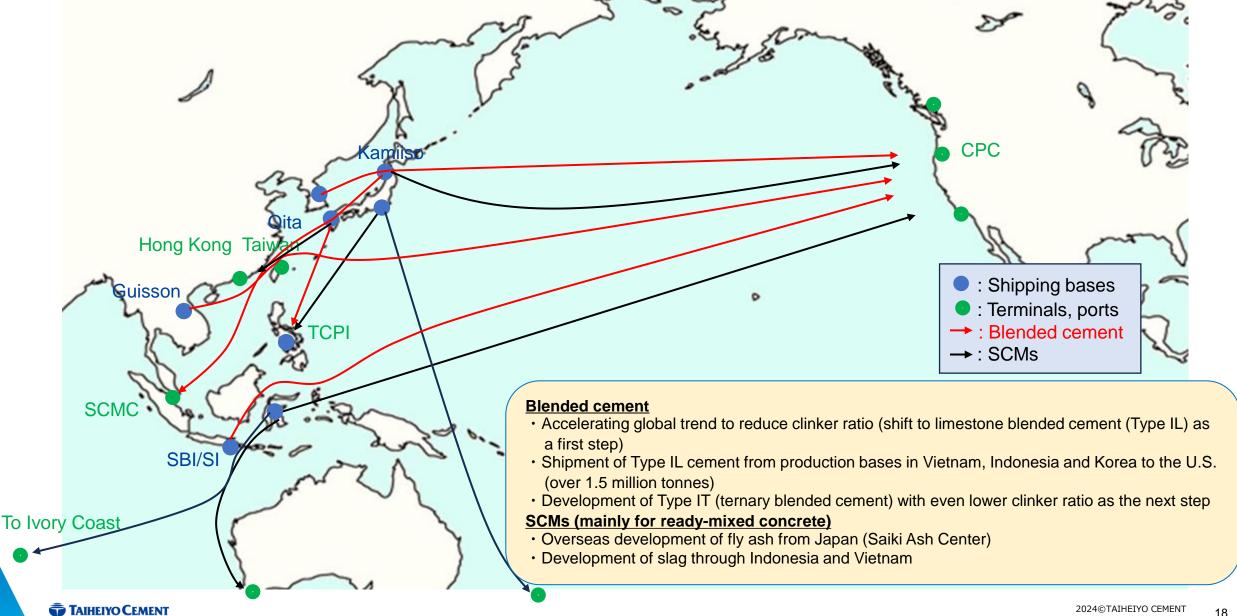








## Global Strategy: Deployment of Blended Cement and SCMs



## Promoting Sustainability Management

## **Sustainability Targets**

		FY2023
Zero carbon	Reduction in specific net CO <sub>2</sub> emissions per tonne (compared to 2000)	10.2%
	Reduction in specific net CO <sub>2</sub> emissions per tonne throughout the supply chain (compared to 2000)	9.2%
DX	Development of DX human resources	_
Human capital	Fatalities (Group) (cases)	2
	Ratio of female employees	9.6%
	Ratio of female managers	2.0%

Target	Targeting Year	
10% or more	2025	
20% or more	2030	
450 or more in total	2026	
0	Every year	
10% or more	2026	
5% or more (3% or more)	2030 (2026)	

# III. Outline of the 26 Medium-Term Management Plan Carbon Neutral Strategy: Road Map

Initiatives to achieve carbon neutrality in the entire supply chain by 2050

Reduce by at least 20% specific net CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per tonne (compared to 2000)

Carbon Neutral

2024

*2026* 

2030

*2050* 

# Measures for carbon

#### neutral

Development of innovative technologies

Existing technologies:

Existing technologies: CO<sub>2</sub> absorption

## CN model business

Measures against intensifying disasters

#### **Innovative Approach**

World-leading technology development

#### **Progressive Approach**

—Deepening of existing technologies & lateral development of new technologies—

#### **Immediate Approach**

- —Maximum utilization of existing technologies—
- Accelerate shift to blended cement
- Improve procurement systems for blended materials
- > Promote alternatives to fossil fuels

- New standardization of blended cement (expansion of use)
- ➤ Gas firing (methane, hydrogen, etc.)
- > Low-CO<sub>2</sub> cement (CARBOFIX®)
- > Development of new grinding aid
- ➤ CO<sub>2</sub> mineralization (CARBOCATCH®)

- CO<sub>2</sub> capture (C2SP Kiln®)
- > CCU (methanation, etc.)
- > CCS (purification and shipping technology)

Cooperate with Zero Carbon Island Concept of Yakushima Town

Realize a "CN Model Plant" at DC CO., LTD.

#### Application of proprietary technologies and development of new technologies

e.g., ground improvement material, world's strongest concrete, etc.

## Carbon Neutral Strategy: Initiatives to achieve carbon neutrality

## Carbon neutralization of cement by applying existing technologies

#### Raw materialderived

Japan

- Increase the amount of cement admixtures for ordinary Portland cement
- Study and practically apply new blended cement standards

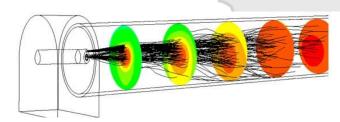


**Overseas** 

- · Develop new blended cement that meets the needs of each business area
- Promote blended cement by utilizing new cement admixtures and grinding aids, etc.

## **Energy-derived**

Promote alternatives to fossil energy



Gas temperature distribution inside the kiln and waste plastic tracking (example)

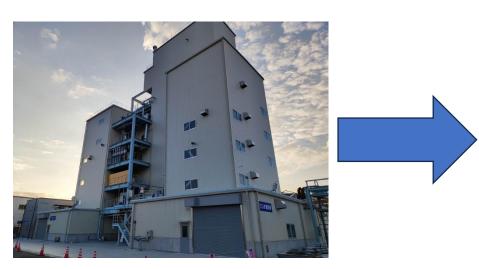
Promote the use of blended cement aimed at carbon neutralization of cement

## Carbon Neutral Strategy: Initiatives for Carbon Neutral Business (1)

# Participation in the Carbon Neutral Concept at domestic and overseas locations of the Company and Group companies

Study incorporation of various innovative technologies developed under the Green Innovation Fund Project, etc. to actual plant

"CN Model Plant" concept (Kawasaki Plant, DC CO., LTD.)

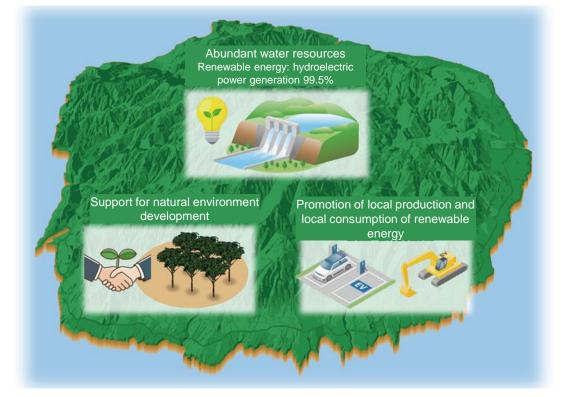


Innovative cement production process (C2SP Kiln® experimental unit, Yamaguchi Prefecture)



## Cooperation with Zero Carbon Island Concept of Yakushima Town

- 1. Promote local production and local consumption of renewable energy (hydropower)
  - Development of EVs, electric industrial machinery, and EV chargers
- 2. Support natural environment development
  - Support for activities that lead to the conservation of water resources
  - Forestation by companies that nurture the environment
- 3. Investigate businesses utilizing renewable energy



#### III. Outline of the 26 Medium-Term Management Plan

Carbon Neutral Strategy: Countermeasures against intensifying disasters associated with climate change: our proprietary technologies and future development

—Corporate activities and technical proposals to prepare for intensifying disasters associated with climate change and to respond to early recovery and restoration—





## Recycling of disaster waste into cement resources

Contribution through experience in responding to the East Japan and Kumamoto earthquakes

Promotion of technological development for disaster mitigation and restoration

Deployment and popularization of proprietary technologies

Popularization of high-durability and high-strength technologies ·SFPC®, Ductal, PFC®
Technology for resilience (soil stabilizer)



Popularization of rapid-hardening materials and methods
Disaster waste disposal technology

Proposal of rapid-hardening materials and methods



New development proposals

150N class high-strength concrete technology Technology for preventive maintenance Inspection of newly built structures, repair materials and work
Disposal technology for difficult-to-treat wastes



Promotion of precasting Rapid construction and labor-saving construction technologies

Disaster mitigation, preventive maintenance and preparedness

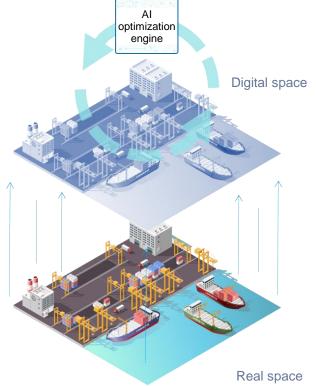
**Disaster recovery** 

**Early restoration** 

We strive to improve efficiency and implement labor saving in all processes in our supply chain, and systematically develop DX human resources to serve as the driving engine to prepare for labor supply constraints.

- (1) Production process innovation (smart factory)
- (2) Operation efficiency innovation (smart office)
  - Assignment of cement tankers using AI
  - Automated dispatch of cement transport trucks
  - Improvement of efficiency of management tasks
- (3) DX human resource development





## Production process innovation (smart factory)

#### (1) Evolution of kiln operation

- Establish a centralized control system for kiln operation at domestic and overseas plants and support system by expert operators
- Establish automatic kiln operation system
- Study unmanned operation during nighttime

#### (2) Advancement of facility inspection methods

- Automatic collection of on-site instrument data and service life prediction using AI
- Introduction of equipment inspection system using drones

#### (3) Automation and labor saving of plant site work

- Introduction of remote operation system for heavy machinery and unmanned truck delivery
- Automation of cement bag loading
- · Introduction of ICT for access control management and safety education





Improving efficiency of administrative operations (smart office)

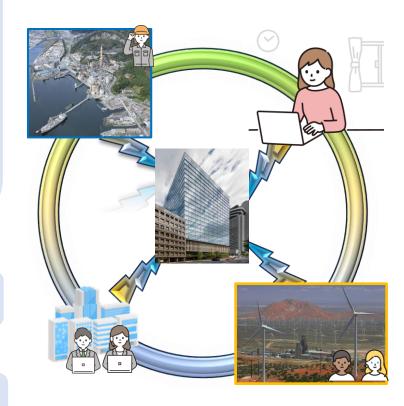
#### Improve productivity by promoting DX

- Streamline business processes using digital technology
   Utilization of operation automation tools, data analysis tools, etc.
- Improve productivity and allocate effectively human capital through centralization of administrative functions
  - Centralization of administrative operations at headquarters and reduction of transfer opportunities
- Eliminate borders between work locations utilizing remote work

  Promotion of diverse work styles by eliminating borders between work
  locations, remote work and telecommuting

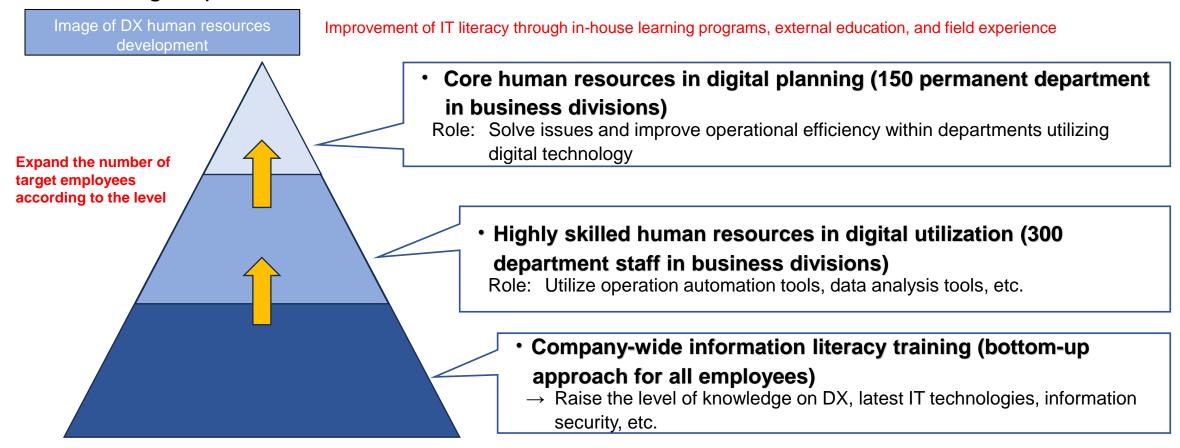
Establish an efficient organizational structure to prepare for labor supply constraints

Maximize human capital value by creating new work styles and job satisfaction



#### DX human resources development

Develop more than 450 DX human resources through collaboration between IT Planning Department and business divisions



## **Human Capital Strategy**

## Human capital investment

# Human resources that match the strategy management **Group's**

Development of global human resource

- Enhance "Overseas Trainee Program"
- Exchange personnel among overseas subsidiaries

Promoting **diversity** 

- Actively recruit external expert personnel
- Recruit experienced personnel and conduct employee referral hiring and alumni hiring
- Continuously promote women's participation and advancement in workplace

Development of management personnel

- Enhance executive development program and nextgeneration leader development training
- Promote reskilling and relearning
- Exchange personnel among group companies

## IR Strategy

#### Promote communication with investors and information disclosure

Aiming to improve understanding of the Company and reduce cost of capital through dialogue



- Hold IR meetings with participation of management
- Hold IR-DAY (ESG briefing sessions, business briefing sessions, facility tours, etc.)
- Hold interviews with outside directors

# Enrich information for dialogue

- Enhance contents of reference materials of financial results
- Promote simultaneous disclosure in Japanese and English

# Appendix



## Net Sales and Operating Income by Segment

The following assumptions have been applied for the period covered by the 26 Medium-Term Management Plan.

Estimated domestic cement demand: 35 million tons per year Estimated exchange rate: 145 yen/US\$

(Unit: Billions of yen)

		Net S	Net Sales Operating Inc		g Income
		FY2024 Results	FY2027 Target	FY2024 Results	FY2027 Target
Cement Business	Japan	295.1	350.0	(1.4)	35.0
	Overseas	334.7	410.0	34.1	45.0
	Sub-total	629.8	760.0	32.7	80.0
Mineral Resources Business		87.6	100.0	8.4	11.0
Environmental Business		68.2	89.0	6.1	10.0
Construction Materials Business		73.4	92.0	4.2	7.0
Other Business		89.3	100.0	4.6	7.0
Intergroup Elimination		(62.3)	(71.0)	0.1	0.0
Sub-total		886.2	1,070.0	56.4	115.0

#### Business Strategies: Cement Business (Japan)

# ◆Revitalization of our cement business in Japan through cement price optimization

#### **■** Optimize cement price

• Establish a mechanism to pass on cost increases to prices throughout our supply chain

#### ■ Increase Taiheiyo Cement's presence in the domestic distribution market

- Increase orders for dams, the Linear Chuo Shinkansen Line, and redevelopment projects in the Tokyo metropolitan area
- · Develop and expand sales of new soil stabilizer that contributes to national resilience

#### ■ Succeed the cement business from Denka Company Limited

 Succeed the cement business through optimization of production and supply system within the Taiheiyo Cement Group

#### ■ Maintain a stable production by strengthening plant facilities

- · Introduce the latest facilities and digitalize facility management
- Strengthen transportation system and response to the shortage of drivers under the revision of regulation in 2024
  - Support as a consigner to maintain and strengthen marine and land transportation capacity, and ensure a stable cement supply

#### ■ Implement initiatives aimed at achieving carbon neutrality

- Investigate market needs for Low-CO<sub>2</sub> blended cement and consider the commercialization
- Shift to manufacture vessels with superior energy-saving performance and introduce the mixed combustion with biodiesel fuel





## Business Strategies: Cement Business (Overseas)

## Expand business by utilizing SCMs

—Increase the added value of blended cement to promote carbon neutrality while bringing profitability—

## ■ Strengthen earnings base for existing businesses

- Maximize production volume at plants in the U.S., utilize slag, and shift to Type IL cement, and expand SCMs/blended cement business through the expansion of terminal silos
- Expand sales following the completion of renewal project in the Philippines, construct terminal in Luzon Island, and expand sales of FA cement

## **■** Further expand business domain

- Approach to Oceania (Australia and NZ)
- Explore and Implement M&A projects in the U.S. and Southeast Asia
- Promote commercialization of soil stabilization and other projects in Indonesia

## **■** Expand trading business

- Stabilize cement supply to the U.S. and support the expansion of blended cement through slag exports
- Establish logistics network in Asia including Indonesia
- · Expand blended cement in Asian countries by utilizing Saiki Ash Center



CalPortland Redding Plant (California, US)



Taiheiyo Cement Philippines (Cebu, Philippines)



Solusi Bangun Indonesia Tuban Plant (East Java, Indonesia)



## Business Strategies: Mineral Resources Business

- Diligently work on medium- to long-term resource policies to build the foundation for growth
- ◆ Establish earnings structure unaffected by cement demand fluctuations

#### ■ Strengthen existing core businesses

- Acquire an "ability to form market conditions" by leveraging our resources
- Build a strong supply chain
- Study and introduce comprehensive soil treatment business

#### Improve profitability of affiliates

 Maximize synergy from mutually complementary and mutually beneficial relationships among group companies

#### Build a long-term stable supply system for resources

- Steadily implement the development of the next areas for our limestone quarries
- Build optimal production systems for aggregates and mineral products

## Expand new businesses in Japan and overseas

- Expand local business in Vietnam and other countries
- Expand functional materials business





Shin-Tsukumi Quarry (Hachinohe area under construction to remove topsoil and aggregate wash plant)



New Minamisode aggregate vard under construction (Sodegaura City)

#### Business Strategies: Environmental Business

♦ Simultaneously promote carbon neutrality and circular economy to create new added value while achieving sustainable growth

#### **■** Enhance competitive advantage in existing businesses

- Further focus on waste collection contributing to cost reduction
   Intensify review of waste disposal prices
   Increase acceptance of waste that can be a substitute for thermal energy
- Make the most of ash centers nationwide Support the expansion of FA cement exports

#### ■ Create new added value

- Initiatives to achieve carbon neutrality
   Secure sources to increase the ratio of blended cement
   Develop renewable energy and increase its own consumption
   Participate in the Reconstruction Farm project (Namie-cho, Futaba-gun, Fukushima Prefecture)
- Launch new businesses contributing to the circular economy
   Business for the treatment of waste photovoltaic panels
   Business related to phosphorus recovery from sewage sludge resources and demonstration of fertilizer conversion
   Establish technology to recover precious metals and remove heavy metals from municipal waste incineration ash



Saiki Ash Center, where classification facility is being installed (scheduled to be completed in June 2024)



Phosphorus recovery and fertilizer conversion facility (B-DASH project)

## Business Strategies: Construction Materials Business

- ◆ Strengthen profitability of existing businesses by optimizing selling prices, investing in DX, etc.
- ♦ Introduce new products in the market and enter into new business areas including overseas markets

#### **■** Further strengthen earnings base

- Steadily reflect various rising costs in selling prices
- Promote DX-related investments (improve productivity and secure logistics and construction capabilities)
- Promote M&As in infrastructure maintenance business

#### ■ Enter into new business areas including overseas market

- · Explore markets for soil stabilizer and high-performance premix products in Indonesia
- Promote soil improvement business for effective use of construction soil

#### ■ Launch new products to achieve carbon neutrality

- Introduce environmentally friendly products to the market (grouting materials for offshore wind power generation, low-CO<sub>2</sub> admixtures)
- Expand application of CO<sub>2</sub> effective utilization technologies such as CARBOCATCH® to existing products



Multi-axial screening equipment integrated with crushing, classifying, and mixing



Continuous block foundation for guardrails with CARBOCATCH® slurry applied

## Strategy for Research and Development

# Aiming to enhance R&D capabilities to the world's highest level to contribute to management

Vision targeting 2030: Strengthen functions as a think tank for the Taiheiyo Cement Group and build a base for group cooperative development

#### **Develop technologies to achieve carbon neutrality**

- ☆ Development of carbon neutrality technology and standardization strategy
- ☆ Development of Technologies that contribute to measures against severe disasters

#### Contribute to business expansion and earnings improvement

- ☆ Contribution to the expansion of overseas business, our growth area
- ☆ Contribution to earnings improvement of domestic business including group companies

## Research and development for sustainable growth

- ★Early commercialization of functional materials
- ☆ Proposal of themes that contribute to business expansion and incubation

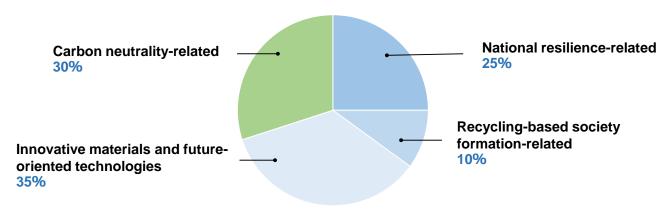
#### **Evolve into a group-wide research institute**

- ☆ Concretization of the concept of a group-wide research institute and human resource development
- ☆ Development of technologies that contribute to achieve carbon neutrality and preservation of natural capital



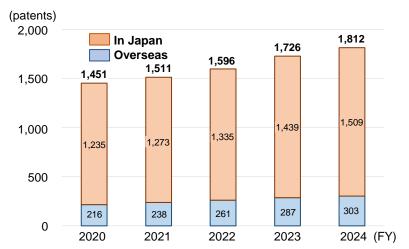
## Intellectual Asset Strategies

## Steadily build a patent network supporting the promotion of carbon neutrality

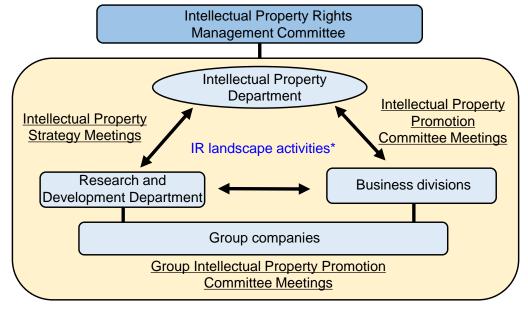


Promotion of patent applications to support business strategies (FY2024 results)

#### Steadily expand intellectual capital to support business



Promotion of patent rights acquisition to support business



Promotion of intellectual property activities through interdepartmental cooperation

\*IP landscape activities: Activities of analyzing intellectual property information, etc. to utilize it for R&D and business development

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