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## Ajinomoto Co., Inc. Wins Gold Award for Two Consecutive Years in the Environmentally Sustainable Enterprise Category of the ESG Finance Awards Japan

**TOKYO, February 20, 2023** – Ajinomoto Co., Inc. (“Ajinomoto Co.”) won the Gold Award in the Environmentally Sustainable Enterprise Category at the Ministry of the Environment’s fourth ESG Finance Awards Japan, and was presented with the award at a ceremony held today.



ESG Finance Awards Japan was established by the Ministry of the Environment in fiscal 2019 and is presented by the Minister of the Environment to institutional investors, financial institutions, intermediaries, enterprises, and others that are proactively engaged in and have a positive impact through environmental, social, and governance (ESG) finance, or environmental and societal projects. It is designed to recognize and broadly share with society the advanced initiatives and other efforts of the recipients, with the aim of further promoting and expanding ESG finance. The award in the Environmentally Sustainable Enterprise Category, one of the award categories, is presented to show investors and companies concrete examples of environmentally sustainable enterprises that incorporate important environment-related opportunities and risks in their management strategies in order to enhance their corporate value, thereby creating positive effects to the environment while enhancing their corporate value.

Ajinomoto Co. was presented with the Gold Award in the Environmentally Sustainable Enterprise Category in fiscal 2021, and fiscal 2022. marking the company as the recipient of the Gold Awards for two consecutive years .

*For a summary of the Environmentally Sustainable Enterprise Category of the ESG Finance Awards Japan, please click the link below:*

<https://www.env.go.jp/policy/award.kigyobumon.html> (in Japanese)

### [Evaluation Points]

Under the strong leadership of the top management, Ajinomoto Co. has laid out a unique governance structure in order to pursue the enhancement of corporate value from the sustainability perspective. Not only has the Company addressed various risks and opportunities related to environmental issues, but also specified challenges met by supply chains in their activity processes, working to provide solutions to the challenges. Such approaches are highly evaluated, together with the Company’s efforts to clarify scope-wise action plans to reduce environmental impacts, as well as its initiatives to reduce plastic usage.

(Excerpts from the statement by the judging office)

Based on its purpose “resolving food and health issues”, the Ajinomoto Group aims to contribute to the sustainable food system by realizing both outcomes of reducing its environmental impact by 50% and helping extend the healthy life expectancy of one billion people by 2030. Toward that end, the Group is promoting initiatives to respond to climate change, reduce plastic waste, and reduce food loss and waste, as well as initiatives to improve nutrition worldwide, following the basic policy of “Nutrition Without Compromise” based on the three pillars of taste, food access, and the local way of life. In the field of finance, the Group is promoting the proactive utilization of sustainable finance schemes. Going forward, the Group will further accelerate its efforts to realize a sustainable society.

## Reference

Ajinomoto Co. sustainability website

<https://www.ajinomoto.com/sustainability/>

The Ajinomoto Group, unlocking the power of amino acids, aims to resolve food and health issues associated with dietary habits and aging, and contribute to greater wellness for people worldwide.

Based on the corporate message “Eat Well, Live Well.”, we have been scientifically pursuing the possibilities of amino acids to aim for future growth by creating new value through sustainable and innovative solutions for communities and society.

The Ajinomoto Group has offices in 36 countries and regions, and sells products in more than 130 countries and regions. In fiscal 2021, sales were 1.1493 trillion yen (10.2 billion U.S. dollars). To learn more, visit [www.ajinomoto.com](http://www.ajinomoto.com).

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