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Taiheiyo Cement Obtains the Highest DBJ Environmental Rating for the Ninth Consecutive Year.

Taiheiyo Cement Corporation (hereinafter, the “Company”) is pleased to announce that it has received the highest rating for “especially advanced environmental initiatives” from the Development Bank of Japan Inc. (hereinafter, “DBJ”) and has secured a loan based on this Environmental Rating.

The DBJ Environmental Rating Loan is the world’s first loan to introduce a specialized “Environmental Rating”, an approach that evaluates the status of applicant companies’ environmental management through a screening (rating) system developed by the DBJ.

Under our group mission of "contributing to social infrastructure development by providing solutions that are environmentally efficient, enhancing our competitive position and bringing value to our stakeholders," we contribute to reducing environmental impact through the effective utilization of waste and by-products, as well as promoting the formation of a circular economy. Also, to achieve carbon neutrality in the cement supply chain by 2050, we are developing technologies for CO₂ separation, capture and utilization.



The Company has earned high marks for the initiative as summarized below and, in 2024, we received the highest rating for “especially advanced efforts in consideration for the environment” for the ninth time.

- (1) The Company is actively promoting its business with a clear long-term vision that aims to become a global leader in the cement industry, contributing to a decarbonized and circular society. This vision includes accelerating the shift to blended cement, promoting the substitution of fossil fuels, exploring further fuel conversion using methane and hydrogen, expanding the use of low CO₂ cement, and establishing a CO₂ capture cement manufacturing process. The Company is continuously taking a multi-layered approach, utilizing various technologies to achieve its long-term vision.
- (2) The Company has established the Carbon Neutral Technology Development Department and built a comprehensive research and development system with the Central Research Laboratory as its core. This allows the Company to further strengthen its technological development capabilities, including decarbonization, and enables to apply and conduct demonstration experiments with the developed technologies. It has implemented a group-wide mechanism based on the integration of technology development and implementation, allowing to demonstrate organizational strength in achieving its long-term vision with scale and dynamism.
- (3) In the Company's commitment to conducting business activities that prioritize decarbonization and resource circulation, it actively engages in dialogue with stakeholders. It also strives to raise environmental awareness at both the management and operational levels and establish organizational structures. Furthermore, the Company is committed to enhancing its efforts to contribute to the protection of biodiversity. It continues to pursue the advancement of sustainability management, constantly seeking to improve and evolve.

Taiheiyo Cement Group will continue to advance our business activities based on our group mission.