

Kurita Water Industries Ltd.

# 2nd ESG Briefing

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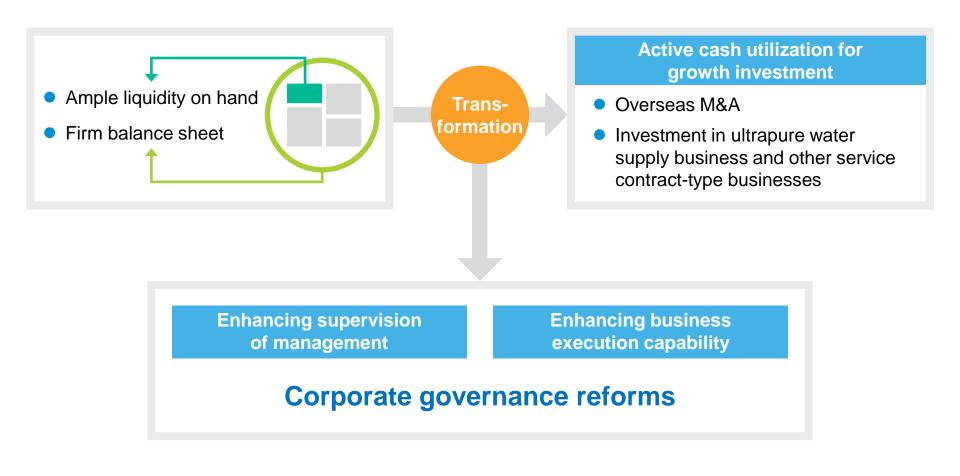
# 1 Kurita's Corporate Governance Reforms

President and Representative Director

Michiya Kadota



## What are needed to take risks proactively and decisively





## Systematization and implementation of measures based on policies

# 2015 Establishment of the Corporate Governance Code Systematization of corporate governance reforms through the

corporate governance through dialogue with shareholders and investors

Around 2000 -

corporate governance reforms through the establishment of the Corporate Governance Policies

2014 - 2016

Identification of a wide range of issues and discussions of the issues at meetings of the Board of Directors

2015 -

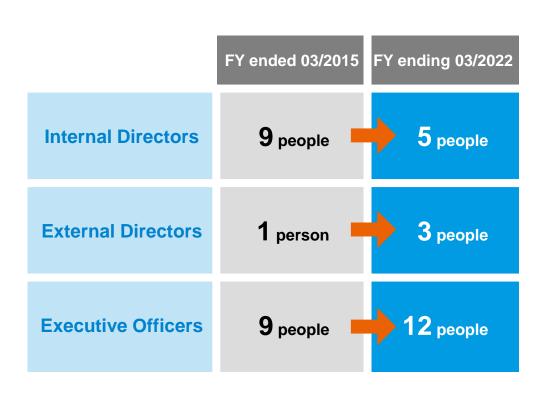
Implementation of measures and achievements from corporate governance reforms

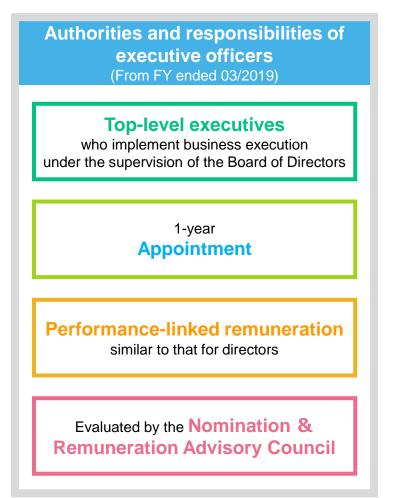
- Enhancing the supervisory function
- Strengthening the Group's business execution capability
- Developing management human resources
- Activities of the Investment Committee

# Enhancing the supervisory function and business execution capability



# Reinforcing the supervisory function of the Board of Directors and the executive officer system





## Developing and selecting management human resources



# Creation of a system for producing human resources on a long-term basis



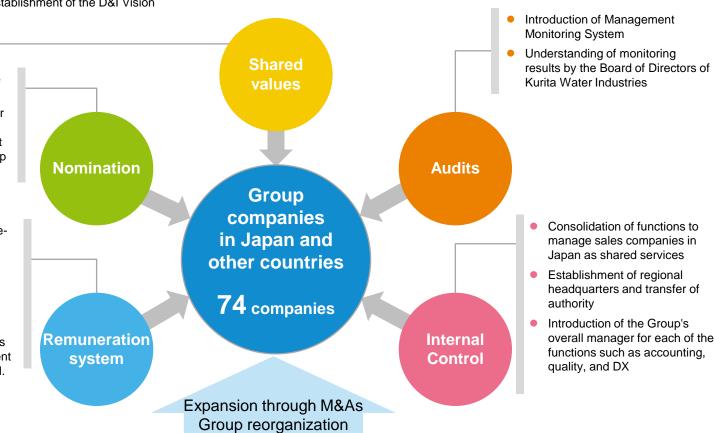
Note: The president is included among the members of the Nomination & Remuneration Advisory Council when nomination of and remuneration for personnel other than the president are discussed. The president and executive senior managing director are included among the members of the Successor Planning Committee for personnel other than the president are discussed.

## **Establishing Group governance**



# Enhancement of the Group's business execution capability in the aspect of governance

- Reorganization of the Kurita Group Philosophy System
  - Revision of Corporate Vision
    Establishment of Basic Policies (CSR Policy, Human Rights Policy, etc.) Improving Business Policy
- Establishing Kurita's Value Creation Story
- Establishment of the D&I Vision
- Process of nomination by the Head Office
- Involvement of the Successor Planning Committee in the development of management candidates at overseas Group companies
- Introduction of a performancelinked remuneration system that is similar to the one for officers of Kurita Water Industries
- Evaluation based on KPI common to the Group
- Evaluation of each company's representative by the president of Kurita Water Industries Ltd.





# Implementing governance reforms that support the creation of shared value with society

# MVP-22 medium-term management plan

Establishing a rock-solid earnings base

# Organizing a system that supports business changes

- Enhancing supervisory function from diverse perspectives
- Reinforcing the executive officer system
- Developing management human resources
- Establishing Group governance

Redefining businesses based on social issues and achieving sustainable growth

# Establishing a system that supports creation of social value

# Enhancing measures to address sustainability issues

 Adopting sustainability KPI to the remuneration system

Human resources management of the overall Group

Systematizing corporate governance reforms



# 2 Human Resource Strategy for Value Creation

Corporate Planning and Management Office, Diversity and Engagement Department General Manager

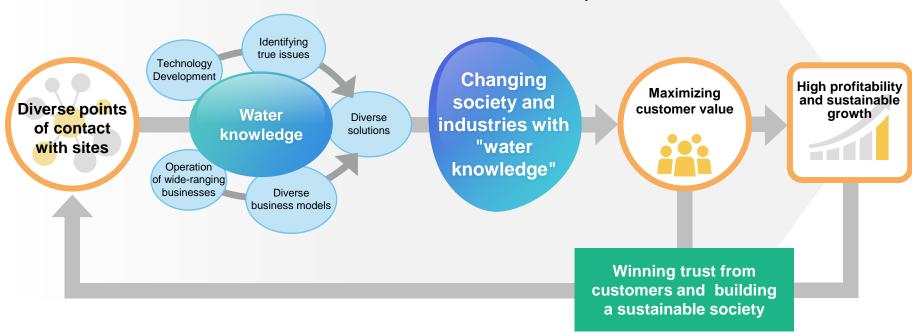
Mitsuhiro Kokura





# Human resources are the driving force supporting the value creation story.

Study the properties of water, master them, and we will create an environment in which nature and man are in harmony.



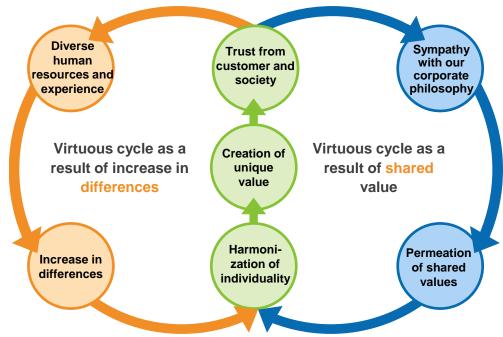
# D&I Vision: Situation of the human resources and the organization under the Corporate Vision





#### **D&I Vision**

The corporate group that continues to create unique value through interaction among diverse people who care about water and the environment and who accept each other's differences.



## Human Resource Strategy for Value Creation



# Determining directions based on business strategy and environmental changes

#### **Human resources policy**

A group of professionals in a range of fields who obtain joy from their contributions to customers, society and the global environment through their work at the Kurita Group with their commitment to creating new value

#### Direction of the organization

#### **Organizational culture**

 Transformation into a group with a high level of engagement where D&I has permeated

#### **Organizational Structure**

- The Group headquarters oversees development, technology, and other functions to improve the level of operations.
- Active participation of locally recruited employees in countries other than Japan

#### **Direction of human resources utilization**

# Utilizing and securing human resources

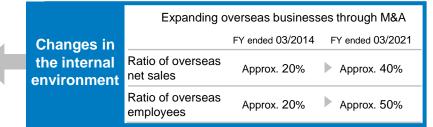
- Continuous enhancement of active participation of human resources in technological fields that support Kurita
- Creation of new value by digital specialists who drive DX

#### Personnel system

 Developing a human resources system where the Group will have two strengths: cooperation among human resources and the active participation of individuals who possess a high degree of expertise

# Changes in the external environment

- Changes in the ideas about Japanese-style employment, such as the order of seniority and permanent employment
- Diversification of work styles
- Development of digital technologies and growth in demand for digital specialists



**Value Creation Story** 

## Initiatives for developing organizational culture



# Driving behavior changes by permeating D&I



#### Training and workshops for management-level employees

- Participation of 256 management-level employees of Kurita
- Promoting understanding of D&I and unconscious bias and eliminating boundaries between organizations through discussion between management-level employees as a way of practicing behavioral changes, thus driving the creation of conditions which facilitate collaboration

#### **Workplace discussion**

- Held at 212 sections of Kurita
- Relationship between D&I and operational innovations was discussed under the theme of workplace innovation to understand the current status of D&I at each section.

#### **Internal PR in the Group**

 Distribution of video messages on D&I from executive general managers of divisions



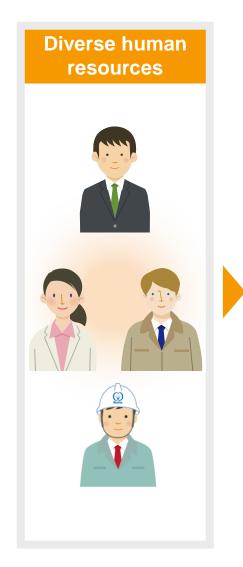
Introduction of the D&I Vision, human resource strategy, etc.

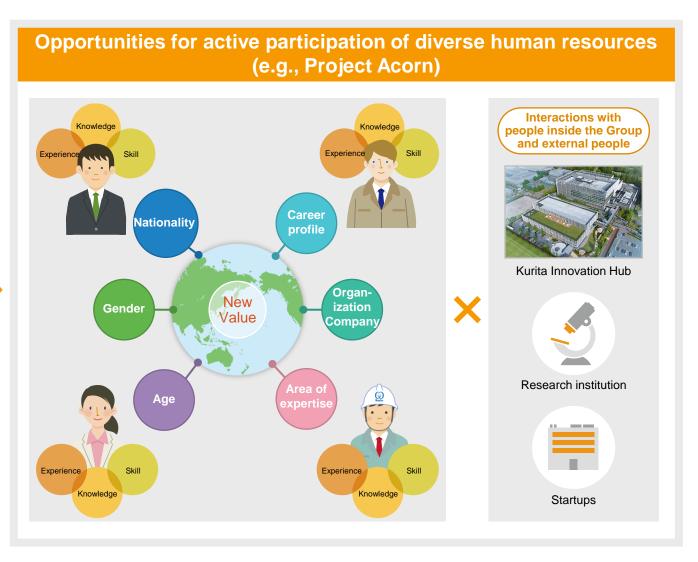






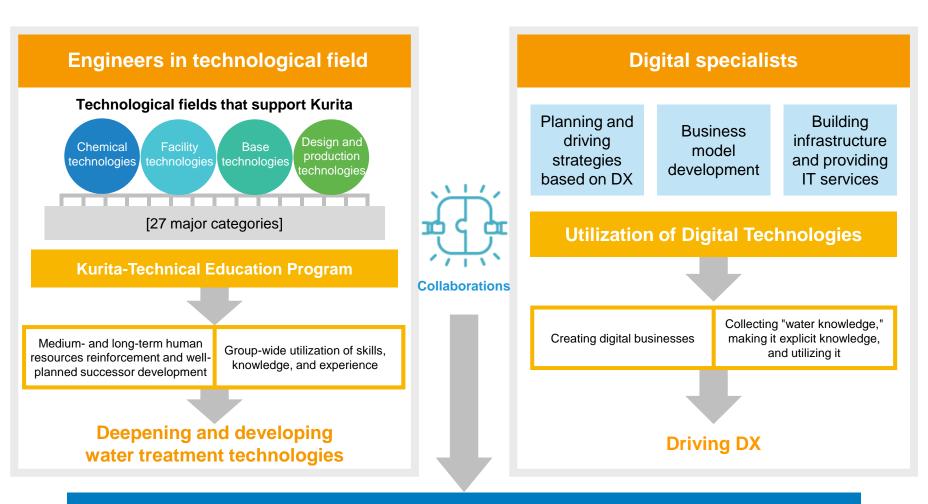
## Connection between people that creates unprecedented value







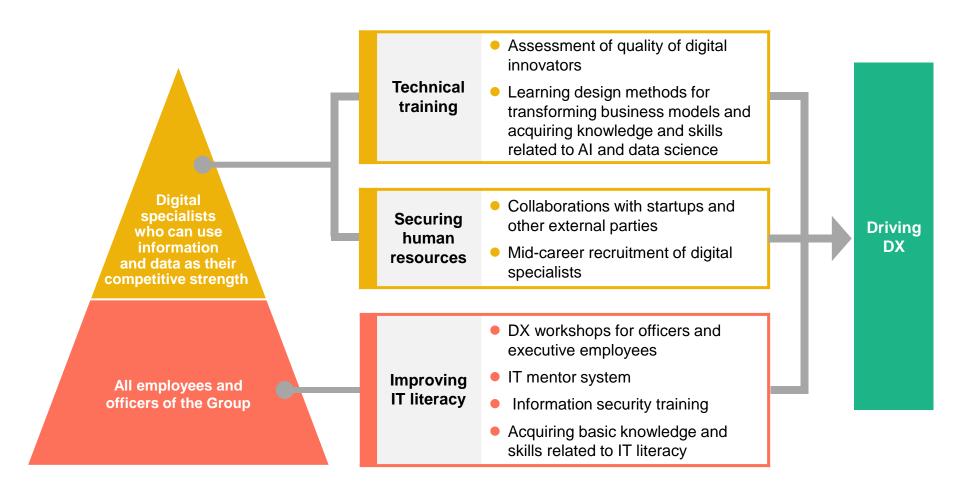
## Strengthening development of human resources who drive value creation



Creating outside-the-box solutions and business models that only Kurita could create

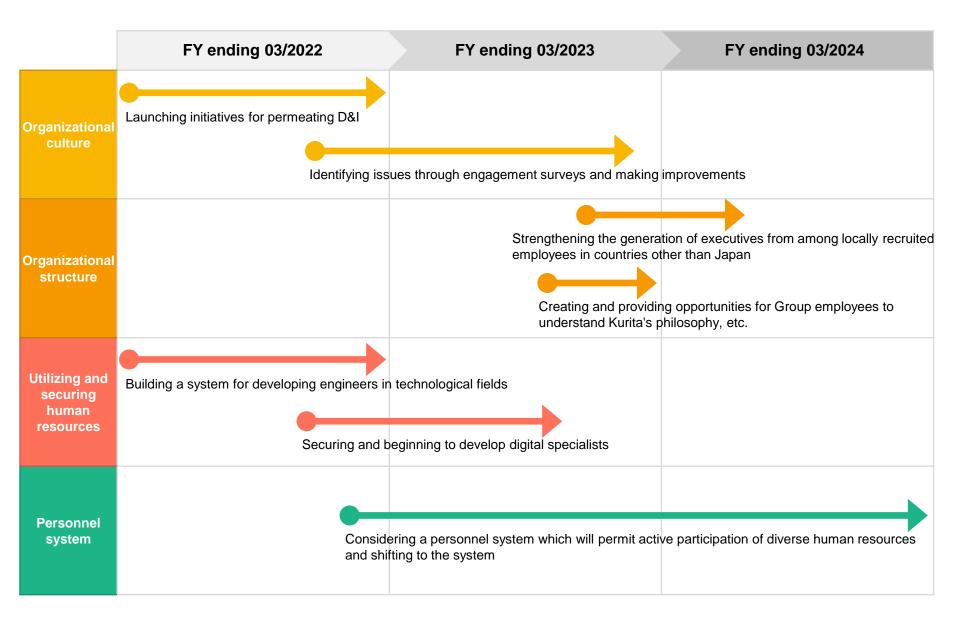


# Creating businesses which combine diverse points of contact with sites and digital technologies



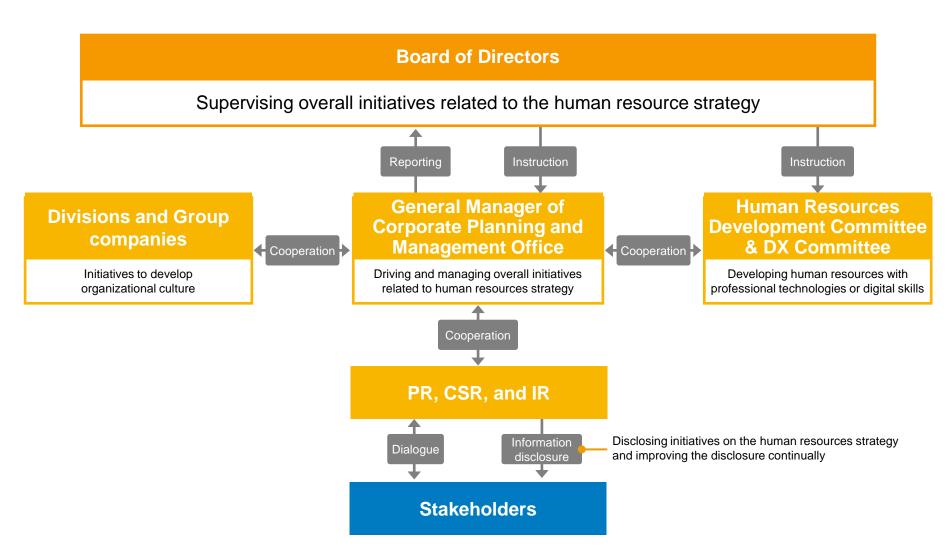
#### **Future Initiatives**







### Promotion system to which the Board of Directors is committed





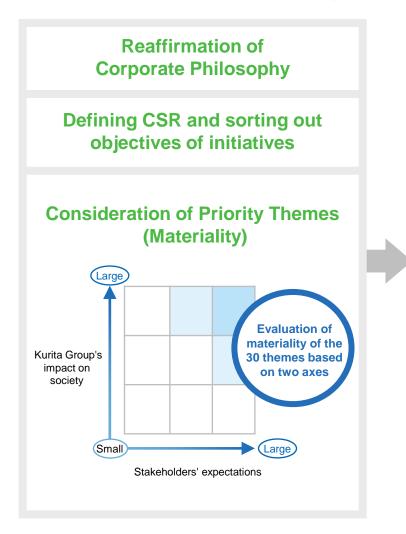
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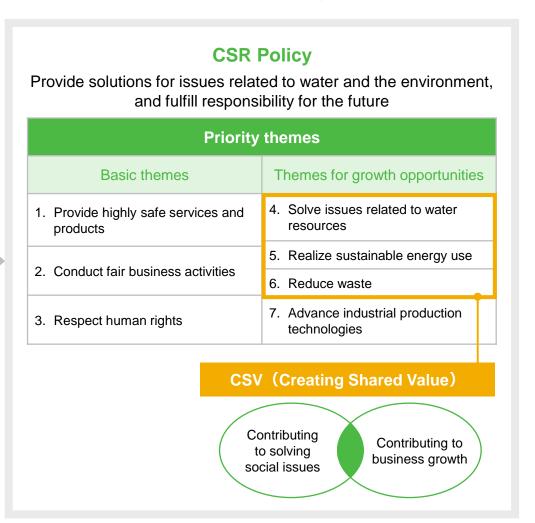
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# Defense (improving risk response capabilities) and offense (improving business competitiveness through CSV)





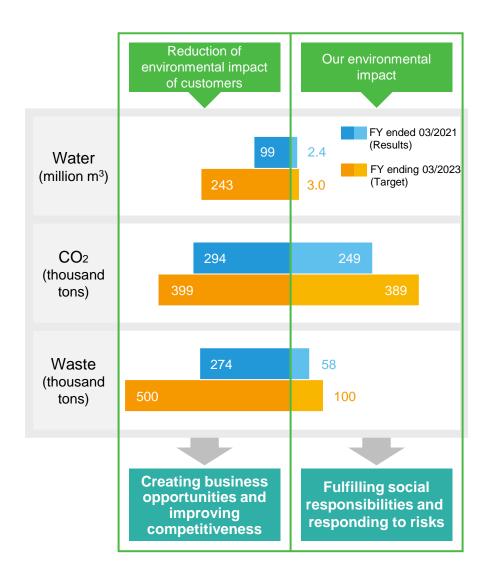


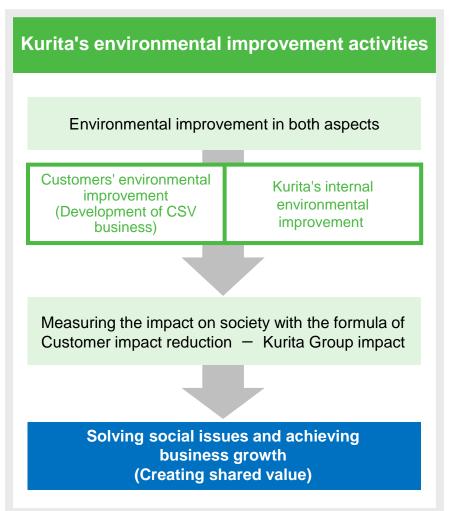
# Initiatives reflecting characteristics of Kurita's businesses and social demand

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Theme 4	Solve issues related to water resources	Water savings at customers  – Amount of the water intake used in our business activities	Characteristics of Kurita's businesses
		Number of people that can benefit from improvement in water resources	Global initiative
Theme 5	Realize sustainable energy use	CO <sub>2</sub> emissions reduction at customers – CO <sub>2</sub> emissions from our business activities	Characteristics of Kurita's businesses
		Reduction of Scope 1 and 2 emissions	Social demand
		Reduction of Scope 3 emissions	Social demand
Theme 6	Reduce waste	Waste reduction at customers  – Waste generated from our business activities	Characteristics of Kurita's businesses



## Reducing environmental impact of both customers and Kurita

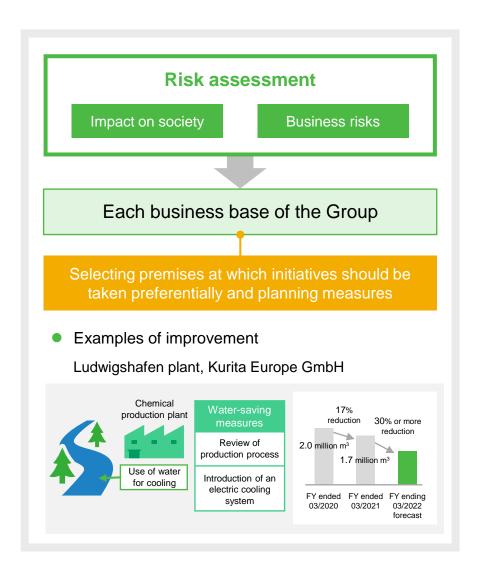


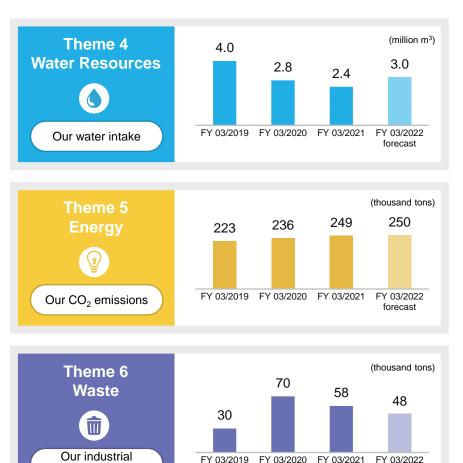


## Internal environmental improvement activities



## Fulfilling social responsibilities and reducing business risks





waste emissions

forecast

<sup>\*</sup> The above data are based on our approach in 2018, when we set the targets, and therefore differ from data on "water intake" under the GRI Standards and ESG data we aggregate and accumulate based on the GHG Protocol.

# Customers' environmental improvement activities (Development of CSV business)



## Creating business opportunities and improving competitiveness

#### **CSV** (Creating Shared Value) businesses

Products, technologies, and business models that contribute to saving water and reducing  ${\rm CO_2}$  emissions and waste more greatly than conventional ones

(FY ended 03/2021: 48 types in total)

#### **Selection standards**

Superiority to conventional/competing technologies

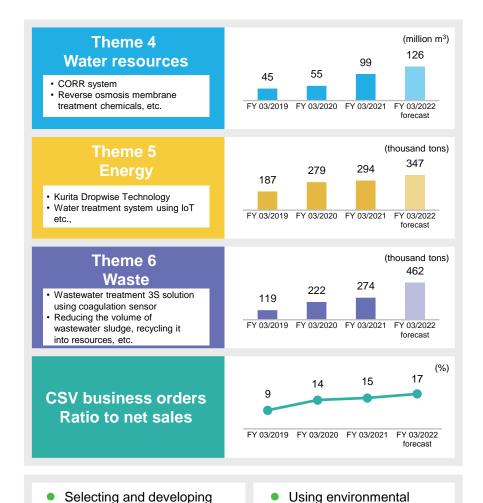
Must Applying new or existing technologies in new markets

Must Contributing to SDGs action plan

 Contributing to reducing Scope 3 emissions by the Kurita Group (new addition)

#### **KPI**

- Reduction of environmental impact
- Orders
- Business Profit Margin



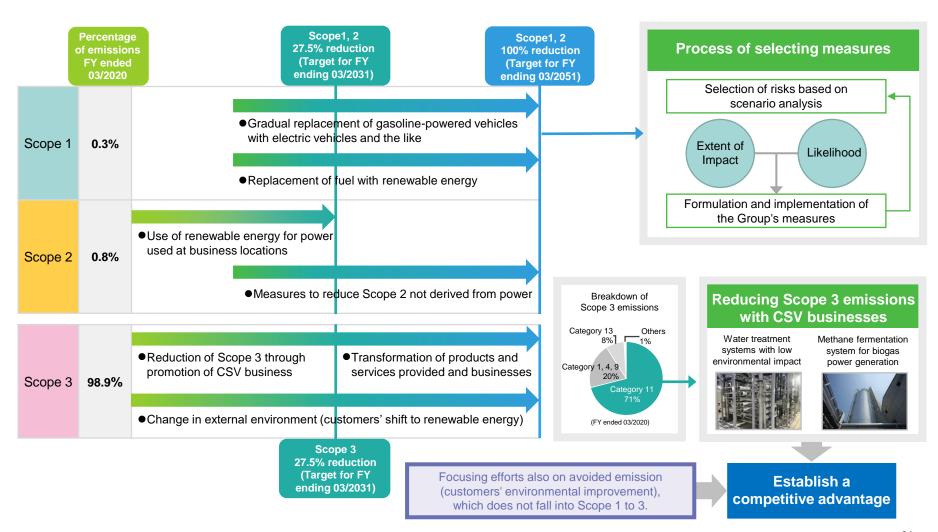
CSV businesses to focus our efforts on each region/market

value for performance

evaluation

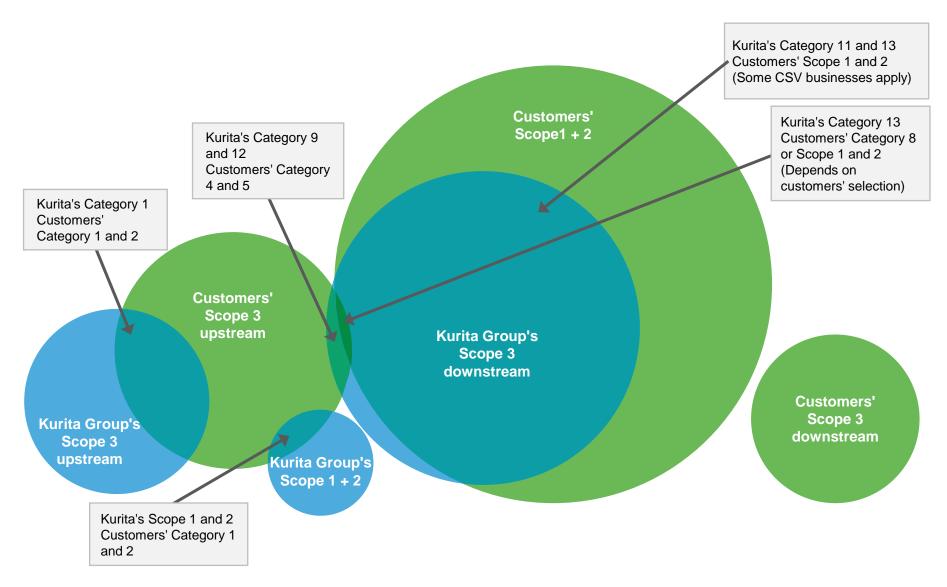


## Setting targets aligned with the Well Below 2°C indicated by SBTi



# Relationship of Scope1, 2, and 3 emissions by Kurita and customers





Note: The size of the circle illustrates the amount of emissions by the Kurita Group/customers. Given the characteristics of products and services, Scope 1 to 3 of the Kurita Group and those of customers differ in position. The relationship is indicated based on general ideas estimated at present.

# Addressing issues related to water resources (WRC)



## Participating in industry-driven initiatives as a leadership committee member

#### **Water Resilience Coalition**

2050 Vision

Global water resilience

Creating a world in which water can be consistently supplied to the required place, in the required quantity, and at the required quality.

**Our Pledge** 



Improve water availability, quality and accessibility in basins facing serious water resource problems



Raise the global ambition of water resilience through public and corporate outreach



Implement measures to resolve water resource problems across the entire value chain

**United Nations Global Compact** 







#### Leadership committee members (11 companies)

- Anheuser-Busch InBev
- Diageo
- PVH
- Gap
- Microsoft
- Cargill

- Dow
- Ecolab
- STARBUCKS
- 3M
- Kurita

# **Participating** companies

#### **Members** (15 companies)

- The Coca-Cola Company
- Woolworths
- Cummins
- Levi Strauss & Co.
- IHG Hotels & Resorts
- Danone
- Colgate
- HEINEKEN
- gsk
- PhosAgro
- DUPONT
- MARS
- Reckitt Benckiser
- BAYER
- Braskem

(As of March 2022)



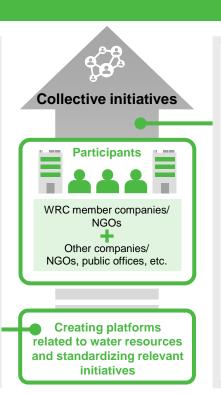
## Applying "water knowledge" and acquiring new knowledge



#### Global water resilience

- Participation in the formulation of indices for measuring achievements from basin activities and reporting the format
- Enhancement of functions of the Water Action Hub, a comprehensive platform related to water





Launch of basin activities aimed at solving water resource issues in North America

#### Basin

Colorado River (Seven states in the United States)

#### Method

Considering collective initiatives that take advantage of Kurita's solutions



Spreading rules and driving information disclosure

Implementing activities and increasing basins where activities are implemented



#### **Forward-looking Statements**

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