





Integrated Report 2019

Year ended March 31, 2019

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#### **UBE Group Profile**

Establishment

1897

#### **Business segments**

Chemicals, construction materials, and machinery

Consolidated results for fiscal 2018, ended March 31, 2019

#### Net sales

¥730.1 billion

#### Operating profit

¥44.5 billion

Net income per share (Primary)

¥312.36

#### Employees

11,010 (Consolidated) 3,298 (Non-consolidated) (As of March 31, 2019)

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#### **Editorial Policy**

In fiscal 2017, the UBE Group began publishing an Integrated Report to replace its annual and CSR reports. The Integrated Report presents management policies, business models, materiality, business strategies, and environmental, social, and governance (ESG) information, as well as other non-financial and financial information that has significant impacts on corporate value.

Integrated Report 2019 was comprised of five sections to deepen understanding of the UBE Group's management policies and plans, strengths (operating resources), business model, risk initiatives, materiality, and ESG initiatives. These sections were the Introduction and Management Message, Building Value to Materialize Sustainable Growth, Initiatives to Create Value and Drive Sustainable Growth, ESG: Underpinning Value Creation and Sustainable Growth, and the Financial Section.

#### Reference Guidelines

International Integrated Reporting Framework of the International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC), and Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) Guidance for Integrated Corporate Disclosure and Company-Investor Dialogue for Collaborative Value Creation

#### Reporting Period

This report covers fiscal 2018, ended March 31, 2019, and also includes activities and information before and after that term.

#### Scope of Coverage

Ube Industries, Ltd., consolidated subsidiaries, and non-consolidated subsidiaries

#### **Investor Relations**

Management policies, finances, results, and shareholder information and investor relations (IR) materials are available in the Investor Relations section of the UBE Group's website: https://www.ube-ind.co.jp/ube/en/ir/

#### CSR / Environment and Safety

Information regarding corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives, environmental and safety initiatives, contributions, compliance, and corporate governance are available in the CSR Activities section of the UBE Group's website: https://www.ube-ind.co.jp/ube/en/csr/





#### Basic Approach to Sustainable Growth

#### Founding Principles of UBE

"Coexistence and Mutual Prosperity" "From Finite Mining to Infinite Industry"

#### UBE Corporate Philosophy

# Pursue technology and embrace innovation to create value for the future and contribute to social progress

#### **UBE Management Principles**

- 1. Ethics Be highly ethical, comply with laws and regulations, and respect social norms
  - Work to conserve the global environment and practice safe, secure manufacturing
- 3. Quality Deliver quality that earns the trust of customers and society
- 4. People Respect individuality and diversity, and build healthy and comfortable workplaces

#### Vision for 2025: Vision UBE 2025

"We Continue to Create Value for All Stakeholders"

#### Medium-Term Management Plan

#### Three basic strategies of Vision UBE 2025-Prime Phase-

- 1. Strengthening the platform for business growth
- 2. Strengthening the management platform (corporate governance)
- 3. Address and be part of the solution to resource, energy, and global environmental issues

#### **Shareholders**

Proper disclosure and hareholder returns such as dividend payment

2. Safety and

Security

#### **Customers**

Providing safe and high-quality products and solutions

#### **Business Partners**

Fair and impartial dealings

#### **Employees**

Optimizing work environments in terms of salaries, motivation, growth, and work-life balance

#### **Communities**

Maintaining the environment, creating jobs, paying our taxes, and contributing to local communities and society



#### Forward-Looking Statements

This report contains forward-looking statements regarding UBE's plans, outlook, strategies, and results for the future.

All forward-looking statements are based on judgments derived from information available to the Company at the time of publication.

Certain risks and uncertainties could cause the UBE Group's actual results to differ materially from any projections presented in this report. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the economic circumstances surrounding the Company's business, competition, product development, exchange rates, and revision of related laws and regulations.

Fiscal years are years ended March 31 of the following calendar year: for example, fiscal 2018 in the text is the year ended March 31, 2019.



# Pursuing Further Growth while Solidifying Our Underpinnings

I recently became president and CEO, embarking on a range of changes for the UBE Group since the start of fiscal 2019.

We have updated our business principles and management policies. We have also rolled out a new medium-term management plan, reorganized into a three-company operating structure, and adopted a Company with Audit & Supervisory Committee setup.

Our reforms have essentially balanced growth ambitions while solidifying our foundations. Under our plan, we seek to become a growth-centric entity that steadily delivers results to stakeholders. Safety first is our shared values, and we will do our best to occupational, environmental, and facilities incidents, establishing our foundations for expansion by strengthening governance and internal controls. I recognize that it is vital for me to ensure that we can pursue further growth while solidifying our underpinnings.

Previous medium-term management plan

Change & Challenge 2018

FY2016 (Results)	FY2017 (Results)	FY2018 (Results)	FY2018 (Plan)	Achievement rate
¥616.5	¥695.5	¥730.1	¥750.0	97%
34.9	50.2	44.5	50.0	89%
33.3	50.7	47.8	49.0	98%
24.1	31.6	32.4	29.0	112%
5.7%	7.2%	6.1%	more than 6.5%	94%
8.7%	10.5%	10.1%	more than 9.0%	112%
36%	25%	56%	more than 30%	_
12,100	12,100	12,000		
1.4%	1.5%	2.4%		
13.6	13.2	12.1		

Updating Our Business Principles and Management Policies

# Ensuring that Our Founding Spirit Keeps Meeting Contemporary Challenges

Since our establishment more than 120 years ago, our business principles have focused on coexistence and mutual prosperity for all stakeholders, including regional communities, and the notion of shifting from finite mining to infinite industry because we knew that we could not rely forever on an exhaustible resource like coal.

We have updated our corporate philosophy statement to express our raison d'etre, which is to pursue technology and embrace innovation to create value for the future and contribute to social progress. We formulated management principles regarding ethics, safety and security, quality, and people (please see page 1 for details) in recognition that best practices are operational essentials. A guiding factor in establishing these management principles was our deep reflection on inappropriate quality inspection practices last year, and it is a major management priority to ensure Groupwide awareness of the need to prevent recurrences.

# Reflections on Change & Challenge 2018 Medium-Term Management Plan

# Steadily Solidifying Underlying Strengths to Fully Revitalize the Chemicals Business

#### Performance

The table on the left presents our progress with respect to our original performance targets over the past three years. In fiscal 2017, conditions in the chemicals business were particularly favorable, enabling us to greatly exceed our target. In fiscal 2018, the final year of Change & Challenge 2018, earnings were less than envisaged owing to a

decrease in earnings due to regular ammonia facilities repairs in the Ube area, the absence of such extraordinary factors as a temporary expansion of synthetic rubber spreads in fiscal 2017, and the impact of higher coal prices. Nonetheless, I think we basically achieved our goals for the three years.

Under our previous two medium-term management plans, our ongoing focus was on driving an earnings turnaround in the chemicals business. In fiscal 2018, that business generated ¥23.7 billion in operating profit, against our original target of ¥20 billion. A favorable operating environment contributed partly to that result, so we cannot claim that our performance in that business was solely the outcome of a full resurgence. Nonetheless, we can say that being able to translate good conditions into profits demonstrated ample fundamental strengths toward achieving such a resurgence.

#### Key Results and Issues

In the chemicals business, battery materials operations centered on separators expanded as planned in fiscal 2018. Other major achievements were the stabilization of caprolactam and nylon as a chain and the return of polyimide, once a central functional material, as a prime earnings driver. In the machinery business, the integration of our injection molding machine business with that of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd., was an important move. Following integration, we sold models under a uniform brand and progressed in establishing an optimal global production system, forming the basis for growth.

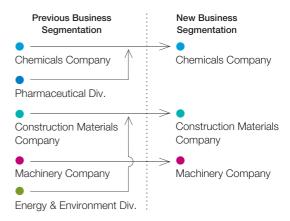
In contrast, the construction materials business did not benefit as much as originally envisaged from demand growth associated with the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and a surge in coal costs drove higher expenses. Although raw materials costs increased, we were unable to raise prices in a cement business requiring reinvestments, and this is still a challenge for us.

# Reorganizing into a Three-Company Operating Structure

# Bringing Together Compatible Businesses in Making Internal Controls More Effective

To date, we have maintained three internal companies—Chemicals, Construction Materials, and Machinery—and the Pharmaceutical and Energy & Environment businesses. In fiscal 2019, we integrated those two businesses into relevant areas of the Chemicals and Construction Materials companies. We thus now have a three-company operating structure. Because much of its output is for the chemicals area, we made the Corporate Research & Development unit part of the Chemicals Company.

The purpose was to become more flexible in expansionary and defensive respects. In defensive terms, reorganizing enables us to more effectively allocate operational resources to enhance internal controls. All three companies have already put systems in place to focus on environmental safety and quality assurance. On the expansionary front, having these companies function more autonomously should help us to accelerate decision making.





# Launching Our New Medium-Term Management Plan

# Vision UBE 2025 - Prime Phase-

#### About Our New Medium-Term Management Plan

This plan (please see pages 6–7 for details) first describes our vision for continuing to create value for all stakeholders by 2025 and also incorporates a three-year action plan for driving growth toward and well beyond 2025.

#### **Direction for Each Business**

The chemicals business is central to the UBE Group's growth. There, we simultaneously target stability in basic chemicals operations and growth in specialty chemicals. The basic chemicals business focuses on caprolactam and synthetic rubber, so it is susceptible to large profit swings owing to market conditions. We will therefore strive to stabilize earnings by cutting costs and differentiating our offerings, making basic chemicals a bedrock of our chemicals operations. We will additionally pursue further expansion in such specialty chemicals fields as functional and fine chemicals, thus enhancing the overall profitability of the chemicals business. Key areas are separators and other battery materials, high-performance coatings, and polyimides. In basic chemicals, we will pursue expansion in nylon and synthetic rubber.

Although markets for the construction materials business are maturing, demand should drop only moderately after the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games. We will therefore continue to generate stable cash flows while focusing on areas offering growth potential, such as biomass and resource recycling, with earnings expanding steadily.

Globalization and services are keys to the future of the machinery business. We believe that the previously mentioned integration of our injection molding machine business with that of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and services business expansion overseas should enhance our profitability (please see pages 32–37 for details).

Please see pages 6–7 for details on Vision UBE 2025—Prime Phase—
New Medium-Term Management Plan.

#### **Tackling Environmental Issues**

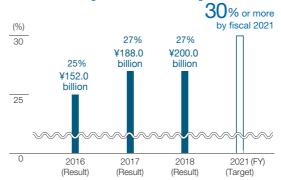
We developed our businesses by drawing on coal as a key energy source. Our operations thus consume considerable energy, and we recognize the importance of tackling environmental issues.

Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions come from energy and processes. Processes related to cement and ammonia production represent half

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#### Sales of the Business That Help Reduce Environmental Impact





Major Technologies and Products that Help Reduce Environmental Impact

Lightweight materials (nylon, synthetic rubber) High-performance coatings Polyimides

Separation membranes

Separators Electrolytes Biomass fuel

Recycling
MOS-HIGF

Energy-conservation equipment

Numerical Targets			Billions of yen		
	FY2018 (Results) a	FY2019 (Targets)	FY2020 (Targets)	FY2021 (Targets) b	Differences b-a
Net Sales	¥730.1	¥760.0	¥740.0	¥770.0	¥39.9
Operating Profit	44.5	47.0	49.0	55.0	10.5
Ordinary Profit	47.8	47.0	51.0	58.0	10.2
Profit Attributable to Owners of Parent	32.4	31.0	32.0	35.0	2.6

FY2021 assumptions (business factors): Exchange rate at ¥105 / USD Naphtha at US\$640 / tonne (CIF) Australian coal at US\$125 / tonne (CIF) Vision for the UBE Group in 2025 and strategies for realizing that vision

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#### "We Continue to Create Value for All Stakeholders"

The UBE Group will anticipate market needs and create products and services that are in harmony with the environment. Furthermore, the Group will positively contribute to all stakeholders as a corporation with a global presence.

#### Outline of the New Medium-Term Management Plan

# Vision UBE 2025 -Prime Phase

Vision UBE 2025—Prime Phase—is a medium-term management plan for the next three Vear's through fiscal 2021 with a strong focus on long-term growth, looking ahead to fiscal 2025 and beyond.

#### **Basic Strategies**

#### Strengthening the platform for business growth

- 1. Realize the next stage of growth, focusing on the chemicals business\*1
  - 2. Expand overseas business locations, further develop collaborative efforts among Group companies in and outside of Japan, and swiftly respond to changes in the global business environment
    - 3. Generate stable and sustainable cash flows, and execute growth investments
      - 4. Diversify work-style provisions to secure human resources and enhance competitiveness\*2
        - 5. Utilize ICT to create value and to increase business efficiency, and develop related human resources

#### ..... Strengthening the management platform (corporate governance)

- accelerate decision-making
- 2. Make certain to execute recurrence prevention measures for quality issues and continuously improve them, while strengthening the framework for quality assurance
- 3. Strengthen internal control systems to further enhance

governance) 1. Strengthen supervision of corporate management and

# compliance and business ethics\*3

Address and be part of the solution to resource, energy, and global environmental issues\*4

- 1. Make certain to achieve FY2021 targets and set new long-term targets focusing on 2030
- 2. Reduce environmental impacts throughout the supply chain
- 3. Create and expand the scope of new technologies and products that help reduce environmental impact
- <sup>\*</sup>1 Stable growth of chemical business was identified as materiality based on this basic strategy. Please see page 25 for details.
- \*2 Attracting and cultivating human resources was identified as materiality based on this basic strategy. Please see page 25 for details.
  \*3 Strengthening internal controls was identified as materiality based on this basic strategy. Please see page 25 for details.
- \*4 Addressing environmental issues was identified as materiality based on this basic strategy. Please see page 25 for details.

Strengthening the platform for business growth

> Strengthening the management platform (corporate

Address and be part of the solution to resource, energy, and global environmental issues

#### **Business Portfolio**

<ul><li>Developing businesses</li></ul>	Tyranno Fiber®, lithium titanium oxide (LTO)		
• Active growth businesses	Nylon, fine chemicals, high-performance coatings, synthetic rubber, polyimides, separation membranes, separators		
	Magnesia and calcia, biomass fuel, resource recycling		
Platform businesses	Caprolactam, industrial chemicals, electrolytes, pharmaceuticals		
	Cement and ready-mixed concrete, energy		
	Molding machines, industrial machines, steel products		

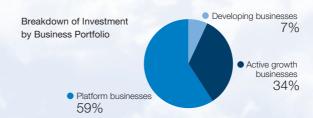
#### Investments and R&D Expenditure

We will increase the share of business resources allocated to active growth businesses while focusing on capital efficiency. At the same time, we will continue to build a platform for securing stable revenues and implement cost reductions through streamlining.

#### Investments over three years —¥160.0 billion

Breakdown: Capital investment ¥140 billion Other investment (including M&A) ¥20 billion

R&D expenditure over three years —¥ 45.0 billion Total ¥205.0 billion



#### **Numerical Targets for FY2021**

		Net Sales and Operating Profit Targets by Segment		Billions of yen				
Key Figures				FY2019 Targets	FY2020 Targets	FY2021 Targets		
Operating profit	Net sales	Chemicals	¥324.2	¥345.0	¥330.0	¥350.0		
¥55.0 billion		Construction Materials	321.0	330.0	325.0	330.0		
Ordinary profit		Machinery	97.2	100.0	100.0	105.0		
¥58.0 billion		Others	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.0		
		Adjustment*	(17.3)	(20.0)	(20.0)	(20.0)		
		Total	¥730.1	¥760.0	¥740.0	¥770.0		
Key Indicators	Operating	Chemicals	¥24.6	¥26.5	¥27.0	¥32.0		
ney maicators	profit	Construction Materials	14.4	15.0	16.0	16.5		
Return on sales (ROS)		Machinery	5.4	6.0	6.5	7.0		
7%		Others	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.5		
Return on equity (ROE)		Adjustment*	(0.7)	(1.2)	(1.0)	(1.0)		
100/		Total	¥44.5	¥47.0	¥49.0	¥55.0		
10%	* Includes elir	* Includes elimination of inter-seament transactions						

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star}$  Includes elimination of inter-segment transactions

of our total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. The truth is that as long as we do business it will be challenging to do much about CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from processes. There is room, however, to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from energy by conserving energy and enhancing efficiency, and we will do our best to achieve reductions. We will also strive to expand our eco businesses, transforming challenges in that area into new opportunities (please see pages 28–29 for details).

#### Our Message to Stakeholders

# Better Empowering Our People to Help Create Long-Term Value

Our people are vital to helping our businesses keep abreast of dramatic changes. We are nothing without our people. In research and development, for example, the zeal of our professionals and their commitment to creating technologies that are commercially viable have enabled us to create and develop a range of businesses. While our journey began in the Ube area, we now operate globally. A prime focus of business management is therefore how best to empower our people wherever they are and combine their collective talents.

Given significant labor shortages, it is essential for us to secure individuals who can help us respond to change. I thus wish to cultivate work environments in which diverse people can collaborate and provide more opportunities and operations that reward employees as we grow (please see pages 18–19 and 50–51 for details).

# Continuing to Transform Ourselves and Pursue Further Growth While Leveraging the Talents of Our People

On the governance front, we transitioned in June 2019 from a Company with Board of Corporate Auditors to a Company with Audit & Supervisory Committee. Such a transformation should enable us to accelerate efforts to strengthen the supervisory role of the Board of Directors and enhance internal controls and governance, which are the defensive elements of our business. On the expansionary front, this should help us to delegate more authority to executives to accelerate decision making (please see pages 39–49 for details).

We have always harnessed the talents of our people in ongoing changes so that we can pursue new growth opportunities in response to contemporary needs. We will continue that basic approach in the years ahead, and look forward to the ongoing support and encouragement of all stakeholders for our endeavors.

August 2019

Masato Izumihara
President & Representative Director
CEO

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#### **Financial Strategy**

# Reaching Our Three-Year Cumulative Earnings and Cash Flow Targets

In fiscal 2018, earnings were down from a year earlier despite revenues increasing. Although operating profit and ordinary income were lower than aimed for in the final year of our medium-term management plan, profit attributable to owners of parent was a record high that exceeded our initial forecast at the beginning of the year, and three-year cumulative earnings achieved our plan target.

We have progressed well financially. While cumulative operating cash flows exceeded the



Note: The Company consolidated every 10 shares into one share, effective October 1, 2017.

Dividends per share for FY2016 and earlier have been converted based on the shares after the share consolidation.



Note: The Company consolidated every 10 shares into one share, effective October 1, 2017. Stock prices are adjusted for consolidation.

plan target, investment cash flows were less than projected, owing partly to changes in the business climate. As such, free cash flow exceeded our initial goal. We have also reached the objectives of our medium-term management plan in terms of equity capital and interest-bearing debt at year-end. The equity and debt/equity ratios improved to 44.5% and 0.57 times, respectively. On the capital efficiency front, ROE was again up and exceeded 10%.

#### Maintaining Financial Discipline While Intensifying Growth Investments

We seek to secure free cash flow of ¥40 billion over the three years of our new medium-term management plan, and aim to intensify growth investments. At the same time, we will continue to improve our financial position in keeping with a firm commitment to a focus on cash flow and keeping our overall funds in positive territory. ROE will remain a key efficiency benchmark. Our target for the final year of the plan is 10%. We will work to further amass capital.

#### Increasing Cash Dividends per Share by ¥5

In fiscal 2018, we implemented a ¥10 billion share buyback and increased cash dividends per share by ¥5, to ¥80. The cumulative total return ratio was therefore 39%.

Stable and sustainable dividends underpin our shareholder return policy. Under our new medium-term management plan, we rolled out a new key performance indicator (KPI), a dividend on equity (DOE) ratio of at least 2.5%. At the same time, we will maintain a consolidated total return ratio of 30.0% or more during the three years of the plan. We aim to further reflect revenue growth in greater shareholder returns in the years ahead while investing for growth and maintaining healthy internal reserves.

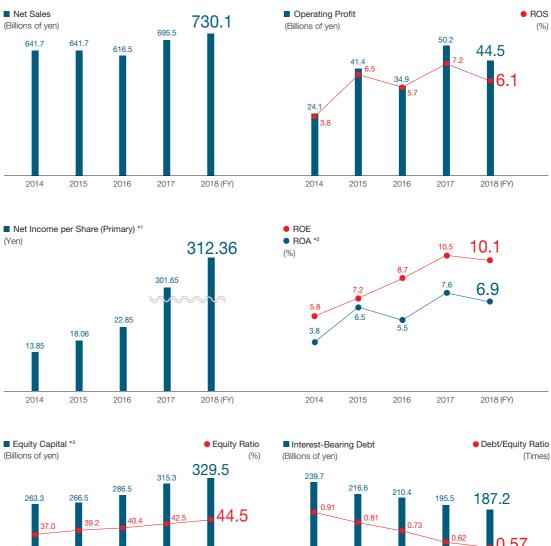
We are focusing on free cash flow and investing actively in growth.

Masayuki Fujii Director, Managing Executive Officer, CFO



#### Consolidated Financial and Non-Financial Highlights

#### Financial Highlights





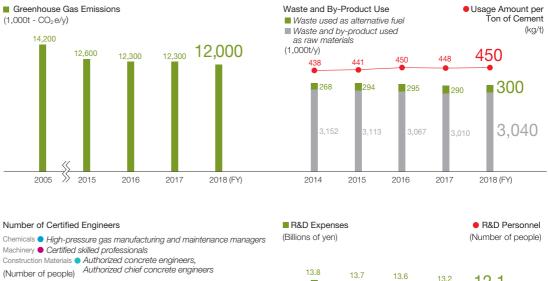
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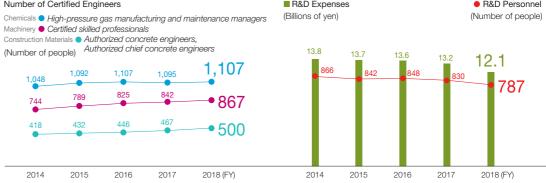
- 2. ROA = (Operating profit + Interest and dividend income + Share of profit of entities accounted for using equity method) / Average total assets 3. Equity capital = Net assets Share subscription rights Non-controlling interests

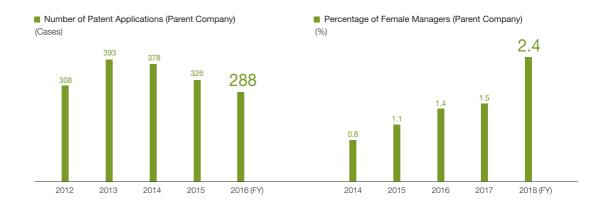
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opics for Fiscal 2018	2018	April	Construction Materials	Integrated construction materials business into UBE Construction Materials Co., Ltd.
			Chemicals	Launched ABS resin business Techno-UMG Co., Ltd.
			• CSR	Announced donation to the UBE Industries Foundation to commemorate 120th anniversary of the UBE Group
			Construction Materials	Decided to construct demonstration facility for carbonized fuel from woody biomass (Energy Business)
		September	• CSR	Awarded the sixth Green Social Contribution Award
		October	• CSR	Held the 11th annual UBE Group Charity Concert
			Machinery	UBE Machinery Corporation, Ltd., completed expansion of U.S. subsidiary's assembly plant for plastic injection molding machines
			Machinery	U-MHI Platech Co., Ltd., decided to construct plastic injection molding machine plant

# Non-Financial Highlights







	November	●IR	Announced a share buyback
		Construction Materials	Began shipping limestone from Kanayamadai Mining zone at Isa limestone quarry
		Domestically launched Eybelis® Ophthalmic Solution 0.002%, a glaucoma and ocular hypertension treatment (Pharmaceutical Business)	
	December	Chemicals	Concluded strategic research collaboration agreement with Shionogi & Co., Ltd., for novel anti-respiratory syncytial virus drug candidates (Pharmaceutical Business)
2019	January	Chemicals	Transferred lithium-ion secondary batteries separator business to consolidated subsidiary UBE Maxell Co., Ltd.
	February	Corporate	Announced appointment of a new president and representative director
March ● Corporate Announced transition to a Company with Audit & Supervisory Committee			Announced transition to a Company with Audit & Supervisory Committee
		UBE Corporation Europe, S.A. Unipersonal acquired majority of the shares of a Spanish compound manufacturer	

#### The UBE Group's Evolution

The UBE Group was established as a coal mining operation in 1897. It has since overcome turbulent times, drawing on creative technologies and innovative manufacturing capabilities to relentlessly innovate and develop various businesses.

- •2017/Integrated our injection molding machinery business with that of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd., to pursue synergies in injection molding machines
  - •2014/Concluded capital and business alliance with Toyo Machinery & Metal Co., Ltd., to pursue synergies in die-casting machines

•2001/Established UBE Machinery (Shanghai) Ltd.

•1996/Began manufacturing injection molding

and die-casting machines in the United States

•1982/Completed and opened the Kosan-

•1981/Started extrusion press production

Ohashi Highway Bridge

- 2018/Constructed demonstration facility for torrefied pellets, woody biomass fuel (production scheduled to start in October 2019)
- 2016/Began heat exhaust power generation at the Kanda Cement Factory
  - 2014/Launched megasolar operations (joint venture with Showa Shell Sekiyu K.K.)
  - 2013/Made UBE Material Industries, Ltd., then listed on the Second Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, a wholly owned subsidiary through a share swap
    - 2004/Started electricity wholesaling to Chugoku Electric Power Co., Inc. (using coal and woody biomass as fuel)
    - 1998/Established UBE-MITSUBISHI CEMENT CORPO-RATION, the second-largest player in its industry domestically in sales terms as of March 2019
      - 1982/Completed a 145,000-kilowatt coal-fired power facility to supply electricity to all Ube business sites
      - 1980/Completed the Okinoyama Coal Center as Japan's largest thermal coal importing facility
      - •1977/Closed the last coal mine

Energy Business

- 1976/Developed and started manufacturing originally developed injection molding machines
  - •1973/Launched bridge business
  - 1963/Developed and started manufacturing large die-casting machines (then the world's largest)

Held a 20% to 30% share of the global market for large die-casting machines (As of March 2019)

- •1954/Began manufacturing vertical mills
- 1964/Established the Kanda Cement Factory (created the cement production structure of three facilities)
- •1958/The West plant of Ube Cement Factory begins production
- •1955/The Isa Cement Factory started production
- 1952/Acquired control of Nippon Lime Industries Ltd. (now UBE Material Industries, Ltd.)
- •1951/Acquired control of Ube Chemical Industries Co., Ltd. (now UBE Material Industries, Ltd.)

Construction Materials

1923 Cement .....

Inaugurated cement operations by drawing on the abundant limestone resources of Ube's surrounding areas as well as coal

1942 Establish Ube Indi

Established Ube Industries, Ltd.



The UBE Group started out in Ube, Yamaguchi Prefecture as a coal mining operation.

Machinery

1914 Machinery

Machinery business began by manufacturing and maintaining coal mining machinery



#### Chemicals (Pharmaceuticals)

- •a 2018/Started production of *Eybelis*®, an ophthalmic solution for glaucoma and ocular hypertension treatment
- •b 2009/Started production of Effient®, an oral anti-platelet agent
- oc 2003/Started production of Calblock®, an antihypertensive agent
- •d 2000/Started production of Talion®, an anti-allergy agent

## PCD, PUD

Polycarbonate diol (PCD), polyurethane dispersion (PUD), and other advanced fine chemical coatings

- 1 Automotive paints and floor coverings
- •2 PCD **1995**, PUD **2011**/High margins from proprietary technologies
- No. 1 share in the PCD market, with shipments of 14.0 kilotons; PUD 2 kilotons

### Separators

- •1 Lithium-ion battery (LiB) materials
- 2 1994/Strengths in applications requiring excellent safety and high output, expanding in automotive applications, centered on coated separator films
- •3 250 million m<sup>2</sup>, with a 10% share of global market

### Separation Membranes

- •1 Explosion-preventing nitrogen separation membranes and dehumidification
- •2 1986/Japan's sole gas separation membrane manufacturer; The world's only company with specialty technology for removing water from alcohol with organic membranes
- 3 Produces 1,800,000 kilometers annually of polyimide hollow fibers and 80,000 modules annually

#### Polyimide Film

- 1 Electronic materials applications including flexible circuit boards and IC mount carrier tapes
- 1983/The world's only integrated manufacturer of these films, starting with raw materials
- Ranking 4th worldwide; 70% share of market for chip-on-films for LCD television panels

# Synthetic Rubber

- 1 Tire
- •2 1971/Mainly for value-added products; Supplies major global tire manufacturers
- 3 320 kilotons; Ranking 5th worldwide (Global demand totaled 3,490 kilotons in 2018 (estimate))

## Caprolactam Nylon Chain

A world-class offering from the UBE Group; Optimizing production and cost competitiveness through *ammonia*—caprolactam—nylon chain

#### Nylon

- •1 Engineering plastics widely used in such applications as automotive parts and food packaging films
- •2 1959/Strengths in high-performance applications and high-quality automotive parts materials that have earned the trust of domestic and foreign automakers, and drive for global leadership in extruded materials (films and filaments)
- •3 198 kilotons; One of the world's top manufacturers (Global demand for nylon 6 resin totaled 2,550 kilotons in 2018)

#### Caprolactam

- •1 Raw material for nylon
- •2 1956/Supplying high-quality, highly competitive raw material for nylon in Japan, Thailand, and Spain
- •3 315 kilotons (Global demand amounted to 5,960 kilotons in 2018)

#### Ammonia

- •1 Caprolactam, acrylonitrile, nitrogen fertilizer, and other raw materials
- **2** 1933
- 3 380 kilotons; Ranking 1st in Japan
   (Domestic demand totaled 1,130 kilotons in fiscal 2018)





Ammonia, fertilizers

Chemical business started by manufacturing ammonium sulfate for chemical fertilizers from coal.

#### Content Descriptions

- •1 Applications
- Year production started and / or features
- •3 Group production capacity and / or market share



#### The UBE Group's Strengths:

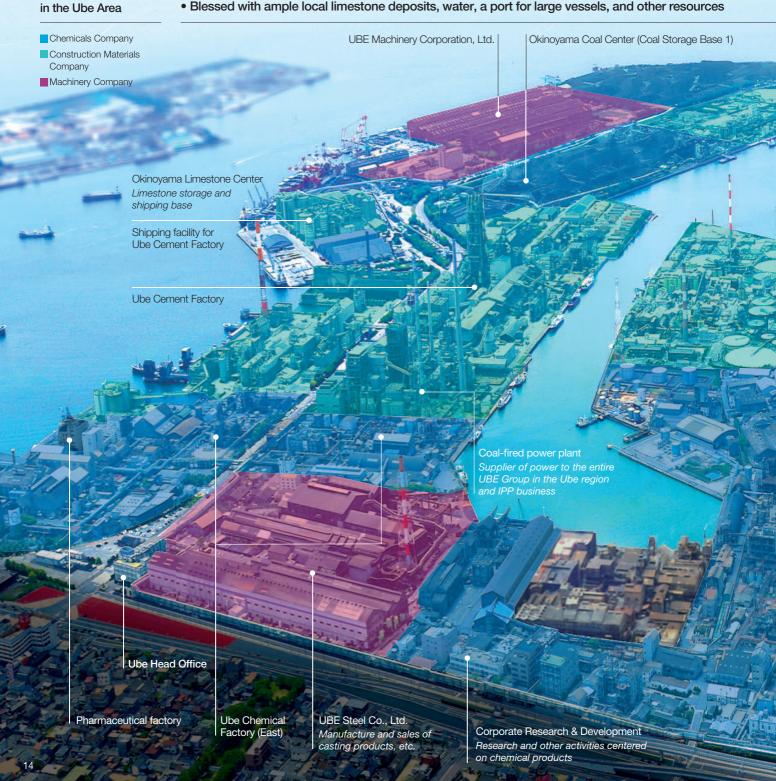
**Key Facilities** 

#### Accumulated Infrastructure in the Ube Area

The UBE Group started out in coal mining, thereafter manufacturing mining machinery, employing coal and limestone in cement manufacturing, and producing chemical fertilizers based on coal. We thereafter supplied an array of products serving social needs. Our manufacturing facilities accordingly concentrated in the Ube area of Yamaguchi Prefecture, where we maintain in-house power plants and a port.

Competitive Advantage from Accumulated Infrastructure

- Improved production efficiency from sharing infrastructures while lowering environmental impact
- · Efficiently using steam from in-house power plants, cement plant heat, and other resources for each business
- · Close collaboration between each business, notably in supplying raw materials and reusing waste
- · Blessed with ample local limestone deposits, water, a port for large vessels, and other resources







# Building Value through Robust R&D Activities and Intellectual Property Initiatives

Our R&D activities draw on synthetic technologies that we have amassed since starting out in coal mining, and we continue to carry out a variety of R&D activities to date. We also undertake strategic intellectual property initiatives that are vital to corporate growth while endeavoring to avoid intellectual property infringements.

#### R&D

Harnessing Proprietary Synthetic Technologies to Develop Products and Pursue Licensing

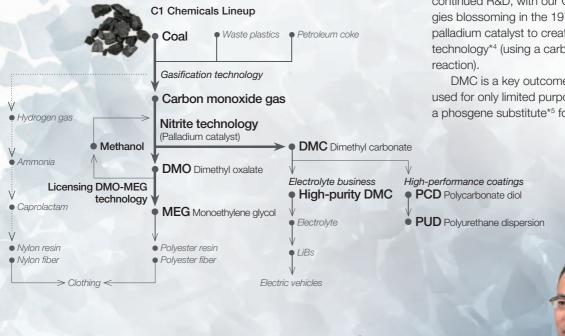
#### C1 Chemistry\*1 Technologies Centered on **Dimethyl Carbonate**

Over the years, we have synthesized chemicals based on raw materials sourced in-house to pursue higher added value. As a result, C1 chemistry has become a world-renowned technology, not

only for the creation of dimethyl carbonate (DMC) and dimethyl oxalate (DMO) but also for the synthesis of derivatives such as polycarbonate diol (PCD)\*2 and polyurethane dispersion (PUD)\*3, and heterocyclic compounds that are part of drug substances. This continues to be a source of profit for the Group.

Our efforts to derive oxamides to be used as fertilizer by using a synthetic gas (a mixture of carbon monoxide and hydrogen) from coal helped us to pioneer our organic chemistry. We thereafter continued R&D, with our C1 chemistry technologies blossoming in the 1970s after we used a palladium catalyst to create a proprietary nitrite technology\*4 (using a carbon monoxide coupling

DMC is a key outcome of our efforts. It was used for only limited purposes when marketed as a phosgene substitute\*5 for carbonate synthesis



- \*1 C1 chemistry: A technology that uses carbon monoxide and other one-carbon molecules to create other compounds incorporating carbon.
- \*2 Polycarbonate diol: Please see page 27 for details.
- \*3 Polyurethane dispersion: Please see page 27 for details.
- \*4 Nitrite technology: A clean synthesis technology that uses carbon monoxide and methanol as raw materials.
- \*5 Phosgene substitute: Phosgene is a raw material for PCD and polyurethane, but has been replaced by other chemicals in recent years owing to its high toxicity.

#### Masayoshi Oota

Senior Executive Officer, General Manager, Research & Development Div., with responsibility for Technology Development Dept. and development section, Chemicals Company



Category	Focus	Advantage
Healthcare	Bioreactor systems	Building a cell culture system employing our proprietary polyimide porous membranes
Construction and infrastructure	Urethane-based prevention method for falling concrete pieces	Product development that brings together our construction materials channels and organic chemistry
Mobility	New battery material (lithium titanium oxide)	A robust battery materials channel
-	Ceramic matrix composites for next-generation aircraft	Developing products harnessing our patented Tyranno Fiber®

x ETD 2.00 kV 0 V 74.6 µm 46.2 pA

— 30 µm —

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because of a reputation for poor reactivity. We were about to stop production, however, we discovered that incorporating small amounts of an additive resulted in DMC becoming a much better electrolyte than existing counterparts in lithium-ion batteries (LiBs). Since then, this organic compound has been a core product for us, particularly as an electrolyte.

We have progressed steadily in developing derivatives, and have extended our PCD manufacturing network\* to include sites in Thailand and Spain. We have also developed and commercialized such high-value-added offerings as PUD, which are derived from PCD.

In recent years, we have augmented the licensing business of our C1 chemistry technologies internationally. A good example is the technology for monoethylene glycol (MEG). This is made from DMO, which shares the same raw materials as those of DMC. We have licensed production of more than 12 million metric tons of DMO and more than 6 million metric tons of MEG.

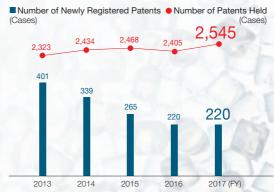
MEG is a compound whose market is growing as a raw material for polyester fibers used in apparel and polyethylene terephthalate resins, commonly for plastic beverage bottles. While hydrogen is needed to make MEG from DMO, the synthetic gas that is a raw material of DMO already incorporates hydrogen. Our production process for MEG is thus highly regarded because it minimizes environmental impact. China's national policy of harnessing coal as a raw material for chemicals rather than as a fuel is contributing to a bright future for our technology.

#### Intellectual Property (IP)

The UBE Group's initiatives to reinforce and optimally leverage IP aim to enable us to create new businesses and bolster competitiveness, thereby helping to build and expand enterprise value.

We seek to maximize our enterprise and IP value by formulating IP strategies according to our business strategies and by implementing the plan-do-check-act (PDCA) cycle of IP strategy activities. Furthermore, to strengthen IP research and analysis capabilities, we are working to improve operational efficiency, including in R&D departments, by utilizing tools with artificial intelligence (AI) functions and to utilize IP portfolios\*1 and open/close strategies\*2 while promoting IP activities that contribute to business revenue. At the same time, we are promoting global IP management as the UBE Group, and are advancing the sharing of activity policies and IP information with Group companies in Japan and overseas.

#### Number of Domestically Held and Newly Registered Patents



#### Glossary

- \*1 IP portfolios: Patents, copyrights, know-how, and other intellectual property that corporations can use to formulate strategies and assess competitiveness
- \*2 Open/close strategies: Management strategies that give companies competitive edges by making intellectual property open or closed

<sup>\*</sup> Please see pages 26–27.

#### The UBE Group's Strengths: Cultivating Human Resources



# Fostering the Human Resources That Will Drive the UBE Group Forward

Global Business Leader (GBL) Program\*

Cultivating human resources is a top priority for management, as people are vital to creating value. In an increasingly interconnected world, the UBE Group offers a wide range of opportunities for its people to study and gain experience, equipping them to drive our business forward no matter where they are.

# Our Stance on Developing Human Resources

Hideo Tamada

Managing Executive Officer

The UBE Group's 11,000 or so employees work to fulfill its corporate mission and social responsibilities. They also underpin our efforts to manufacture safe and secure products, generate sustainable corporate growth, and build corporate value.

Employee education and training are focused on knowledge acquisition, mainly to improve expertise and foster leadership. Eight years ago, we launched our GBL program to concentrate more on human resources development

Going forward, we will cultivate the potential of individuals by transferring them in-house or externally so they can pursue new challenges and become proficient in new roles. I believe that those with diverse experience can be prospective executives and guide subordinates as on-site managers.

I also consider it important to encourage further diversity and create more attractive work environments so that we can shift toward more performance-based evaluations and create a culture that is conducive to colleagues being more supportive of each other in performing their duties.

#### Benefits of the GBL Program

Tsuyoshi Muratani

Manager
Coal Technical Center
Energy Division
Construction Materials Company

I joined the GBL program when I was 41. Before then, I often wondered if I would be a capable leader in times of diversity, as I was somewhat introverted and rather conservative in my thinking. The program



\* Global Business Leader (GBL) program: Program participants learn about management and strategy and master leadership in cultural and gender diversity. They are selected from UBE Group companies in Japan and overseas and engage in joint training and team projects over roughly a six-month period.





started with each of the 24 participants from UBE Group operations in Thailand, Spain, Germany, and Japan quietly introducing ourselves. Over time, however, we found ourselves discussing late into the evenings UBE's future and finally singing the praises of our strenuous efforts with high fives. I learned a lot from my new mates about what makes a good global leader, and seven years later the experience still helps me to grow the sense of diverse values at the workplace.

#### Roser Herrero Pons

Development Manager
R&D Engineering Plastics
UBE Corporation Europe, S.A. Unipersonal

I was thrilled when I found out I had been nominated for the GBL program.



Training required me to be very motivated, challenge my limits, and inspire myself. These qualities apply to life in general as well as the workplace, and I realized that nothing is impossible. Once I changed,

my whole world did. I learned the importance of listening to others and asking questions without fear of failure. I also recognized the need to embrace failure and get out of my comfort zone and even to sometimes differ with others. The knowledge I acquired has proven useful both professionally and personally.

I was able to share an understanding of the importance of global communication with a team that was essentially my family, and we were able to help each other to complete our final presentation.

#### Sisurat Prakobchat

Quality Assurance Manager
UBE Chemicals (Asia) Public Company
Limited

I have been a member of the UBE Group for approximately 20 years, and recently I was fortunate enough to participate in the GBL program. I learned a great many things from colleagues from all over the



world that also took part, and now feel that I have a better understanding of, and appreciation for, the value of a diverse workforce. Diversity can help the Group to achieve successes as a global team. We also learned to apply strategic skills and use execution excellence processes.

Through the GBL program, I learned that success relies largely on the following:

- Trusting relationships within the team
- Clear goals
- Clear communication
- Clear priorities

I am utilizing experience gained from the GBL program to implement projects more effectively and strengthen team performance. I am also improving my communication skills by listening more openly to feedback.

Cumulative Number of Employees Dispatched Abroad for MBA Programs and as Trainees





#### The UBE Group's Business Model

manufacturing capabilities not only in Ube but all over the world.

Strength:

Electricity, thermal energy, coal, and coal ash

**Energy Business** 

We supply power and other

we are endeavoring to reduce our

environmental footprint through

solar power, biomass, and

other energy sources.

Infrastructure

The UBE Group's Chemicals, Construction Materials, and Machinery segments are sharing its electric power, ports and harbor, and other infrastructure in the Ube area. Together with cost-competitiveness by sharing infrastructure and technologies developed through our solid customer base and our people, we are creating value to build a bright future. We are creating value that contributes to sustainable social progress by harnessing our creative technologies and innovative

Electricity, thermal energy, and coke

#### Construction **Materials Company**

Here, we progressed by focusing on the cement, calcia, and magnesia businesses by drawing on the Ube area's abundant reserves of coal and on limestone from Ube's surrounding areas. We are endeavoring to maximize profitability by drawing on comprehensive strengths with Group companies in such areas as manufacturing ready-mixed concrete, transporting cement, and sales. We have developed numerous building materials products (Construction Materials Company) that draw on our chemicals business knowledge. The Construction Materials Company underpins social resources to plants and offices in infrastructure and lifestyles. the Ube region. At the same time,

#### **Chemicals Company**

We have progressed over the years by sophisticating synthetics technologies cultivated through the manufacturing of fertilizer from coal to supply products that match contemporary needs. The broad lineup of the Chemicals Company extends from nylon and synthetic rubber to such advanced offerings as LiB materials, polyimide, and separation membranes, as well as environmentally friendly fine chemicals. We also maintain drug discovery and contract pharmaceuticals.

> Strength: Collaboration between in-house companies to create value

We started out with coal mining machinery and refined our production technologies by manufacturing essential machinery for the cement and chemicals businesses. We make injection molding machines and diecasting machines that we supply to automobile manufacturers around the world, as well as such other offerings as transportation machinery, crusher equipment, and bridges. We also maintain machinery maintenance and improvement services. Advanced proprietary technologies underpin our high reputation.



**Machinery Company** 



Diversity Motivated people Pleasant working

environment

Strength: Technological capabilities

> Synthetics technologies: We started out by employing coal, which is difficult to use as a chemicals raw material, and amassed synthetics technologies that we have leveraged in downstream product development.



(Osaka Research & Development Center) (Development centers in Thailand and Spain)

#### **Strategies Employing Our Strengths**

#### Concentrating operational resources on active growth businesses

Nylon, fine chemicals, high-performance coatings, synthetic rubber, polyimide, separation membranes, separators, magnesia, calcia, biomass fuel, and resource recycling

#### Stepping up business globalization

Strengthening proposal-based businesses

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#### **Medium-Term Growth Areas**

Creating new businesses in four priority areas:

#### Mobility

Automobiles,

railways, and

aerospace

Healthcare

Food, pharmaceuti-

cals, and sophisti-

cated lifestyles

#### Environment and Energy

Conserving resources and energy, and new materials

#### Construction and Infrastructure

Infrastructure, living environments, and smart cities

**Products Leveraging Our Strengths** 

#### Nylon

Continuous polymerization to stably produce high-quality nylon

#### Synthetic rubber

We specialize in making top-quality butadiene rubber using cobalt catalysts, and rank 5th worldwide in terms of annual production capacity.

#### Separators

We are one of a few dry separator manufacturers, and are highly regarded in automotive applications, with a 10% global share.

#### Sustainable growth

#### Polyimide

Films based on our thermal imide technique using biphenyltetracarboxylic dianhydride (BPDA) as a raw material are rated highly for high heat resistance and dimensional stability. We account for 70% of the global chip-on-film market.

#### Ready-mixed concrete

Nationwide plant network that uses cement transported throughout Japan in large ships

#### Diecasting machines and injection molding machines

We rank highly in global markets, including among automakers, with a large specialty lineup.





#### The UBE Group's Value Creation Process

The UBE Group builds new value by leveraging its technological and manufacturing capabilities in response to changes in the operating climate and the resulting social issues. We aim to realize social sustainability and drive sustainable growth for the UBE Group by helping to resolve these issues.

Changes in operating climate



FY2018 Capital components of enterprise value

#### Global warming and other environmental issues

Toward a sustainable economy

#### Increasing incidence of natural disasters and aging infrastructure

Enhancing national resilience and rebuilding infrastructure to prevent and reduce disasters

#### Population growth in emerging nations, expansion of middle class, and urbanization

Food, water, resources, infrastructure, and energy shortages

# Aging populations in developed nations

Diversifying work practices and accelerating globalization

Providing more opportunities for female employees Fostering diversity Cultivating global talent

#### Financial Capital

Underpinning enterprise value with a sound financial position

**Equity Capital** 

¥315.3 billion\*

\* As of April 1, 2018

Please see page 9 for details.

#### Manufacturing Capital

Infrastructure, businesses, human resources, and expertise concentrated in the Ube area

> 5 sites in Japan 4 sites overseas

Please see pages 14-15 and 26-27 for details.

#### **Human Capital**

Respecting diverse people and values

> Please see pages 18-19 and 50-51 for details.

#### Intellectual Capital

Broad technological foundations

**R&D** Expenses

¥12.1 billion

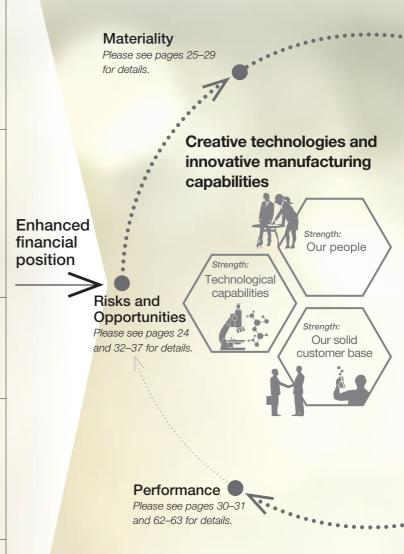
Please see pages 16-17 for details.

#### Social and Natural Capital

Ties with stakeholders

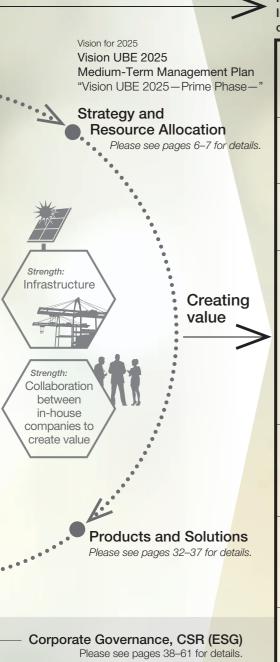
Technologies that contribute to the environment

> Please see pages 32-37 and 52-53 for details.



Bedrock of value creation

Management Philosophy — Pursue technology and embrace



innovation to create value for the future

and contribute to social progress

FY2018 Impact on capital components of enterprise value

Value provided to society

Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) initiatives

Profit before Income Taxes ¥44.6 billion

Free Cash Flow ¥7.7 billion

10.1%

Number of People Who Are Newly Qualified\* That Underpin Front-Line Capabilities

High-pressure gas manufacturing and maintenance managers (Chemicals) Authorized concrete engineers Authorized chief concrete engineers (Construction Materials)
Certified skilled professionals (Machinery)

**Number of Patent Applications** 

\* FY2016

ROE

288\*

Percentage of Total Sales Derived from **Eco Businesses** 

27%

Savings from Resource Reuse and Energy ¥5.9 billion Conservation

Addressing environmental issues

Environmentally friendly products and solutions (including LiBs and environmentally friendly tires)



**Environmental contributions** 

Contributions to more compact, lighter, and more durable products (such as from replacing metals with resins, contributing to national



resilience, building and maintaining infrastructure, and providing concrete pavement)

#### Addressing healthcare and food issues

Contributing to health, food hygiene, and food production (such as in terms of pharmaceuticals, food packaging films, and fertilizers)



Contributing to a recycling-oriented society

Pushing forward with resource cycles (use as raw materials for cement)



Contributing to regional communities

Creating jobs, paying taxes, and engaging in regional development



Capital reinjections into new value creation

#### Key Risks and Opportunities

#### Risk Management Policy and System

The UBE Group implements suitable risk countermeasures after assessing probabilities and impacts that might prevent it from reaching its business objectives in every decision-making process, including in gatherings of the Board of Directors and the Strategic Management Meeting.

We established a Companywide integrated management system to assess risks and gather information on probabilities and impacts. We also set up the Risk Management Department to centrally oversee related information, and maintain internal systems to manage the Group's risks.

We set up the following entities to tackle individual risks.

- 1. Information Security Committee The comm
  - The committee formulated the Information Security Policies, informing everyone and checking compliance while creating information security terms and rules.
- 2. Crisis Management Committee

The committee ensures swift responses to domestic and overseas emergencies by preparing manuals on gathering information and taking internal and external action, and is building a unified internal and external emergency structure.



#### Key Risks, Measures, and Opportunities

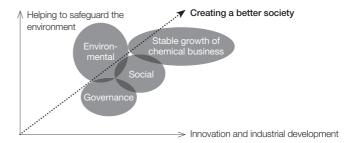
	Risk Overview	Measures	Opportunities
Environmental issues (excluded from investment portfolio)	Excluded from investment portfolio due to fossil fuel-dependent business structure	While enhancing energy efficiency, make known our contributions to lowering environmental impact to the public	Create and expand businesses that use products or technolo-
Environmental issues (strengthening policies: environmental taxes)	Significantly higher costs from tighter taxation on the use of fossil fuels	In view of the balance between benefits of using fossil fuels and increasing costs, consider using alternatives	gies that help lower environmental impact
Serious compliance violations	Serious compliance violations that detract from stakeholder trust and lead to massive damage liabilities	While reinforcing governance through tougher management supervision, a stronger quality assurance system, and more extensive measures to prevent quality issue recurrences, keep improving attitudes and nurturing a corporate culture that does not tolerate any dishonesty	Improve corporate image and value
Market supply-and-demand imbalances	Massive losses from market slowdowns or tighter spreads if demand plunges or supplies surged owing to production capacity increases at other companies	Continue extensive cost cuts and promote differentiation in targeted markets, to reinforce cost competitiveness and to secure stable demands in markets	Improve market presence
Personnel shortages	Business continuity issues from chronic and serious labor shortages from such factors as the difficulty of attracting the right people or significantly higher turnover ratios against a background of declining birth rates, economic trends, and diverse individual values	Undertake such measures as work style reform, operational reviews, diversity initiatives, and leverage information and communication technology (ICT)	Promote work environments that allow diversified human resources to succeed and are able to secure next-generation human resources
Spread of alternative products	Large losses from being slow to respond to the rapid spread of alternative new products from other companies	Anticipate market needs in product development and focus resource allocations based on the business portfolio, thereby steadily expanding active growth businesses and cultivating developing fields	More swiftly reap rewards from develop- ing fields and create new businesses
Major facilities accidents	In the event of a major accident at a plant handling hazardous substances or high-pressure gas, restoration costs, opportunity losses from production shutdowns, compensation to customers and workers, and erosion of social credibility	Bolster process safety measures (such as to maintain facilities, produce better manuals, and use ICT), undertake disaster prevention measures, educate about safety, pass on skills of veteran workers, and formulate and regularly review business continuity plans (BCPs)	_
Earthquakes, tsunamis, and other major natural disasters	Lost opportunities because earthquakes or tsunamis greatly damage production facilities	To prepare for major natural disasters, produce and regularly review disaster prevention measures and BCPs to minimize damage while educating employees, partner companies, and other entities about safety	_

#### **Materiality: Overview**

In light of global social trends and its history of more than 120 years, the UBE Group identifies and focuses on tackling materiality impacts that affect its sustainable growth.

We will continue to help realize the SDGs by addressing these issues.

#### Materiality identification



Materiality

#### UBE Group's Measures

SDGs Items to Which We Contribute

# Sustainable growth

#### Stable growth of chemical business

Base for identified as materiality
Please see Strengthening the platform for
business growth of medium-term management
plan's Basic Strategies on page 6.

We will concentrate resource injections into active growth businesses that we are expanding, pursue differentiation strategies for platform businesses, and work to continue cutting costs. Through these, we will attain sustainable growth. In addition, we will create next-generation businesses by cultivating developing fields.

Please see pages 26-27 for details.









#### Environment

#### Addressing environmental issues

Base for identified as materiality
Please see Address and be part of the solution
to resource, energy, and global environmental
issues of medium-term management plan's
Basic Strategies on page 6.

We undertake voluntary, ongoing efforts to address environmental issues and contribute to social sustainability.

Please see pages 28-29 for details.





#### Society

# Attracting and cultivating human resources

Base for identified as materiality
Please see Strengthening the platform for
business growth of medium-term management
plan's Basic Strategies on page 6.

We believe that our people are central to the Group's growth over the medium and long terms, making it vital to strengthen and improve human resources through hiring, education, training, and on-the-job experience in diverse business units.

Please see pages 18-19 and 50-51 for details.



#### Governance

#### Strengthening internal controls

Base for identified as materiality
Please see Strengthening the management
platform (corporate governance) of medium-term
management plan's Basic Strategies on page 6.

In fiscal 2019, we transitioned to a Company with Audit & Supervisory Committee to reinforce internal controls

Please see pages 39–48 for details. See page 49 for information on stronger internal controls for quality.

















#### Sustainable Development Goals

More than 150 world leaders adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit in New York in September 2015. The agenda includes 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 targets.















# Chemical Business Driving Stable Growth for the UBE Group

The UBE Group has positioned the stable expansion of the chemical business, a Group growth driver, as a materiality issue. We practice the UBE Management Philosophy—Pursue technology and embrace innovation to create value for the future and contribute to social progress—by creating products that societies need. In the process, we take advantage of our technological and human resources strengths and our solid customer base.

A key strength of our chemical business is synthetic technologies that we have cultivated since our foundation. This business has innovated numerous products with global growth potentials, including in nylon, synthetic rubber, battery materials, high-performance coatings, and polyimide. Such offerings will continue to drive the Group's growth.

We have set up chemical production sites overseas, including in Thailand and Spain. We have also deployed our outstanding proprietary technologies cultivated in Ube at overseas businesses in keeping with strategies that match regional needs. Each business runs its own production sites and has systems in place to supply customers the world over.

Products created with our technological prowess and global supply structure contribute in various ways to conserving energy, producing lighter and longer-lasting products, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and enhancing convenience. They also help to resolve global warming, health-care, food, and other issues and contribute to recycling-oriented societies.



Spain

UBE Corporation Europe, S.A Unipersonal

Manufacture and sales of caprolactam, ammonium sulfate, nylon, and fine chemical products

#### **Examples of Products with Global Growth Potential**

#### Nylon

(Japan, Thailand, and Spain)



Nylon is used in everything from apparel and food packaging film to automotive components. Key advantages of our nylon resins are stable quality stemming from proprietary continuous polymerization and superior product development capabilities. Quality consistency is particularly important in food packaging film, and our ability to develop various grades of components in line with customer requirements is highly valued in the automotive industry.







#### Thailand

UBE Chemicals (Asia) Public Company Limited THAI SYNTHETIC RUBBERS COMPANY LIMITED UBE Fine Chemicals (Asia) Co., Ltd.

Manufacture and sales of caprolactam, ammonium sulfate nylon, synthetic rubber, and fine chemical products

# Synthetic Rubber (polybutadiene rubber)

(Japan, Thailand, China, and Malaysia)

Polybutadiene rubber is a highly abrasion-resistant rubber. The UBE Group's polybutadiene rubber is a top-quality cobalt-catalyzed rubber, mainly for tires. In recent years, applications for our offering have extended to low-fuel-consumption tires.

Our strengths are our ability to cater technologically to the advanced requirements of tire manufacturers and the added value we deliver through joint development.

### Polyimide (Japan)

(Japan)

Polyimide is a highly

heat-resistant super engineering plastic.

The UBE Group's offerings are made from BPDA using integrated production and thermal imidization processes.

They are highly regarded for their heat resistance and dimension stability.

They are used extensively in various electronic devices, and should contribute much to advances with ICT and the Internet of Things (IoT).



#### Separators (for LiBs)

(Japan)

We manufacture separators, which are key components in LiBs, notably for electric vehicles (EVs).

The UBE Group is one of a very few to manufacture separators using dry processes.

These separators excel in applications requiring superior safety and high output.

We will reinforce our production capabilities in line with the expansion of EVs and other types of EV markets, principally through our core, safety-enhancing coated separator films.



#### **High-Performance Coatings**

(Japan, Thailand, and Spain)

We manufacture PCD, PUD, and other raw materials for highly durable artificial leather, eco-friendly automotive coatings, and other applications.

We will accelerate global developments by entering new markets and delivering customer solutions.



# Lowering Environmental Impact through the Supply Chain

#### Assessing Corporate Value According to Responsiveness to Climate Change

With the Paris Accord in effect, and such climate change-related disclosures as Science Based Targets (SBTs) and recommendations by the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) are virtually norms, this is the time to directly reflect efforts to combat climate change in corporate value.

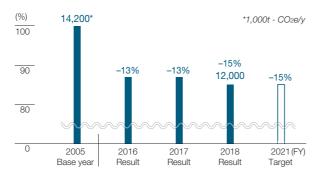
#### The UBE Group's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Goals

We have set a target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions 15% from fiscal 2005 levels by fiscal 2021.

We also aim to lift revenues from businesses that contribute to the environment to more than 30% of net sales as part of efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions overall from our supply chain.

We have steadily implemented energy-conservation measures, driving our greenhouse gas emissions down since 1990.

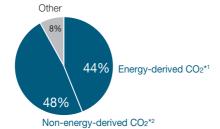
# Progress toward Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Targets



#### Group CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions and Challenges

About half of the UBE Group's greenhouse gas emissions are from energy consumption, with the balance from non-energy sources of CO<sub>2</sub>. We will reduce energy-derived CO<sub>2</sub> emissions through ongoing efforts to conserve energy. The latter emissions stem from our manufacturing processes, so cutting such by-products presents a major challenge.

#### Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Origin in Fiscal 2018



#### Glossary

- \*1 Energy-derived CO2: From energy consumption
- \*2 Non-energy-derived CO2: From manufacturing processes

#### Long-Term Initiatives to Contribute to a Low-Carbon Economy

Climate change presents risks and opportunities for the UBE Group. With this in mind, we believe that it will be important to expand our businesses to cater to a low-carbon economy. Our focuses in driving beyond 2030 will be to:

#### 1. Endeavor to reduce our consumption of fossil materials and energy

# Relentlessly develop and improve processes and introduce energy-saving facilities

Case Study: Our efforts encompass endeavoring to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by installing advanced energy-saving facilities at cement production sites and by expanding the use of waste as an alternative fuel at cement plants.



Separators

LiB electrolytes

2. Reduce environmental impact across the entire supply chain

# Create and expand new technologies and products that help reduce environmental impact

Case Study: Our LiB electrolytes and separators have contributed greatly to the growth of EVs in recent years. We continue to place a high priority on developing and spreading more environmentally friendly technologies and products in the years ahead.

Fiscal 2018 sales of

reduce environmental impact totaled roughly ¥200.0 billion



3. Cultivate technologies and undertake R&D to help realize a low-carbon economy

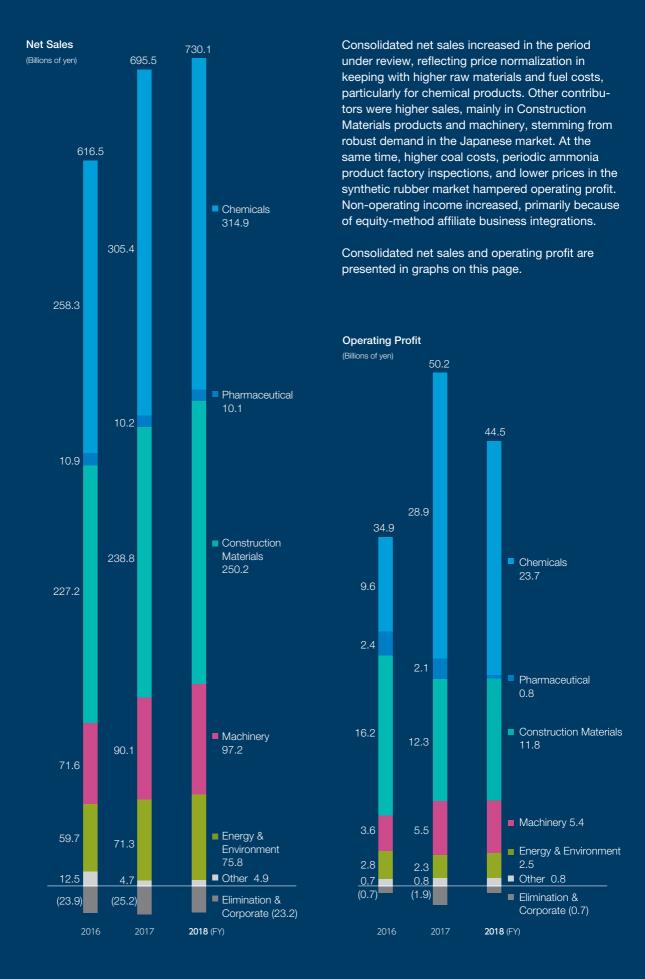
#### Create businesses for a low-carbon economy

case study: Through the Company's R&D activities, we are participating in the New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO)'s project for chemicals manufacturing processes based on inedible vegetable oils and in the Japanese Cabinet Office's Cross-ministerial Strategic Innovation Promotion Program for energy carriers. We are developing chemical products incorporating wood biomass. We are also tackling the issue of climate change by participating in industry–academia–government initiatives to develop direct combustion (mono and also mixed fuel) technologies that harness ammonia as fuel.





#### Overview



# Chemicals Revenues up and earnings down

	В	Change from		
Fiscal Year	2016	2017	2018	FY2017
Sales	¥258.3	¥305.4	¥314.9	3.1 %
Operating Profit	9.6	28.9	23.7	(18.0)%

Nylon, Caprolactam, and Industrial Chemicals

- Caprolactam sales were up on price corrections, mainly in the Chinese market.
- Nylon sales increased with higher volumes stemming from a rise in production capacity in Spain.
- Industrial chemicals sales declined because production and shipments dropped owing to ammonia product plant repairs conducted every second year and production issues thereafter.

Nylon, caprolactam, and industrial chemicals sales were up overall, although operating profit declined because of such factors as regular ammonia product plant repairs.

#### Synthetic Rubber

 Synthetic rubber volumes increased, mainly for tire usage. While synthetic rubber sales were up, operating profit dropped owing to lower product prices amid higher raw materials costs in the first half of the year.

#### Battery Materials and Fine Chemicals

- Battery materials volumes rose as a result of greater separator production capacity against a backdrop of expanding demand, mainly for automotive applications. Sales were down, however, with one factor being electrolyte business restructuring in China.
- Sales of fine chemicals increased with generally higher prices.

Battery materials and fine chemicals businesses were generally strong. Sales were down amid organizational restructuring, but operating profit increased.

#### Polyimide and Functional Products

 Polyimide sales advanced on solid sales volumes for films used mainly in circuit boards and higher volumes for varnish used in organic electroluminescent panels.

Polyimide and functional products continued to perform strongly as a whole, with both sales and operating profit rising.

#### Pharmaceutical Revenues and earnings down

	E	Billions of ye	Change from	
Fiscal Year	2016	2017	2018	FY2017
Sales	¥10.9	¥10.2	¥10.1	(0.8)%
Operating Profit	2.4	2.1	0.8	(59.4)%

 While sales volumes of drugs manufactured under contract increased, sales and operating profit declined because of lower royalty income.

# Construction Materials Revenues up and earnings down

Fiscal Year	В	Change from		
	2016	2017	2018	FY2017
Sales	¥227.2	¥238.8	¥250.2	4.8 %
Operating Profit	16.2	12.3	11.8	(3.6)%

- Sales of cement and ready-mixed concrete were up amid strong volumes, but higher coal costs hampered profitability.
- Sales of calcia and magnesia were up owing to increased volumes, especially for magnesia products, and improved prices.

Sales increased but operating profit decreased in the Construction Materials segment as a whole, reflecting the impact of coal cost hikes.

# Machinery Revenues up and earnings down

	В	Change from		
Fiscal Year	2016	2017	2018	FY2017
Sales	¥71.6	¥90.1	¥97.2	7.9 %
Operating Profit	3.6	5.5	5.4	(1.8)%

- Sales of molding and industrial machines were up owing to solid product sales.
- Sales of steel products advanced amid price corrections in response to high secondary materials and electricity costs.

Machinery segment sales rose but operating profit declined, reflecting hikes in raw materials and construction costs.

#### Energy & Environment Revenues and earnings up

Fiscal Year	В	Change from		
	2016	2017	2018	FY2017
Sales	¥59.7	¥71.3	¥75.8	6.3%
Operating Profit	2.8	2.3	2.5	9.1%

- Coal business sales were up owing to favorable coal market conditions, which underpinned higher prices.
- Power sales were up on higher electricity volumes in the absence of biannual repairs of independent power producer (IPP) facilities.

Segment sales and operating profit increased overall, largely because of the absence of biannual IPP facilities repairs.

#### Initiatives to Create Value and Drive Sustainable Growth

#### **Business Strategies of Chemicals Company**

#### New Medium-Term Management Plan Policies

- Stabilize revenues through basic chemicals and reinforce growth from specialty chemicals businesses.
- Augment operations in Asia and Europe by improving presence in the United States to reinforce global market position.
- Improve labor productivity by more effectively harnessing human resources and reforming work practices.
- Further develop and expand sales of environmentally friendly products and technologies and create new businesses to serve a low-carbon society.

 Quickly materialize development themes through seamless cooperation among research, development, technology, production, and business, and create advanced businesses.





#### Principal Products and Businesses

Synthetic rubber

Nylon and fine chemicals

- Nylon
- Caprolactam
- Industrial chemicals, high-purity chemicals
- Fine chemicals
- High-performance coatings

Specialty products • Polyimide

- Ceramics, boron trichloride
- Separation membranes
- Tyranno Fiber®
- Battery materials (Electrolytes and separators)

Pharmaceuticals (Active ingredients, intermediates)

- In-house pharmaceuticals • Contract pharmaceuticals
- **Business Strategies for Fiscal 2019**

The chemicals industry experienced adversity as the result of a deteriorating demand-supply balance, owing to new competition from players in China and emerging nations, and massive facilities upgrades. Although markets have recovered since mid-fiscal 2017 due to tighter environmental regulations in China, a downturn in the Chinese economy should cause the business environment to deteriorate in fiscal 2019. It is against this

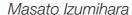


backdrop that we have cut caprolactam costs since the previous medium-term management plan by positioning caprolactam as a raw material for nylon while upgrading facilities for nylon extrusion applications—one of our strengths—to expand sales. These efforts have begun to bear fruit. We will continue to stably supply differentiated nylon and synthetic rubber products that leverage our strengths, including joint product development with customers. At the same time, we will expand extensively in specialty chemicals, where we can draw on such proprietary technologies as separators and polyimide, to drive the Group's growth. As for new business and R&D, we will focus on nurturing future growth drivers based on a clear policy and direction.

#### Active Growth Businesses

We will expand production in the nylon business and create a highly profitable structure while

To drive the UBE Group's growth, we will solidify our foothold to stabilize revenues and enhance profitability.



President & Representative Director CEO Company President, Chemicals Company



#### Strengths

- Our product range is extensive, encompassing such basic chemicals businesses as our core lactam-nylon chains and synthetic rubber and such specialty chemicals businesses as specialty products, high-performance coatings, and battery materials.
- We integrate diverse materials and technologies to supply differentiated products and services worldwide.
- We have the technology and manufacturing capabilities to meet sophisticated customer needs as a trusted joint development partner, and to provide solutions to customers.

#### Weaknesses

 Because our business emits a considerable amount of greenhouse gases, we are exposed to regulatory risks, such as environmental taxes.
 Countermeasures: We will provide products and technologies that help reduce greenhouse gases in the supply chain while reducing the UBE Group's overall emissions.

#### Opportunities

- We anticipate favorable market expansion for functional products, high-performance coatings, and nylon.
- We forecast strong electric and hybrid vehicle demand and growing markets for coated separators.
- We are expecting business opportunities for environmentally friendly products for new battery materials, EVs, lighter mobility, and fuel economy improvements.

#### Threats

- Intensifying price competition from market entries of players in middle-income countries
   Countermeasures: We will extensively cut costs to improve our competitive position and ally with other companies.
- Shorter product lifespans and swifter changes in the external environment Countermeasures: We will anticipate customer needs by providing joint product development and other solutions, and create new applications.

building closer relationships with customers from global perspectives. In the fine chemicals business, we will step up overseas development of our C1 chemicals business, which is a competitive strength. For the high-performance coatings business, we will progress as a solutions provider while expanding in volume zones around Asia and North and Central America.

In the synthetic rubber business, we will pursue joint product development with customers and swiftly supply high-value-added products by catering to customer needs. At the same time, we will reinforce production capacity, particularly in high-value-added offerings, and will push forward in exploring a fifth production site.

In January 2019, we completed the transfer of our separator business, from base to coated films, to UBE Maxell Co., Ltd. We will fully realize benefits from integration and enhance cost competitiveness while stabilizing the supply system for tomorrow's businesses.

For the polyimide business, we will stably expand revenues and reform the business structure by fully operating existing facilities and expanding capacity. In separation membranes, we will reinforce the competitiveness of mainstay nitrogen membranes and expand market share in the mobility field.

#### Platform Businesses

We will cut costs further at production units in Japan, Thailand, and Spain that underpin our caprolactam business, a raw material for nylon. In industrial chemicals, we will establish a dominant position in the domestic ammonia industry and explore global development opportunities.

In the pharmaceutical business, we will set up a research structure for nucleic acid drugs and will reinforce our development, production, and sales framework for fluorine materials. We will restructure the Ube Factory to establish a multi-product, small-lot production setup.

#### **Developing Fields**

For the Tyranno Fiber® business, we will develop ceramic matrix composite fibers for civil aircraft engines and mass production technologies, establishing these offerings as competitively superior next-generation sintered fibers.

#### R&D

We will swiftly create new businesses in the environment and energy, mobility, construction and infrastructure, and healthcare domains, and bolster development pipeline themes.









#### **ESG-Related Initiatives**

- We will supply products that lower environmental impact and contribute to society. Such offerings include environmentally friendly high-performance coating materials, synthetic rubber and nylon that improves the fuel economy and lowers the weight of automobiles, battery materials for electric and hybrid vehicles, separation membranes for fuel cell vehicles, and Tyranno Fiber®, which helps enhance aircraft engine fuel economy.
- We will create new businesses to serve a low-carbon society and engage in R&D and verification tests that help reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and usage.







#### Principal Products and Businesses

- Cement, ready-mixed concrete
- Biomass, industrial waste recycling
- Building materials (Self-leveling materials, waterproofing materials, and renovation)
- Magnesia and calcia
- Fine chemicals
- Energy (Coal and electricity)

#### **Business Strategies for Fiscal 2019**

Our construction materials are essential for society. We expect to remain profitable in the years ahead by expanding new businesses on top of stable business foundations. While construction related to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games should create some construction demand in fiscal 2019, persistently high coal and heavy oil costs is projected to continue to constrain near-term results.

It is against this adverse business backdrop that the Company will strive to reach its new medium-term management plan targets while reaping the rewards from actions to date under the new medium-term management plan.

#### 1. Strengthen business foundations

While building a stable shipment framework and conserving energy and costs in cement, ready-mixed concrete, magnesia and calcia, and energy operations, we will improve profitability through consistent efforts to revise prices and overcome the challenges of a deteriorating business climate.

 Installing a high-efficiency clinker cooler at the Kanda Factory to cut energy and costs (construction started in fiscal 2019, with operations slated to begin in fiscal 2020). Waste heat power facilities at the Isa Factory should start operating in fiscal 2019.

#### Makoto Koyama

Representative Director Senior Managing Executive Officer Company President, Construction Materials Company

We will accelerate independent operational management to ensure safety, security, stability, and growth.



#### **SWOT Analysis**

#### Strengths

- We can optimize Group synergies through our diverse Groupwide product businesses.
- We maintain a solid infrastructural setup through our coal and power supply structure and large port facilities.
- We are able to harness a wide range of waste substances and draw on our advanced technical capabilities to conserve resources.

## Opportunities

- We continue to enjoy solid demand in urban areas in line with the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games, redevelopment, Osaka Expo, and other projects.
- We must ensure stable supplies of materials that are essential for building social capital and competitive
- We anticipate further synergies through the integration of energy and environmental businesses.

#### Weaknesses

Aging facilities

Countermeasures: We will overcome this issue by lowering opportunity losses through formulating long-term facilities maintenance plans and using ICT to consolidate facilities maintenance information.

#### Threats

- Sluggish domestic cement demand and increasing thermal energy costs Countermeasures: We will tackle this challenge by constantly revising cement prices while building solid, low-cost operating foundations.
- Tighter environmental regulations Countermeasures: We will undertake the following energy-saving measures, which aim to (1) deploy high-efficiency facilities, (2) reuse waste heat, (3) use more biomass fuel in power generation, and (4) streamline kiln operations.

- Deploying Renewal Phase II (covering fiscal 2019-2021) at the Ube Factory of Ube Materials Industries to maintain stable operations and deliver high-added-value for magnesia (fiscal 2019-2021).
- Rolling out environmental measures, aging facilities countermeasures, and efficiency improvements to maintain competitive and stable supplies of energy.

#### 2. Enhance growth strategy

We have positioned fine materials, biomass, and recycling as growth businesses and are pursuing new ideas beyond existing business frameworks to expand by commercializing businesses and generating profits.

- In fine materials, we will lift production capability in MOS-HIGE magnesium oxysulfate whiskers (Thai plant construction started in April 2018, with operations scheduled to begin in fiscal 2020).
- In biomass and recycling, we will expand sales of environmental materials, notably by increasing biomass incinerations at IPP, and are looking to produce polybutylene terephthalate (PBT) overseas while creating new recycling operations and expanding sales of such environmental materials as neutral stabilizers and heavy metal immobilizers.



#### 3. Pursue Group synergies

From the beginning of fiscal 2019, the energy & environment business (coal and electricity) have been integrated into the Construction Materials Company. Although operations collaborated closely with cement factories and Group companies, being in the same company should further generate new synergies. These will include maximizing and optimizing the use of waste and biomass and more effectively harnessing and developing human resources.

Finally, this fiscal year is the start of our new medium-term management plan. While responding flexibly to business climate changes in the years ahead, we will accelerate independent operational management as a new company and ensure safety, security, stability, and growth.







#### **ESG-Related Initiatives**

- We are installing waste heat power facilities at the Isa Cement Factory that should start operating in February 2020. We plan to install a high-efficiency clinker cooler at the Kanda Factory to begin operation from summer 2020. Together, these measures should reduce annual emissions of CO<sub>2</sub>, a greenhouse gas, by roughly 80,000 metric tons - CO<sub>2</sub>e/y.
- We are endeavoring to greenify former limestone quarries. Since fiscal 2008, we have planted citrus trees, ivy, and other vegetation on the slopes of the Kanda Mine. Since fiscal 2011, we have planted wild cherry trees and round leaf holly on the slopes of the Ube Isa Mine.





#### Principal Products and Businesses

- Molding machines (Die-casting machines, extrusion presses, and injection molding machines)
- Industrial machinery and bridges
- Machinery services
- Steel products
- Control boards

#### **Business Strategies for Fiscal 2019**

#### Molding Machinery Business

While the domestic market saw replacements of aging machines and an increase in capacity widening plans in response to rising demand for lighter automobiles, new capital investment in the North American market plateaued owing to lower

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automobile sales. There were some revisions in capital investment plans in China for manufacturing equipment of automobile components, for which demand has been solid to date, and there were some delivery delays because of Sino-American trade friction.

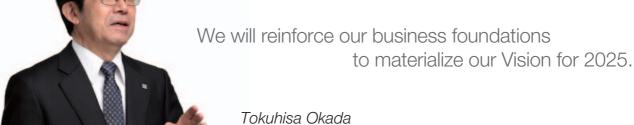
We will improve product efficiency in fiscal 2019 as we have already secured larger order backlogs than in normal years.

In die-cast machinery, we will develop advanced products for lighter automobiles. In extrusion presses, we will start expanding sales of a new product offering considerable energy savings.

We will develop global strategic injection molding machines tailored to local needs and a new series offering improved performance. At the same time, we will build an efficient global optimum production framework to boost sales.

#### **Industrial Machinery Business**

In Japan, capital investment in large facilities peaked, with price competition intensifying. Overseas markets slowed owing to excessive capacity in China. Demand for new capital investment in



#### Strengths

- We have a robust record in serving the automotive, electric power, cement, steelmaking, and other key sectors, and have earned solid customer reputations for our efforts.
- We can draw on numerous domestic and overseas operations to cater to customer needs in everything from development through after-service.
- We have large processing facilities and skilled engineers and workers.

#### Weaknesses

 Slow to take advantage of ICT because our business is based on manufacturing to order

Countermeasures: We have accordingly launched an ICT project to enhance product development and production efficiency.

#### Opportunities

- Customer needs and requests are diversifying as target markets globalize.
- An extremely responsive global service and support framework is increasingly essential.
- There is a growing need for technologies that help lighten the weight of automobiles and contribute to the environmentally friendly product and resource recycling fields.

#### Threats

- Intensifying competition from the emergence of manufacturers in Europe, the United States, China, and emerging nations
   Countermeasures: We will tackle this challenge by developing new products, bolstering overseas sites, and reinforcing service and support capabilities to enhance customer satisfaction.
- Concerns about product competitiveness deteriorating amid rocketing raw materials costs and longer delivery times
   Countermeasures: We will resolve this issue by cutting costs Companywide, cultivating new vendors, and increasing productivity.

emerging nations was low due to low crude oil and resources prices.

In fiscal 2019, we will focus on production processes and cost management for large domestic electric power plant orders received while developing new products to enter markets for environmentally friendly products and resource recycling, taking advantage of our strengths in combustion, crushing, and materials handling technologies. We will also focus on the licensing business.

#### Machinery Services Business

This business is a major source of income that generates more stable profits than machinery products businesses, which are more exposed to various factors. That said, we need to reinforce the business because rivals have also focused in recent years on reinforcing services operations.

In fiscal 2019, we will bolster overseas services sites and support capabilities. In particular, we will enhance our services structure by integrating and reinforcing sites while training and beefing up service personnel. We will also become more responsive by stocking more components.



This situation is expected to persist in fiscal 2019. As such, while continuing to improve materials procurement and production efficiency we will work to enhance profitability by constructing an optimal production framework that is responsive to changes in the operating climate and to expand our industrial waste recycling business.





#### **ESG-Related Initiatives**

- Companies in the Machinery segment are focusing on developing products that help protect the environment while providing services that apply to existing facilities.
- UBE Steel Co., Ltd., a group company of the Machinery Company, completely melts the industrial and medical waste in manufacturing processes.

#### **Basic Stance on Corporate Citizenship**

For more than 120 years, the UBE Group has retained its founding spirit of coexistence and mutual prosperity as the cornerstone of its operations. We believe that our corporate governance, environmental protection, community contribution, and other initiatives will enable us to enhance corporate value, drive sustainable growth, and remain a good corporate citizen.

#### UBE Group Basic Guidelines for CSR

Based on the founding spirit and corporate philosophy of the UBE Group, we will meet our CSR in order to contribute to the sustainable growth of society through our business.



- (1) In accordance with laws and regulations at home and abroad, and international norms and guidelines that should be observed, and with respect for human rights, we will pursue our corporate activities in a sound and fair manner.
- (2) We will pursue corporate governance that is in keeping with the demands of society and strive to continuously expand revenues as well as increase corporate value.
- (3) We will secure safety and quality in providing environmentally friendly products.
- (4) We will strive to reduce the environmental impact of our business activities and effectively utilize resources in order to conserve the global environment.
- (5) We will practice appropriate information disclosure for all stakeholders and readily communicate with society.
- (6) As a good corporate citizen, we will engage in social initiatives at home and abroad, to contribute to the growth of communities.

For more information on the UBE Group's CSR, please visit the UBE Group's website. https://www.ube-ind.co.jp/ube/en/csr/

# Sustainable Growth / Increasing Enterprise Value / Coexist with Society

#### Communities

Maintaining the environment, creating jobs, paying our taxes, and contributing to local communities and society

## Shareholders

Proper disclosure and shareholder returns such as dividend payment

**Customers** 

#### **Employees**

Optimizing work environments in terms of salaries, motivation, growth, and work–life balance

# Coexistence and Mutual Prosperity

Prosperity
Providing safe and high-quality products and solutions

## Business Partners

Fair and impartia

#### Stakeholder Engagement

The UBE Group endeavors to engage with its five key stakeholders as stated

Stakeholders	UBE's Mission	Main Means of Engagement				
Customers	Provide safe, high-quality products and services that are useful to society at fair prices and swiftly react to customer needs  Communication through sales activities and proving information by various means (including the UBE website and product catalogs)					
Business Partners	Engage in fair, honest transactions	Communication through purchasing activities				
Employees	Stable employment, fair assessments and salaries, human resources development, appropriate work time management, and work-life balance support	Conference, training, reporting and counseling systems,				
Communities	Provide stable, fair employment, pay taxes appropriately, and engage in dialogue with local communities and society	Regional dialogue meetings, the local newsletter "Tsubasa," charity concerts, and collaboration with academia				
Shareholders	Continuously raise corporate value, provide timely, appropriate information disclosure, and maintain shareholder returns through stable, appropriate dividends and share buybacks	IR activities (results briefings, investor briefings, facility tours, etc.), the General Meeting of Shareholders, and providing information by various means (the UBE Group's website, the Integrated Report, and the UBE Business Report)				

#### **Corporate Governance Discussion**

UBE transitioned from a Company with Board of Corporate Auditors to a Company with Audit & Supervisory Committee structure in keeping with an amendment of the Articles of Incorporation that was adopted at the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 27, 2019. Yuzuru Yamamoto, Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Seiichi Ochiai, an independent outside director and Chairman of the Audit & Supervisory Committee, and who is a commercial law researcher, discussed the purpose of the transition and the resulting changes.



Left
Yuzuru Yamamoto
Chairman of the Board

Right

Seiichi Ochiai Outside Director Chairman of the Audit & Supervisory Committee

We have shifted to a Company with Audit & Supervisory Committee structure. The UBE Group will pursue further growth through all employees being committed to doing things better.

How does a Company with Audit & Supervisory Committee differ from a Company with Board of Corporate Auditors or a Company with Nominating Committee?

Ochiai: The board of directors of a Company with Board of Corporate Auditors needs to decide by itself all important business matters. That tends to centralize management decision-making, and supervision of business implementation is often inadequate as a result.

There are therefore two organizational setups under the Companies Act to rectify such a situation. One is a Company with Nominating Committee. The other is a Company with Audit & Supervisory Committee. A Company with Nominating Committee enables the use of a monitoring model, with

executives looking after management and the board of directors overseeing management. A Company with Audit & Supervisory Committee is halfway between a Company with Board of Corporate Auditors and a Company with Nominating Committee. Its board of directors does not have statutory Nomination and Remuneration Committees, and this organizational setup makes it easy to transition from a Company with Board of Corporate Auditors. While a considerable number of listed companies have transitioned, a minority have Company with Nominating Committee setups.

**Yamamoto:** A Company with Nominating Committee structure is basically a European or American approach. By clearly separating executive and supervisory roles, this organizational setup enables

companies to grow fast and increase corporate value. I understand that while there were moves in Japan to adopt such structures, there were unfortunately few outside directors to offer monitoring, so this structure was not widely adopted. It was thereafter considered easier to shift to a Company with Audit & Supervisory Committee structure, a halfway marker under the law, whose purpose is to improve corporate value.



Accelerating decision-making should improve growth rates.

# Why did UBE transition to a Company with Audit & Supervisory Committee structure?

Yamamoto: We discussed the benefits and issues of the Audit & Supervisory Committee setup and the best deployment approaches since the revision of the Companies Act in 2014. UBE has long had numerous outside directors, and they have always felt free to air their views with others on the Board of Directors, and executives have been very responsive. So, because governance has functioned well, some said there was little need to shift to a Company with Audit & Supervisory Committee structure. But since a board makes all important business implementation decisions in a Company with Board of Corporate Auditors, there are issues of management agility. So, directors increasingly wanted to shift to a Company with Audit & Supervisory

Committee structure. Another consideration was the identifying of inappropriate quality inspections last year. On reflection, we realized that our corporate governance system needed more than a Company with Board of Corporate Auditors setup. We are also at a turning point this year, notably in terms of having a new President and CEO, reorganizing into a three-company operating structure, and having embarked on a new medium-term management plan. We therefore decided to adopt a Company with Audit & Supervisory Committee structure.

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Ochiai: The Board of Directors has delegated important business implementation decisions to management. In this era of fast global changes, important management decisions are up to top executives rather than the Board. The President and CEO can act swiftly and boldly in keeping with the business climate and focus on improving corporate value. With management clearly in charge of implementation, with Board oversight, it is then possible to properly evaluate management's overall performance in attaining goals.

# What is the scope of important business implementation decisions delegated to the CEO?

Yamamoto: If you adopt a Company with Audit & Supervisory Committee structure, you can delegate authority reasonably soon to executives to handle measures. For particularly important business implementation decisions, executives traditionally submit interim reports to the board and then explore final decisions in light of the board's views. By continuing that approach, the board can transfer authority and leave things up to management to make rapid progress.

Ochiai: Even if the board delegates decision-making to management, if management believes that it needs to seek opinions from third parties, including outside directors, it is free to explain that situation to the board. It is also possible for management to go back to the board to seek a decision on a matter, and there can even be a gradual delegation of authority in line with realities at a company, so delegation should be flexible.

#### How will the Company change with the focus of the Board of Directors shifting to management oversight?

Yamamoto: In a Company with Audit & Supervisory Committee, the board can flexibly determine

the extent to which it delegates important business implementation decisions to top management. The board's role is to use the new organizational setup to provide direction so executives autonomously improve their efforts. Executives can manage more flexibly and make faster decisions if a lot of authority is delegated to them. To that end, executives need to explain to the board that they are proceeding properly and steadily producing results.

Ochiai: It is important for the Board of Directors to carefully assess the UBE Group's situation and delegate authority to the proper extent. At the same time, executives need to explain to the Board how much freedom they need to fulfill management responsibilities, and have the Board sufficiently deliberate this. In other words, both sides likely need to move forward to complete the new organizational setup.

**Yamamoto:** Accelerating decision-making should improve growth rates. Even if goals remain the same, a nimbler management should deliver results faster. We can therefore anticipate results and take next steps more quickly.

How will auditing change owing to the transition to a Company with Audit & Supervisory Committee structure? How will you ensure the effectiveness of the internal control systems you need?

Yamamoto: To date, our auditing section has inspected business sites, while auditors have also assessed sites from their own perspectives, highlighting any areas needing improvement. Executives now handle such tasks and need to demonstrate to the Audit & Supervisory Committee that there are no issues. At around the same time as the shift to a Company with Audit & Supervisory Committee setup, we are changing the organization, appointing an executive officer to look after the Auditing Department and strengthen internal controls. There will be a framework for executives to improve governance.

Ochiai: Creating and running a solid internal control system will become an even more important management responsibility. With an executive officer put in charge of the Auditing Department, we anticipate a more robust internal control system. This should enable the management team to match or outperform other companies. I would like executives to step up their efforts in that regard. From

here on, we will rely on this internal control system while the Audit & Supervisory Committee checks whether our internal control system functions properly. It is also important to note that members of the Audit & Supervisory Committee are Board members with voting rights, unlike auditors, so they can be useful to improve the supervisory aspects of the Board. This is a major change in my view.



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#### Finally, what is your current business situation?

Yamamoto: We have updated our business philosophy. As well, we have shifted to a Company with Audit & Supervisory Committee structure and changed our management team. By reorganizing into a three-company operating structure, each company can become more agile and strengthen its defensive capabilities. We have also launched a new medium-term management plan. The UBE Group will pursue further growth through all employees being committed to doing things better.

**Ochiai:** We are steering our ship in exciting new directions, and I look forward to the voyage. I am convinced that we are well positioned to deliver solid corporate value over the medium and long terms.

#### **Corporate Governance**

Organizational structure	Company with Audit & Supervisory Committee		
Chairman of the Board of Directors*	Yuzuru Yamamoto		
Number of directors (excluding members of the Audit & Supervisory Committee)*	6 (of which 2 are outside directors)		
Number of directors in the Audit & Supervisory Committee*	3 (of which 2 are outside corporate auditors)		
Independent officers appointed*	4 outside directors		
Determination of compensation for each	• Compensation consists of base compensation and stock-based compensation.		
director	<ul> <li>Total compensation for the year ended March 31, 2019 (5 directors excluding independent directors): ¥253 million (base compensation: ¥116 million; performance-linked remuneration: ¥136 million)</li> </ul>		
Determination of compensation for	Compensation consists of base compensation.		
each corporate auditor	<ul> <li>Total compensation for the year ended March 31, 2019 (2 auditors excluding the independent auditors): ¥57 million (base compensation: ¥57 million)*</li> <li>* Figures were for fiscal 2018 as a Company with Board of Corporate Auditors</li> </ul>		
Outside officers (Independent officers)	Compensation consists of base compensation and retirement benefits.		
	• Total compensation for the year ended March 31, 2019 (6 officers): ¥68 million (base compensation: ¥68 million)		
Outside officers (Independent officers) Independent auditors	Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC		

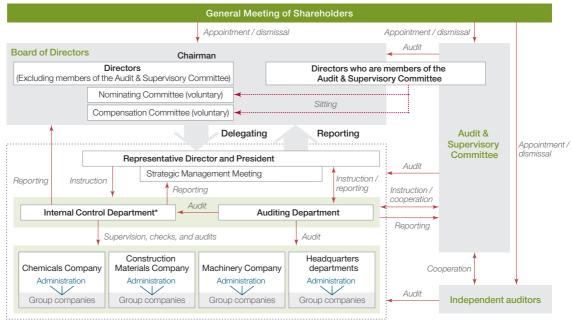
\* As of June 27, 2019

#### Corporate Governance

The UBE Group's fundamental mission is to achieve sustainable growth and increase the corporate value of the Group over the long term. We have made the change from a Company with Board of Company Auditors to a Company with Audit & Supervisory Committee in accordance with a resolution adopted at the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 27, 2019. Going forward, we will more clearly separate supervisory functions and decision-making functions in management

and reinforce the Board of Directors' function of supervising business execution while accelerating decision-making by delegating important decisions for business execution to the President and Representative Director. We consider it important to sustainably undertake suitable business activities and fulfill our duties toward and gain the trust of all stakeholders, including customers, business partners, employees, communities, as well as shareholders, by enhancing the effectiveness of corporate governance through these means.

#### Overview of Corporate Governance and Internal Control



- \* Internal Control Department:
- Practical Operational Committees (Compliance, Regulated Cargo, Information Security, and Emergency Response)
- Headquarters Internal Control Departments

#### **Board of Directors**

In principle, a director who does not serve concurrently as an executive officer serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors makes decisions about important management issues in accordance with laws, regulations, the Company's Articles of Incorporation, and the rules of the Board of Directors, and also supervises directors and executive officers to ensure they are performing their duties appropriately and efficiently. As a Company with Audit & Supervisory Committee, we will accelerate operational execution by delegating decision-making on important operations to the President and CEO while consistently reinforcing supervision.

#### **Audit & Supervisory Committee**

The Audit & Supervisory Committee is responsible for auditing the execution of duties by directors and presenting opinions at the General Meetings of Shareholders concerning the nomination and compensation of directors other than members of the Audit & Supervisory Committee. The committee's operations are conducted based on audit policies and plans established each fiscal year. Committee members attend and express their opinions at important meetings, including Board of Directors' meetings, in order to understand the decisionmaking process of important decisions and the status of business execution, while examining important decision-making documents and receiving business reports from directors (excluding members of the Audit & Supervisory Committee), executive officers, and employees. They also hold periodic meetings with the President and Representative Director to confirm management policies and exchange opinions on key issues. The committee members are permitted to attend meetings

of the Nominating Committee and Compensation Committee, which reports to the Board of Directors, in order to supervise the appointment and compensation of directors (excluding members of the Audit & Supervisory Committee). The committee comprise three directors, including two outside directors, and is chaired by an outside director.

Audit & Supervisory Committee:

Seiichi Ochiai (Chairman of the Audit &

Supervisory Committee,

Outside Director)

Takashi Shoda (Outside Director)

Atsushi Yamamoto (Director)

#### **Outside Directors**

UBE has appointed outside directors to add independent, third-party viewpoints to the decision-making process and to the monitoring of management to ensure efficiency, transparency, and objectivity from June 2005. In addition, UBE employs a Nominating Committee and Compensation Committee that report to the Board of Directors. Each comprises three members—two outside directors (excluding members of the Audit & Supervisory Committee) and one non-executive director (Chairman of the Board)—and is chaired by an outside director.

Nominating Committee:

Keikou Terui (Chairman of the Nominating

Committee, Outside Director)

Tetsuro Higashi (Outside Director)
Yuzuru Yamamoto (Chairman of the Board)

Compensation Committee:

Tetsuro Higashi (Chairman of the

Compensation Committee,

Outside Director)

Keikou Terui (Outside Director) Yuzuru Yamamoto (Chairman of the Board)

#### Directors' and Auditors' Attendance at Board Meetings

Name	Attendance at meetings of the Board of Directors and Board of Corporate Auditors during fiscal 2018
Michio Takeshita	13/13 times (100%)
Yuzuru Yamamoto	13/13 times (100%)
Hideyuki Sugishita	3/3 times (100%) Resigned on June 28, 2018
Tadashi Matsunami	13/13 times (100%)
Masato Izumihara	10/10 times (100%) Appointed on June 28, 2018
Takashi Kusama	12/13 times (92.3%)
Keikou Terui	12/13 times (92.3%)
Takashi Shoda	13/13 times (100%)
Mahito Kageyama	13/13 times (100%)
Takanobu Kubota	13/13 times (100%) of Board of Directors' meetings
	6/6 times (100%) of Board of Corporate Auditors' meetings
Atsushi Yamamoto	13/13 times (100%) of Board of Directors' meetings
	6/6 times (100%) of Board of Corporate Auditors' meetings
Seiichi Ochiai	13/13 times (100%) of Board of Directors' meetings
	6/6 times (100%) of Board of Corporate Auditors' meetings
Miyako Suda	13/13 times (100%) of Board of Directors' meetings
	6/6 times (100%) of Board of Corporate Auditors' meetings
	Michio Takeshita Yuzuru Yamamoto Hideyuki Sugishita Tadashi Matsunami Masato Izumihara Takashi Kusama Keikou Terui Takashi Shoda Mahito Kageyama Takanobu Kubota  Atsushi Yamamoto  Seiichi Ochiai



Takashi Shoda Outside Director Member of the Audit & Supervisory Committee Seiichi Ochiai Outside Director Member of the Audit & Supervisory Committee Atsushi Yamamoto Director Member of the Audit & Supervisory Committee Makoto Koyama Representative Director Yuzuru Yamamoto

Director

Chairman of the Board

Board were appropriate and that vigorous discussion and deliberation were conducted.

With the change to a Company with Audit & Supervisory Committee in mind, UBE views the following five issues as challenges and will pursue improvements going forward to enhance corporate value by reinforcing the supervisory functions of the Board of Directors: (1) broadening the scope of decision-making authority delegated to the President and Representative Director concerning important business execution; (2) investigating an ideal reporting method that contributes to the supervision of management and phased-in implementation; (3) monitoring business execution status relative to medium- and long-term

management plans; (4) monitoring the completeness and appropriateness of structured risk management using risk management systems; and (5) reinforcing and monitoring of the effectiveness of internal control systems.

#### **Director and Executive Officer Remuneration**

UBE revised its director and executive officer remuneration system effective April 1, 2019. The amount of remuneration for fiscal 2018 and for fiscal 2019 were determined based on the old system. The new system will be applied to the determination of the amount of remuneration starting in fiscal 2020.

The outline of the new system is stated below. The major differences from the old remuneration system include the simplification of various benchmarks to aid understanding, with the compensation ratio for performance lipled portions increasing.



Masato Izumihara President & Representative Director CEO

Masayuki Fujii Director CFO

Keikou Terui Outside Director

Tetsuro Higashi Outside Director

- A. Calculation method for determining director and executive officer remuneration
- (a) The remuneration structure for directors (excluding directors who are also members of the Audit & Supervisory Committee and outside directors who are not members of the committee) and executive officers at UBE consists of (1) base compensation (fixed compensation), (2) an annual incentive (Companywide performance-linked compensation and annual individual target-based compensation), and (3) long-term incentives (medium-to-long term individual target-based compensation and stock options).
- (b) The ratios of base compensation and annual and long-term incentives are set to allocate about 50% for base compensation, 30% for annual incentives, and 20% for long-term incentives. The ratios of annual incentives for the President and the Chairman are higher, and base compensation lower, compared to those for other directors and executive officers.
- (c) Directors who are also members of the Audit & Supervisory Committee and outside directors who are not members of the committee receive fixed, base compensation only.
- (d) The objective validity of standards for director and executive officer remuneration is confirmed by constantly referring to remuneration

- study data from external research institutes and by making comparisons with levels at major manufacturers of similar sizes and in comparable industries.
- B. Outline of procedure to determine director and executive officer remuneration

The amount of compensation for each director (excluding members of the Audit & Supervisory Committee) and executive officer will be deliberated by the Compensation Committee, which reports to the Board of Directors and is chaired by an outside director and a majority of which is comprised of outside directors. After reviewing compensation, the committee forwards its recommendations and findings to the Board of Directors for a decision. The compensation of directors who are also members of the Audit & Supervisory Committee shall be decided through deliberations of members of the Audit & Supervisory Committee.

C. Status for the year ended March 31, 2019

The following remunerations were for the year ended March 31, 2019 based on the old remuneration system. The Company transitioned to a Company with Audit & Supervisory Committee structure as resolved at the General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 27, 2019. Accordingly, an auditor had not been appointed as of the issue date of this Integrated Report.

#### **Outside Directors**

#### Outside Director

#### Keikou Terui

#### 1979

Joined Ministry of International Trade and Industry (currently Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI))

#### 2008

Director-General for Technology Policy Coordination, Minister's Secretariat, METI

#### 2011

Director-General, Kanto Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry, METI

#### 2012

Director-General for Regional Economic and Industrial Policy, METI

#### 2013

President, Japan Utility Telemetering Association. Non-Profit Organization (current position)

#### 2014

Outside Director of the Company (current position)

#### 2016

Outside Director, Bridgestone Corporation (current position) Outside Director, Organo Corporation (current position)

## Outside Director Tetsuro Higashi

#### 1977

Joined Tokyo Electron Limited

#### 1990

Director, Tokyo Electron Limited

#### 1996

Representative Director, President of Tokyo Electron Limited

#### 2003

Representative Director, Chairman of the Board of Tokyo Electron Limited

#### 2012

Outside Director of the Company Resigned (June 2014)

#### 2013

Representative Director, Chairman and President of Tokyo Electron Limited

#### 2018

Outside Director, Seven & i Holdings Co., Ltd. (current position)

#### 2019

Outside Director, Nomura Real Estate Holdings, Inc. (current position)

Outside Director of the Company (current position)

Outside Director and Member of the Audit & Supervisory Committee

#### Seiichi Ochiai

#### 1981

Professor, Seikei University Faculty of Law

#### 1990

Professor, The University of Tokyo Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, and Faculty of Law

#### 2007

Professor, Chuo Law School Registered as an attorney (Dai-Ichi Tokyo Bar Association) Professor Emeritus, The University of Tokyo (current position)

#### 2012

Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member of Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation

Outside Director of Meiji Yasuda Life Insurance Company (current position)

#### 2013

Outside Auditor of the Company

#### 2019

Outside Director and member of the Audit & Supervisory Committee of the Company (current position) Outside Director and Member of the Audit & Supervisory Committee

#### Takashi Shoda

#### 1972

Joined Sankyo Co., Ltd.

#### 2001

Director, Sankyo Co., Ltd.

#### 2003

President and Representative Director, Sankyo Co., Ltd.

#### 2005

President & CEO, and Representative Director, Daiichi Sankyo Co., Ltd.

#### 2010

Representative Director and Chairman, Daiichi Sankyo Co., Ltd.

#### 2014

Senior Corporate Adviser, Daiichi Sankyo Co., Ltd.

#### 2015

Outside Director of the Company

#### 2017

Outside Director, Daito Trust Construction Co., Ltd. (current position)

#### 2019

Outside Director and member of the Audit & Supervisory Committee of the Company (current position)

#### Total Remuneration by Category

	Total remuneration		Number of	
Officer category	(millions of yen)	Fixed compensation	Performance-linked compensation	officers covered
Directors	253	116	136	5
Auditors	57	57	_	2
Outside directors	48	48	_	4
Outside auditors	20	20	_	2

#### **Executive Officers**

UBE has been using an executive officer system to separate supervision and business execution since June 2001. The President and CEO delegates authority to executive officers, who perform their duties based on management policies decided by the Board of Directors.

# General Meeting of Shareholders and Exercise of Voting Rights

The Notice of Convocation is sent out three weeks prior to the General Meeting of Shareholders, but its contents are posted on the UBE Group's website earlier. UBE provides access to mobile phone and internet voting in addition to voting by mail so that shareholders unable to attend can also exercise their voting rights. UBE also uses an electronic voting platform for institutional investors.

At the General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 28, 2018, a total of 15,340 shareholders exercised their voting rights (including 14,412 shareholders who exercised voting rights in writing and via the internet), representing 77.1% of total voting rights.

#### **Engagement with Shareholders**

Two-Way Communication through IR Activities Principal IR activities in fiscal 2018 are listed below. The UBE Group conducts IR activities with the goal of timely, accurate, and fair disclosure, and believes that proactive communication and engagement with investors enhances corporate value.

- Earnings briefing for institutional investors and securities analysts (after main briefing)
- Telephone conference for institutional investors and securities analysts (held quarterly)
- Overseas IR (visits with overseas investors, a total of three times yearly, in Europe, the United States, and Asia)
- Small meetings by the President and CEO (four times yearly)
- Individual meetings with institutional investors and securities analysts (about 200 times per year)

#### Directors, Auditors, and Executive Officers (As of June 27, 2019)

Directors	
	Yuzuru Yamamoto
Representative Direct	tor Masato Izumihara
Representative Direct	tor Makoto Koyama
	Masayuki Fujii
	Keikou Terui *
	Tetsuro Higashi *
Member of the Audit & Supervisory Committe	ee Atsushi Yamamoto
Member of the Audit & Supervisory Committe	ee Seiichi Ochiai *
Member of the Audit & Supervisory Committe	e Takashi Shoda *
	* Outside and independer
Executive Officers	
President & Executive Officer	Masato Izumihara
Senior Managing Executive Officers	Tokuhisa Okada
	Makoto Koyama
Managing Executive Officers	Masahiko Nojima
	Yukio Hisatsugu
	Hideo Tamada
	Genji Koga
	Masayuki Fujii
	Yuki Nishida
Senior Executive Officers	Makoto Aikawa
	Hiroshi Nishida
	Hidetsune Miura
	Yoshiaki Ito
	Yuzo Hanamoto
	Hisaaki Yokoo
	Masayoshi Oota
	Keiichi Nagata
Executive Officers	Masaro Suehiro
	Bruno de Bièvre
	Shigeru Ouchi
	Mitsuo Ono
	Toshiyuki Mineishi
	Hironori Miyauchi
	Watchara Pattananijnirundorn
	Hiroaki Kojima

Detailed information is available in the Investor Relations section of the UBE Group's website:

https://www.ube-ind.co.jp/ube/en/ir/



#### Internal Control System

The Board of Directors has resolved the basic policies for the configuration of the UBE Group's internal control system.

Detailed information on the Basic Policy for Establishing Internal Control is available on the UBE Group's website:



https://www.ube-ind.co.jp/ube/en/corporate/management/internalcontrol.html

#### Compliance

UBE established the UBE Action Guidelines as a code of conduct guiding basic behavior within the UBE Group and among constituent members. The guidelines outline the standards and criteria for compliance in corporate activities, which directors and employees are expected to adhere to.

UBE appoints a Compliance Officer for the UBE Group and maintains the UBE Group Compliance Committee including general counsels as an advisory body. Within the committee, it set up the UBE Group Competition Law Compliance Committee to prevent acts that impede fair competition and to ensure the soundness of business operations. It additionally set up the UBE Group Restricted Cargo and Export Management Committee to increase awareness within the Group of the need to prevent the unauthorized export or provision of goods and technology that are restricted under export control laws and regulations designed to maintain international peace and stability.

UBE is working to upgrade and strengthen structures and frameworks for compliance. Initiatives include the introduction of the "UBE C-Line," a hotline that allows executive officers and employees to directly report compliance issues without going through normal channels. This encourages the rapid finding and swift correction of compliance issues. By providing compliance-related information, e-learning, team coaching, and other programs, UBE continuously educates and enlightens its employees.

In fiscal 2018, UBE conducted internal training and education on laws and regulations such as the Anti-Monopoly Act, Subcontract Act, and Unfair Competition Prevention Act.

The Company trained instructors for general compliance education at each office and facility to cultivate capabilities based in workplaces. Training extends over cycles of three years. From fiscal 2015 through 2017, approximately 10,800 employees took courses. In the first year of the fiscal 2018 to 2020 cycle, roughly 1,700 employees attended courses.

# Thorough Procurement in Line with Basic Purchasing Policies (Supply Chain Management)

The UBE Group endeavors to build fair and honest business relationships. We purchase in line with the Basic Purchasing Policies—Fair Transactions, Objective Selection of Suppliers, Compliance with Laws and Regulations and Confidentiality, Green Purchasing, and CSR Procurement\*, as disclosed in the purchasing information on the UBE Group's website.

Detailed information on these policies is available on the UBE Group's website:

https://www.ube-ind.co.jp/ube/en/koubai/index.html

#### **CSR Procurement**

The UBE Group prepared CSR Procurement Policies and CSR Procurement Guidelines that encompass respecting human rights, complying with laws and social norms such as eliminating anti-social forces, and safeguarding the environment to foster CSR procurement that boosts standards across the entire supply chain.

In fiscal 2018, we conducted a third survey of 277 major business partners accounting for 90% of our procurement costs for materials, construction, packaging materials, and fuel oil.

#### Addressing Quality Issues

We sincerely regret quality check improprieties that came to light last year, and formulated and implemented measures to prevent recurrences. In line with recurrence prevention efforts, we have constantly improved quality systems to make them more appropriate, including by closely matching customer agreements with our actual operations. As part of these efforts, we are responding appropriately in collaboration with customers where we find amendments necessary in keeping with the revised response rules. We are continuously implementing recurrence prevention measures to improve Group governance and enhancing our quality management systems to regain stakeholder trust.

ecurrence Prevention Measure	Fiscal		After fiscal 2019
Reinforce Board of Directors'	1H	2H	113001 2010
Governance			
Timely reporting to the Board of Directors		tiveness and reinforce Group providing necessary instructions	Report appropriately
Management team's awareness reform			
Prepare the Group management policy		policy that clearly reflects gement stance	Inform consistently
Constantly communicate top messages		ality management and mally and externally	Communicate consistently
Educate directors by external specialists		d second halves), the themes being epen understanding about quality	Keep conducting training to boost skills
. Culture and awareness reforms			
Disseminate Group management policy and revise and educate on the UBE Action Guidelines	Set up UBE Action Guidelines Revision Working Group to deliberate	Revise UBE Action Guidelines  Formulate Group quality policy in line with Group management policy	Disseminate consistently
2) Improve compliance awareness		orating quality information and	
	providing Companywi	de compliance training  Include punitive provisions in labor contracts and work regulations	Implement consistently
3) Enhance quality education	Plan and roll out qua	lity education activities	Easter awareness of
activities		Subscribe and show quality slogans (Quality Month)	Foster awareness of quality consistently
Align and implement a quality education system	Prepare educational plans by position in accordance with o		Educate consistently
		Provide practical education	
5) Conduct planned training		s measures to secure people ality operations	Implement measures and rotate people
. Organizational restructuring and system review			
Appoint vice president (director) in charge of Group quality management and set up quality management department	Appoint director Establish quality management department		2
2) Establish a Group quality	Draw up the committee Ho	old Hold Hold	Reliable operation
committee	Formulate Group quality management system regulation	Management system operations	
3) Review organizational structure	Segregate quality managemer and quality assurance Set up a quality assurance manage department reporting directly to the company president	ement	Confirm operational situation and consistently
Improve target management effectiveness	Rebuild quality manageme	ent system and its operation	improve
5) Strengthen quality audits	Under instructions from external co draw up audits of quality manage department		Quality management department auditing
6) Develop reporting and communication structure	Prepare communication rules for when quality issues arise and implement reporting system	Operation	Implement consistently
7) Control Group company management	management departments of	orsight by quality assurance relevant Group companies and nent and supervision	Strengthen controls
Strengthening foundations			
Measures to properly allocate resources to quality areas	Prepare regulations regarding validity assessments of management resources and survey progress	Add people and improve skillsets in quality division and reallocate personnel	Rotate and train people
2) Transition to a quality system that excludes human involvement	Study and assess required systems, such as for recording	Prepare and partially implement capital investment plan	Implement plan

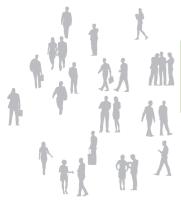
#### **Human Resources**











At the UBE Group, we consider employees our most important resource for creating value and supporting sustainable growth. We therefore devote considerable attention to human resources development and endeavor to enhance our programs to ensure that all employees can lead fulfilling lives.

#### Personnel System

UBE maintains a personnel system in which it clarifies what it expects of employees and impartially evaluates individual effort. We seek to ensure that employees therefore fully understand what they need to do and create workplaces that are challenging and motivating for all our employees.



#### **Human Resources Development**

We augment on-the-job training, workshops and other off-the-job training, and self-improvement support programs with systems that empower our employees to perform at their best in an array of businesses and in an increasingly global operating climate. A good example is the Career Development Sheets that employees prepare every year, based on which they can discuss their prospects with supervisors. We rotate employees through posts to broaden their perspectives and expertise. We upgrade off-the-job training, including workshops, in keeping with specific business needs to keep pace with changes in the operating climate.

#### Respect for Human Rights

The UBE Group Action Guidelines for Business Conduct state our commitment to respecting individuals while fostering mutual understanding and eliminating discrimination. We established the Human Rights Education Committee, which offers executive training and training opportunities to employees by business site and job classification and draws on e-learning tools in its programs. All members of the Group endeavor to fully respect human rights in every aspect of our operations.

#### **Enhancing Work Style Reform**

Work style reform is an important management priority. We are accordingly reviewing Companywide approaches to ensure high productivity and enhance the skills of all employees. We have implemented programs and develop the working environment that allow employees to work with flexibility as part of our commitment to encouraging a healthy work—life balance for our employees.

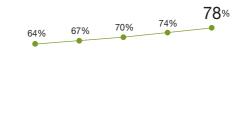
## Usage of Main Work–Life Balance System (Fiscal 2018)

System Description		Number of Employees Who Used It	
Childbirth leave	Employees whose spouses have given birth can take four days of paid leave.	92 80.0% of those eligible	
Childcare leave	Leave can be taken until the day before the child's first birthday (or the child's second birthday, in certain circumstances).	72 including	
	The first seven days of leave are fully paid.	69 men	
Family nursing leave	Employees can take leave to provide nursing care for family members (up to a total of 365 days).	0	
Child nursing leave	Employees can take leave to nurse children in the third grade of elementary school or younger. (Five days per child can be taken each year, up to a maximum of 10 days a year.)	4 including 1 man	
Shortened working time	The working hours of employees caring for children in the third grade of elementary school or younger, nursing family members, seeing a doctor, and going to school can be shortened by up to two hours per day on request.	25 including 1 man	

#### Annual Paid Vacation Usage

2014

2015



2016

2017

2018 (FY)

#### **Diversity Initiatives**

Diversity is a key priority for UBE's management. We accordingly seek to build a corporate culture that respects individuality and broad perspectives and treasures creativity and ambition.

We endeavor to attract and retain diverse talent as part of efforts to overcome the looming challenges of a declining labor force and a changing business climate.

We recruit people from a wide range of backgrounds without regard to such factors as nationality or gender and provide work environments in which they can fulfill their potential.

#### Hiring Breakdown

	Number of People					
Fiscal Year	20	16	2017		20	18
New graduate hires (generalist positions)	42	(9)	46	(10)	37	(9)
New graduate hires (key employee positions)	43	(5)	63	(9)	30	(2)
Mid-career hires	34	(2)	12	(1)	57	(3)
Hires with disabilities	2	(O)	2	(1)	2	(0)
Hires of non-Japanese nationals	1	(1)	2	(2)	1	(1)

Numbers in parentheses are the number of female hires.

#### **Employee Turnover in First Three Years**

Joined in April 2014	4%
Joined in April 2015	3%
Joined in April 2016	6%

#### **Employing Non-Japanese Nationals**

Our domestic employees need to engage increasingly with their overseas colleagues amid the increasingly global nature of our business, and we accordingly hire foreign nationals to work in Japan so Japanese can acquaint themselves with different business and cultural practices.

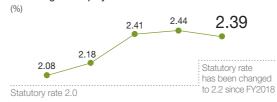
#### **Rehiring Retirees**

We are making our workplaces more conducive to rehiring employees as seniors or managers who have reached the standard retirement age so they can continue to share their experience and skills. We rehired 90.7% of new retirees in fiscal 2018.

#### Recruiting People with Disabilities

We do much to foster the employment of people with disabilities, and maintain the UBE Group Support Network for Employment of People with Disabilities. Through it, we place individuals within the Group through Libertas Ube, Ltd., a special-purpose subsidiary that we established in 1991.

#### Percentage of Employees with Disabilities







A workshop for learning about the employment of people with disabilities

#### Addressing the Gender Gap

As of March 31, 2019, 7.5% of parent company employees were women, up from 7.3% a year earlier. Females represented 2.4% of our management pool, up from 1.5% a year earlier. In fiscal 2019, we launched a three-year action plan based on the Act on Promotion of Women's Participation and Advancement in the Workplace. The plan encompasses the following three benchmarks to realize more flexible working styles and provide greater opportunities for female employees.

- (1) A paid vacation usage rate of 80% or more
- (2) At least 70% of eligible male employees taking childcare leave
- (3) Women representing at least 20% of new graduate hires for generalist positions

As part of our efforts to be more inclusive for women, we have increased the number of female employees at our factories and overseas. Women are increasingly vital to our operations.



A female employee checking the facility inspection at the Chiba Factory

#### Coexisting with Communities











The UBE Group engages in social contribution initiatives that contribute to local progress in keeping with the spirit of coexistence and mutual prosperity that is the basis of its CSR activities and management philosophy and in line with an awareness that close ties with communities are essential for corporate activities.

#### Responsible Care (RC)\* Local Dialogue Meetings

Our chemical factories are members of the Japan Chemical Industry Association (JCIA) RC Committee in the western Yamaguchi, Sakai/Senboku, and Chiba regions. JCIA member companies hold biennial RC Local Dialogue Meetings in each of the committee's regions to deepen mutual understanding with local residents about such RC activities as environmental preservation, process safety and disaster prevention, and occupational safety. The 12th RC Local Dialogue Meeting was held in the Chiba region in fiscal 2018. After reviewing their activities throughout the year, member companies exchanged views with residents on the topic of corporate environmental preservation and process safety and disaster



The 12th RC Local Dialogue Meeting in the Chiba region



The 15th RC Dialogue Forum in the Ube district

prevention. There was also a lecture by the Fire Prevention and Management Division of Chiba Prefecture's Disaster Crisis Management Division about the prefecture's readiness for major disasters.

To create a significant opportunity each year for engagement between industry, government, academia, and local residents, JCIA member companies in the city of Ube, which is home to UBE's principal production facilities, hold dialogue forums for the Ube district in years in which they are not convening RC Local Dialogue Meetings in the western Yamaguchi region. The 15th RC Dialogue Forum in November 2018 featured explanations of the activities of member companies in Ube City and exchanges of views with participants regarding chemical substance management and zero waste emissions. The JCIA RC Committee lectured on RC activities and communication initiatives, while the Ube City Environmental Policy Office discussed municipal environmental initiatives.

We will continue to focus on local dialogue and maintain RC activities to foster coexistence and mutual prosperity with communities.

#### Support for Culture and the Arts in Japan

UBE provides financial and personnel support for the activities of the UBE Foundation and the Watanabe Memorial Culture Association. Since fiscal 2008, we have invited the Japan Philharmonic Orchestra to perform in the UBE Group Charity Concert in Ube City. We have taken advantage of these visits to hold small performances at hospitals in the city.

All proceeds from the concert are used to purchase and donate musical instruments to junior high schools and local music organizations.



11th annual UBE Group Charity Concert performance at the Watanabe Memorial Hall

<sup>\*</sup> Responsible Care (RC): Under RC, corporations that handle chemical substances voluntarily preserve the environment, safety, and health throughout product lifecycles, from the development of chemicals through their manufacture, distribution, use, and final consumption to disposal and/or recycling, and communicate and engage with society by disclosing activity outcomes.

#### Corporate Citizenship

UBE Corporation Europe, S.A. Unipersonal (UCE) in Spain

This past year we celebrated the 50th anniversary of our caprolactam plant in Castellón and significantly developed the activities of the Volunteer Promotion Group.

To help commemorate the anniversary, we organized "Conversations with Good Chemistry" in June to discuss the future of our sector with the Rector of Castellón University, the President of the Valencia Region, the UBE Chairman, and the UCE President. In addition, in November we participated in the "Hafu festival," which was held in the open area of Castellón Port. The festival was open to the general public, and we offered such activities as workshops for children and culinary exhibits. Also, we conducted a bus tour of the plant for 35 external visitors from five civil associations in Castellón. We concluded the celebration with a free concert by the flamenco singer Estrella Morente.

The Volunteer Promotion Group organized a Tree Planting Campaign and supported the International Trail Course Race, a Toy Collection Campaign, the third Charity Race against Cancer, and a visit to the Red Cross Warehouse.



"Conversations with Good Chemistry" during the 50th anniversary of the caprolactam plant in Spain



Flamenco singer Estrella Morente performs as the final event of the 50th anniversary

#### Corporate Citizenship

UBE Group in Thailand (See note)

CSR activities of the UBE Group in Thailand are guided by a commitment to being a good corporate citizen with continuous emphasis on social responsibility. Its initiatives center on maintaining occupational safety and health, protecting the environment, ensuring compliance, and engaging with communities.

In December 2018, we achieved a record of 40 million hours free of accidents requiring time off from work. This was the fruit of ongoing efforts to maintain occupational safety and health. We commemorated this milestone by distributing sphygmomanometers to encourage employees to manage their health. Since 2014, we have pursued ongoing efforts to protect the region's environment. Our fourth initiative was to build a dam on February 16 and 17, 2019, in Khao Chamao-Khao Wong National Park in Rayong to improve the habitat for wildlife.

We will continue to undertake initiatives in keeping with activity guidelines in our drive to become a better corporate citizen.

Note: UBE Chemicals (Asia) Public Company Limited THAI SYNTHETIC RUBBERS COMPANY LIMITED UBE Fine Chemicals (Asia) Co., Ltd. UBE Technical Center (Asia) Limited RAYONG FERTILIZER TRADING CO., LTD. UBE (Thailand) Co., Ltd.



Presentation to employees to commemorate 40 million hours free of accidents requiring time off from work



Participants building a dam at Khao Chamao-Khao Wong National Park

#### **Environment and Safety Management**











The UBE Group has made safeguarding the environment, safety, and health top priorities so it can provide products and services that contribute to better lives and achieve solid and sustainable growth.

We defined priority environmental and safety measures under our Environmental and Safety Guidelines to reflect the activities of business sites and partner companies.



#### **UBE Environmental and Safety Guidelines**

We will make it our shared value to prioritize safety in everything we do, realizing safety and security in the workplace and local communities, and conserving the global environment.

- (1) We will secure healthy, safe and comfortable working conditions, aiming to eliminate occupational accidents.
- (2) We will ensure the safety and security of facilities and operations, aiming to eliminate facilities accidents.
- (3) We will reduce our emissions of waste and chemical substances, and practice recycling and suitably dispose of waste.
- (4) We will voluntarily and continuously work to address global warming in order to contribute to a sustainable society.
- (5) We will strive to maintain and improve the health of working persons, who give vitality to society and corporations.

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#### **Environmental and Safety Organization**

The President and CEO chairs the Strategic Management Meeting, whose agenda encompasses discussing and determining environmental and safety policies and measures (occupational safety and health, process safety and disaster prevention, and environmental prevention). The Group High-Pressure Gas Safety (HPGS) Committee functions in lockstep with the Strategic Management Meeting, discussing and determining key process safety management issues at certified sites for high-pressure gas, and serves as the process safety headquarters prescribed in a ministerial order relating to HPGS.

Structure of Environment and Safety-Related Meetings and Committees

Strategic Management Meeting (Environment and Safety)

Chairman: President and CEO (Environment and Safety)

Chemicals Company ES Department

Secretariat
ES Department

Construction Materials Company
ES Department

ES Division of Machinery Company / UBE Machinery Corporation, Ltd.



#### Responsible Care Activities Plans and Achievements

Pages 1–2 of the 2019 Integrated Report Supplementary Information (Environment and Safety) presents activities plans and results for fiscal 2018.



#### **Environmental Safety Measures**

We engage in RC\* activities through plan-do-check-act (PDCA) cycles in all businesses to drive continual improvements in areas related to occupational safety and health, process safety and disaster prevention, and environmental preservation.



#### Glossary

\* Responsible Care (RC): Please see the glossary on page 52.

# Process Safety and Disaster Prevention / Occupational Safety and Health











We endeavor to eliminate process accidents through initiatives that ensure that our facilities are safe and secure. We also undertake activities to minimize damage in the event of large earth-quakes. In fiscal 2018, we focused on reducing risks to eliminate process accidents, improving safety at certified high-pressure gas sites, and implementing earthquake and tsunami measures.

Efforts to reduce risks to eliminate process accidents focus on comprehensively identifying risks, emphasizing employee education, sharing

internal and external accident cases, providing proposals on close-calls, and harnessing new technical knowledge. We also address identified risks by systematically formulating drastic measures and thereby building business sites that are impervious to accidents.

For certified high-pressure gas sites, we obtain regular assessments from the Japan Safety Competency Center, undertaking ongoing efforts to enhance safety at these facilities in light of findings from such evaluations.

Earthquake and tsunami measures encompass enhancing responsiveness by formulating and executing emergency plans. We also respond to the Industrial Process Safety Action Plan of the Japan Petrochemical Industry Association.

# Occupational Safety and Health



#### Measures to Prevent Occupational Accidents

#### Fostering a Safety-Driven Corporate Culture

To make existing safety activities more comprehensive and effective, in fiscal 2016 we launched initiatives aimed at fostering a safety-driven corporate culture, encompassing eight elements. These are organizational governance, positive involvement, resource management, work management, motivation, learning and knowledge transmission, risk perception, and mutual understanding. We are examining existing activities in light of these elements, and are stepping up efforts to tackle and overcome weak areas.

#### **Eliminating Major Disasters**

We have undertaken a range of activities to prevent occupational accidents. In fiscal 2018, we initiated efforts that centered on eliminating major incidents. We conduct risk assessments of work in which people might fall, be caught or entangled in machinery, or come into contact with hazard-ous materials. We implement systematic risk reduction measures and endeavor to make operations inherently safe.

We investigate the causes of all incidents regardless of whether they result in lost time, striving to prevent similar incidents by assessing and rolling out measures.

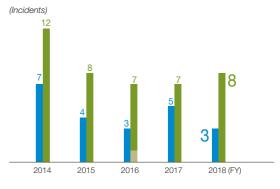
## Number of Fatal and Lost-Time Incidents among Domestic Operations

Number of Lost-Time Incidents

■UBE Group employees

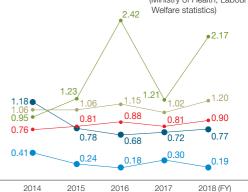
■Employees of partner companies of UBE Group

(Number of fatal incidents)



#### Lost-Time Injury Frequency Rate

- UBE Group employeesEmployees of partner companies of UBE Group
- Cement industry and cement manufacturers
- Chemical industry
  - Manufacturing industry
     (Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare statistics)



#### **Environmental Preservation**











The UBE Group believes that tackling environmental issues to ensure sustainable social progress and fostering stakeholder trust by announcing outcomes are vital for sustainable corporate growth.

2016

2,543

16,210

204

#### Overview of Group Environmental Impact (Fiscal 2014 through 2018)

As crude oil

Water used

Total energy (thousands of kl)

Water resources (million m³)

Total raw materials (thousands of tons)

#### Input

2018

2,488

16,380

198

#### Water Resource Usage

Page 8 of the 2019 Integrated Report Supplementary Information (Environment and Safety) details water resource usage by source.



2017

2,536

16.360

209



2015

2,634

16.810

212



#### Emissions Data by Facility

Page 6 of the 2019 Integrated Report Supplementary Information (Environment and Safety) presents facility-specific emissions of SOx, NOx, dust, COD, total phosphorus, and total nitrogen.



						Output
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Airborne emissions	GHG (1,000t - CO2e)	12,300	12,600	12,300	12,300	12,000
	SOx*1 (t)	3,010	2,850	3,000	2,840	2,870
	NOx*2 (t)	16,280	15,910	14,860	14,970	16,170
	Dust (t)	462	409	393	341	356
	PRTR substances*3 (t)	166	173	179	204	252
Soil emissions	PRTR substances (t)	0	0	0	0	
Waterborne emissions	Wastewater (million m³)	172	164	156	162	147
	COD*4 (t)	779	737	724	747	642
	Total phosphorus (t)	17	12	10	11	9
	Total nitrogen (t)	591	554	500	519	468
	PRTR substances (t)	100	98	122	119	97
Industrial waste emissions	Off-site disposal volume (t)	11,000	7,190	6,130	5,190	4,970
	Recycled volume (t)	379,210	417,020	421,290	386,640	370,450

2014

2,382

16,990

209

We endeavor to safeguard the environment and comply with levels set through agreements with government bodies or with voluntary standards by constantly stabilizing plant operations and by extensively controlling air and water emissions of pollutants. We also undertake ongoing environmental impact reduction activities. Each plant manages water consumption

and discharges to ensure effective usage of this resource.

We will continue to engage in business activities that contribute to a recycling-based economy as part of environmental management, such as by preventing global warming, reducing and recycling industrial waste, and lowering chemical substance emissions.

Scope of environmental presentation data: Ube Industries, Ltd., and Group companies covered in environmental performance data reporting\*

- \*1 Sulfur oxides (SOx) originate in the sulfur (S) component of fuels. Boilers are our main source of these oxides.
- \*2 Nitrogen oxides (NOx) stem from fuel combustion, primarily from Group boilers and cement kilns.
- \*3 Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (PRTR) Law: This legislation requires companies to identify business site chemical substance emissions and transfer volumes and report to the government. The Ministry of the Environment discloses the submitted information on its website. Such disclosure is designed to encourage voluntary efforts to improve chemical substance management.
- \*4 Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD): This is an indicator of water pollution by organic substances and represents the amount of oxygen consumed in the chemical oxidation of organic
- \*5 For Group companies covered in environmental performance data reporting, please see page 10 of the 2019 Integrated Report Supplementary Information (Environment and Safety).

# Addressing Environmental Issues / Biodiversity

#### **Preventing Global Warming**

#### Policy on Addressing Global Warming

The UBE Group contributes to sustainable economic development by cutting greenhouse gas emissions and by creating and expanding technologies and products that help lower environmental impact.

#### Medium-Term Management Plan: Helping Tackle Resource, Energy, and Environmental Issues

We will undertake initiatives based on the following three key policies:

## (1) Attain fiscal 2021 goals and formulate new targets toward 2030

The UBE Group's greenhouse gas emissions reduction target for fiscal 2021: Domestic and key Group business sites overseas seek to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 15% from the fiscal 2005 level by fiscal 2021.

# (2) Lower environmental impact across the supply chain

Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by using less energy and recycling more waste

# (3) Create and expand new technologies and products that help reduce environmental impact

We look for such products and technologies to represent at least 30% of net sales by fiscal 2021.

#### Structure to Address Global Warming

- Strategic Management Meeting (Resolution)
- Headquarters Management Meeting (Deliberation)

#### 

Agenda: Share environmental and industry trends in and outside Japan

Initiatives and target setting of the UBE Group

Secretariat: ES Department, Global Warming Responsive Initiative Promotion Group

Members: Three companies

(Chemicals, Construction Materials, Machinery) Headquarters departments

(Corporate Planning, Finance & Investor Relations, CSR & General Affairs, Logistics)

 UBE Group Environmental Preservation Promotion Committee

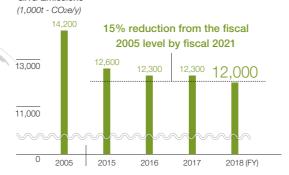
Agenda: Introduction of environmental and industry trends in and outside Japan Introduction of on-site energy-conservation initiatives

Secretariat: ES Department, Global Warming Responsive Initiative Promotion Group

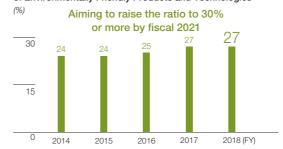
Members: Each office and facility of the UBE Group

#### Initiatives to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

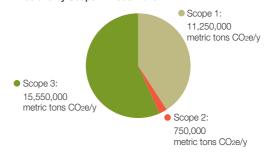
Progress toward Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Targets GHG Emissions



Progress in Creating and Expanding Our Lineup of Environmentally Friendly Products and Technologies



#### Emissions by Scope in Fiscal 2018



#### **Biodiversity**

# Private Business Partnership to Preserve Biodiversity

We support the Declaration of Biodiversity by Keidanren (Japan Business Federation) and take part in a related private business partnership.

#### **Forest Conservation Initiatives**

In fiscal 2018, 107 employees took part in the 11th Forest Creation Experiential Activity for Water Conservation. The Mine City Office of Yamaguchi Prefecture's Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries Department sponsors this annual initiative. The employees thinned and logged around two hectares of bamboo.



Employees participating in the 11th Forest Creation Experiential Activity for Water Conservation

# Using Resources Effectively

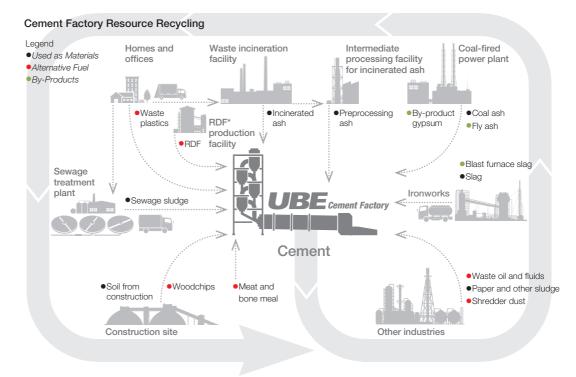
Our cement factories recycle diverse waste and by-products as raw materials (material recycling) and alternative fuels (thermal recycling). Our cement kilns operate at up to 1,450°C, so they can burn and detoxify substances that conventional counterparts could not handle. They can also process large waste volumes. It is also possible to use ash from incineration as an alternative to the clay used in cement, thereby eliminating the need to maintain final disposal sites.

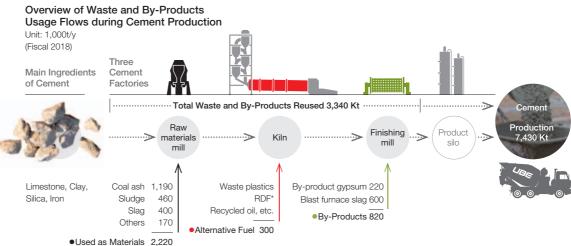
In fiscal 2018, our three cement factories

In fiscal 2018, our three cement factories harnessed 3.34 million metric tons of waste and by-products, 2.96 million metric tons of which we sourced externally, contributing considerably to a recycling-oriented society.

We are developing new businesses to use waste materials in applications other than as materials for cement. In fiscal 2017, for example, we began recycling plasterboard, for which we expect demand to increase. We will continue to boost our capacity for handling various waste as part of efforts to expand our recycling business.

Please see Non-Financial Highlights on page 11 for details of our usage of waste substances and by-products.





<sup>\*</sup> Refuse-derived fuel (RDF): A solidified fuel made of waste plastic, woodchips, and household waste

# Reducing Industrial Waste and Chemical Substance Emissions

#### **Industrial Waste Reductions**

The Keidanren (Japan Business Federation) Voluntary Action Plan on the Environment targets a 70% reduction in the final disposal volume of industrial waste from the fiscal 2000 level by fiscal 2020. We strive through industry-led initiatives to recycle industrial waste and reduce final disposal waste to contribute to a recycling-based economy.

#### Industrial Waste Recycling

Our chemical factories, in-house power stations, machinery factories, and other facilities generate an array of industrial waste. We recycle most of this material at cement factories and other Group facilities.

Industrial Waste for External Final Disposal In fiscal 2018, we lowered such waste by 85% from the fiscal 2000 level. We will keep endeavoring to cut volumes from fiscal 2019.

#### **Reducing Chemical Substance Emissions**

The Japanese government is driving efforts to cut chemical substance emissions through a combination of legislation and voluntary initiatives. Voluntary efforts include industry initiatives to constrain emissions of VOCs\*1 and a system to disclose substances based on the PRTR Law\*2.

In terms of the UBE Group's activities, 20 substances\*3, which it emits in relatively large amounts, were voluntarily selected from substances subject to the PRTR Law as well as VOCs. We will focus on the Group's emissions of these substances and strive to reduce them.

#### Minimizing VOC Emissions

The UBE Group's VOC emissions in fiscal 2018 were 33% lower than those in fiscal 2010.

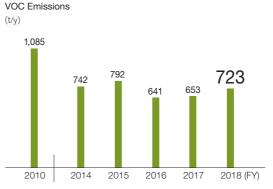
#### Reducing PRTR Substances

We handle 68 of the 462 substances subject to the PRTR Law. Our emissions of these substances in fiscal 2018 were down 28% from fiscal 2010.

#### PRTR Substances

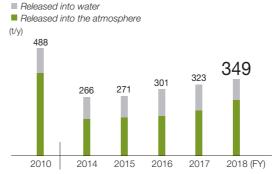
Page 7 of the 2019 Integrated Report Supplementary Information (Environment and Safety) presents emissions and transfer volumes and other data on the top 10 substances in terms of emissions volume.











**Emissions Volume of PRTR Substances** 

- \*1 Volatile organic compounds (VOCs): These organic chemicals evaporate or sublimate easily, entering the atmosphere as gases. They are factors in the forming of suspended particulate matter (PM) and photochemical oxidant pollution.
- \*2 Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (PRTR) Law: Please see the glossary on page 56.
- \*3 UBE Group's 20 voluntarily selected chemical substances: Please see page 2 of the 2019 Integrated Report Supplementary Information (Environment and Safety).

#### **Product Safety and Quality Assurance**



# Product Safety Initiatives

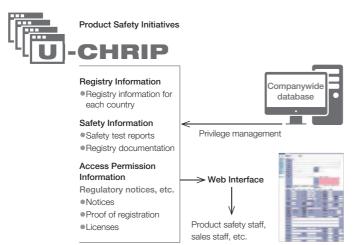


We comply strictly with the chemical laws and regulations of Japan and the other countries in which we operate. Our stewardship of chemical substances encompasses health, safety, and environmental perspectives. We carefully manage the distribution of chemical substances and extensively disclose safety information about our chemical products.

## Complying with Chemical Substances Laws and Regulations

We are digitizing our systems to handle chemical substances laws and regulations. As well, we have constructed a domestic and overseas compliance structure that encompasses an SDS\*1 production support system; in-house-developed chemical safety information; and U-CHRIP, a comprehensive database for managing safety and regulatory information about chemical substances. We accordingly seek to replace manual processes and a reliance on individual skills in handling compliance.

The electrical and electronic device and automotive sectors are leading the way in green procurement\*2, and as a supplier of raw and other materials we carefully monitor our offerings for harmful substances.



U-CHRIP: UBE-CHemical Regulation Information Platform

#### Stepping Up Chemicals Management

We supply local-language versions of SDSs and product labels for all products, complying with regulations in Europe, the United States, and around Asia to ensure the safe use of chemical products throughout the supply chain, and maintain websites for key product SDSs. We also extensively supply safety information for testing and research applications, and have secured safe R&D environments at universities and other research institutions.

Our sales and technical personnel obtain hazardous substances information on products through our SDS database to get handling and disposal information that they convey as needed to customers.

#### **Extensively Disclosing Safety Information**

We have amassed and extensively share safety information about our products, taking part in a program of the International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) and the Japan Challenge Program. Since fiscal 2011, we have participated in the Japan Chemical Industry Association (JCIA)'s voluntary chemical substance risk management activities while gathering and disseminating hazard information\*3 and risk assessments.

We participate in the ICCA's voluntary Long-Range Research Initiative, which focuses on the effects of chemical substances on human health and the environment. We thereby support research at universities and other research institutions that includes developing new risk assessment methods and studying the safety of chemical substances for infants and the elderly.

#### **Transportation Safety**

We ensure the safe distribution of chemical substances by preparing information that transportation companies and their drivers can use in the unlikely event of an accident and by endeavoring to prevent such incidents and improve distribution quality.

<sup>\*1</sup> Safety Data Sheet (SDS): Documentation containing hazard and toxicity information about chemical substances that manufacturers disclose when supplying chemical substances and products incorporating them.

<sup>\*2</sup> Green procurement: Corporate purchases of raw materials, parts, and manufacturing facilities with minimal environmental footprints.

<sup>\*3</sup> Hazard information: Information on the inherent risks of chemical substances.

## Quality Assurance

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The UBE Group's diverse businesses in Japan and overseas include chemicals, pharmaceuticals, construction materials, and machinery. Each undertakes quality assurance initiatives in line with its specific business needs to serve the needs of customers and to ensure safe and reliable supplies. Under the supervision of a director in charge, the Quality Management Department internally oversees the quality assurance operations of these businesses, thereby establishing a corporate internal control system.

#### Chemicals Company

#### Regaining Trust by Steadily Implementing Measures to Prevent Issues from Recurring

We rolled out our unified quality management system (QMS) in fiscal 2016. This had previously been overseen separately at three divisions and four domestic chemical factories. We also formulated and implemented measures to prevent quality check improprieties experienced in fiscal 2018 from recurring. We changed consciousnesses among managers and employees, changed our organizational structure, increased the number of inspectors, and reviewed internal rules. We will steadily implement measures to drive ongoing improvements and thereby regain stakeholder trust. The temporary termination of the overall scope of our ISO 9001: 2015 certification was rescinded in October 2018, and we regained certification for the Chiba area (Chiba Petrochemical Factory and UBE-MARUZEN POLYETHYLENE Co., Ltd.) in July 2019.

In fiscal 2019, the Chemicals Company integrated the Pharmaceutical Division. To meet quality requirements specific to pharmaceuticals, we will remain committed to our Pharmaceutical Quality Policy through our proprietary pharmaceutical quality system.

We will continue creating unique customer value while constantly improving our capabilities in keeping with a high awareness of quality assurance among all employees.

#### Construction Materials Company

#### Maintaining Safe and Reliable Product Supplies

This company looks after many of the Group's companies. As well as engaging in cement, resource recycling, and energy businesses, it supplies a range of social infrastructure products in Japan and overseas, including ready-mixed concrete, magnesia and calcia, and construction material products.

This company's Quality Assurance Department handles product quality assurance and safety and pursues manufacturing from customer perspectives to maintain safe and reliable product supplies.

The Company Quality Committee endeavors to prevent improper quality inspection practices from recurring by disseminating corporate quality measures to all divisions and Group companies, overseeing progress. Quality and product safety audits at Company business sites and Group companies confirm that everything is working well. It is through such efforts that we constantly strive to improve quality and product safety systems and build trust with customers and society.

#### Machinery Company

# Providing Products and Services That Satisfy Customers and Build Trust

This business develops a diverse lineup of products from a customer-centric perspective. We provide products and services across various fields, both in Japan and overseas, including molding machines, industrial machinery, and bridges. While pursuing technological innovation, we are determined to consistently provide safe and reliable products and services that satisfy customers and build trust. At the same time, we will continue to strengthen our quality management system through efforts to cultivate people who can ensure compliance with business-related laws, regulations, and standards.

#### Quality Policies

Page 9 of the 2019 Integrated Report Supplementary Information (Environment and Safety) presents the quality policies of our in-house companies.



#### Consolidated 10-Year Financial Summary

Ube Industries, Ltd. and Consolidated Subsidiaries For the years ended March 31

#### **Results of Operations**

(Millions of yen)

#### Breakdown of Net Sales by Reportable Segments

	Chemicals <sup>1</sup>	(Chemicals & Plastics)	(Specialty Chemicals & Products)	Pharmaceuti	Construct cal Material		Energy & y² Environmer	t Other	Adjustment
2010	¥ —	¥165,098	¥60,374	¥ 9,994	¥188,396	6 ¥81,75	0 ¥54,155	¥19,096	¥(29,307)
2011	_	204,516	68,777	8,853	200,470	83,43	3 59,145	26,852	(35,984)
2012	-	231,026	64,368	11,186	209,155	72,57	5 62,518	25,911	(38,086)
2013	_	219,368	61,111	11,452	208,364	4 71,31	0 68,769	25,294	(39,646)
2014	_	230,585	63,160	9,706	223,513	3 75,51	1 59,073	28,816	(39,854)
2015	_	215,419	63,288	7,819	222,419	9 78,95	6 66,771	33,242	(46,155)
2016	266,736	_	_	9,280	237,343	3 73,43	5 69,066	16,792	(30,902)
2017	258,364	_	_	10,975	227,236	5 71,66	8 59,782	12,520	(23,982)
2018	305,432	_	_	10,213	238,854	4 90,14	0 71,361	4,797	(25,223)
2019	314,984	_	_	10,129	250,250	97,26	4 75,853	4,935	(23,258)
(Millions of yen)	Net sales	Cost of sales	Selling, general and administrative expenses	Operating N	Non-operating income <sup>3</sup>	Ordinary profit <sup>3</sup>	Extraordinary items³	Profit before income taxes	Profit attributable to owners of parent
2010	¥549,556	¥448,328	¥73,633	¥27,595	¥(8,600)	¥18,995	¥ (3,403)	¥15,592	¥ 8,217
2011	616,062	494,046	77,653	44,363	(5,263)	39,100	(10,353)	28,747	17,267
2012	638,653	512,447	80,200	46,006	(5,198)	40,808	(3,213)	37,595	22,969
2013	626,022	517,769	78,291	29,962	(1,917)	28,045	(12,203)	15,842	8,265
2014	650,510	546,340	79,757	24,413	(5,722)	18,691	975	19,666	12,623
2015	641,759	538,983	78,629	24,147	(919)	23,228	(4,737)	18,491	14,649
2016	641,750	519,960	80,382	41,408	(1,788)	39,620	(11,967)	27,653	19,111
2017	616,563	500,642	80,961	34,960	(1,612)	33,348	(415)	32,933	24,185
2018	695,574	560,100	85,224	50,250	478	50,728	(5,728)	45,000	31,680
2019	730,157	600,301	85,305	44,551	3,302	47,853	(3,175)	44,678	32,499

Notes: 1. The Chemicals & Plastics segment and the Specialty Chemicals & Products segment were integrated into the Chemicals segment on April 1, 2015.

2. The Machinery & Metal Products segment changed its name to the Machinery segment on April 1, 2016.

3. Based on Japanese GAAP

#### Financial Position

(Millions of yen)

Liabilities and Net Assets Assets

	Total current assets	Total property, plant and equipment, net	Total investments and other assets	Total assets	Total current liabilities	Total long-term liabilities	(Non-controlling interests)	Total net assets
2010	¥261,587	¥324,732	¥68,474	¥654,793	¥246,473	¥206,130	¥23,033	¥202,190
2011	281,701	313,945	65,866	661,512	249,701	200,362	24,048	211,449
2012	284,417	313,949	66,599	664,965	267,391	173,167	24,472	224,407
2013	287,399	323,717	74,768	685,884	250,936	184,195	34,736	250,753
2014	296,538	332,416	71,761	700,715	257,958	177,402	23,077	265,355
2015	282,816	347,438	81,292	711,546	239,500	182,436	25,718	289,610
2016	276,925	323,800	79,058	679,783	233,256	156,905	22,463	289,622
2017	295,041	331,443	82,895	709,379	245,828	153,150	23,179	310,401
2018 <sup>7</sup>	316,876	334,262	91,307	742,445	253,098	152,486	20,837	336,861
2019	315,699	331,316	93,271	740,286	226,063	159,671	24,406	354,552

#### General

	Per Share Data <sup>4</sup> (Yen)			Other Data							
	Net income, primary	Cash dividends applicable to the period	Net assets	Return on sales (ROS) (%)	Return on assets (ROA) <sup>5</sup> (%)	Return on equity (ROE) <sup>6</sup> (%)	Shares of common stock issued <sup>4</sup> (thousands)	Number of consolidated subsidiaries	Number of shareholders with voting rights	Number of employees	
2010	¥ 8.17	¥ 4.00	¥ 177.88	5.0	4.4	4.7	1,009,165	67	59,232	11,108	
2011	17.18	5.00	186.02	7.2	7.2	9.4	1,009,165	66	57,537	11,026	
2012	22.85	5.00	198.41	7.2	7.2	11.9	1,009,165	67	55,407	11,081	
2013	8.22	5.00	214.35	4.8	4.8	4.0	1,009,165	67	57,243	11,090	
2014	12.16	5.00	228.51	3.8	3.6	5.5	1,062,001	65	58,873	11,225	
2015	13.85	5.00	248.89	3.8	3.8	5.8	1,062,001	71	64,449	10,702	
2016	18.06	5.00	251.90	6.5	6.5	7.2	1,062,001	68	52,977	10,764	
2017	22.85	6.00	270.76	5.7	5.5	8.7	1,062,001	70	51,769	10,928	
2018	301.65	75.00	3,002.86	7.2	7.6	10.5	106,200	70	56,754	10,799	
2019	312.36	80.00	3,261.23	6.1	6.9	10.1	106,200	71	54,748	11,010	

Notes: 4. The Company consolidated every 10 shares into one share, effective October 1, 2017.

5. ROA = (Operating profit + Interest and dividend income + Share of profit of entities accounted for using equity method) / Average total assets

6. ROE = Profit attributable to owners of parent / Average shareholders' equity

7. We have restated financial position numbers for fiscal 2017 in line with a change in accounting standards.

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#### Major Consolidated Subsidiaries

Company Name	Business	Country	Currency	2017/3	2018/3	2019/3
UBE Corporation Europe, S.A. Unipersonal	Manufacture and sales of caprolactam, ammonium sulfate, nylon, and fine chemical products	Spain	EUR million	314.6	332.2	382.9
UBE Chemicals (Asia) Public Company Limited	Manufacture and sales of caprolactam, ammonium sulfate, and nylon	Thailand	THB billion	11.6	12.6	13.3
THAI SYNTHETIC RUBBERS COMPANY LIMITED	Manufacture and sales of polybutadiene rubber	Thailand	THB billion	4.3	4.7	4.6
UBE Fine Chemicals (Asia) Co.,Ltd.	Manufacture and sales of 1,6-Hexanediol (HDL) and 1,5-Pentanediol (PDL)	Thailand	THB billion	0.9	1.1	1.1
UBE Ammonia Industry, Ltd.	Manufacture and sales of ammonia and industrial gases	Japan	JPY billion	13.7	13.7	16.0
UBE Film, Ltd.	Manufacture and sales of plastic film products	Japan	JPY billion	9.5	9.7	9.8
UBE EXSYMO CO., LTD.	Manufacture and sales of polypropylene molded products, fibers, and fiber-reinforced plastics	Japan	JPY billion	12.7	13.3	13.5
UBE Material Industries, Ltd.	Manufacture and sales of magnesia clinker, quicklime, slaked lime, etc.	Japan	JPY billion	44.1	45.5	49.9
UBE Shipping & Logistics, Ltd.	Domestic shipping, harbor transportation, shipping-agent services, and customs clearing	Japan	JPY billion	20.6	18.8	18.7
UBE Construction Materials Sales Co., Ltd.	Sales of cement, ready-mixed concrete, building materials, etc.	Japan	JPY billion	55.9	59.6	63.8
Sanshin Tsusho Co., Ltd.	Sales of building materials, public works materials, etc.	Japan	JPY billion	17.4	23.0	23.6
Kanto Ube Holdings Co., Ltd. (And 4 Other Subsidiaries)	Manufacture and sales of ready-mixed concrete	Japan	JPY billion	12.7	14.8	13.0
UBE Construction Materials Co., Ltd.	Manufacture, sales, and construction of construction materials	Japan	JPY billion	-	-	10.6
UBE Machinery Corporation, Ltd.	Manufacture and sales of and services for molding machines, industrial machinery, and bridges, etc.	Japan	JPY billion	40.6	44.1	44.8
UBE Steel Co., Ltd.	Manufacture and sales of cast iron and steel products and rolled steel billets	Japan	JPY billion	17.4	21.2	23.6
UBE Machinery Inc.	Manufacture and sales of and services for molding machines	U.S.A.	USD million	60.0	69.0	71.0
UBE Machinery (Shanghai) Ltd.	Manufacture of molding machines, and sales of and services for molding machines and industrial machinery	China	RMB million	120.3	124.9	177.2
UBE COAL TRADING, LTD.	Sales of imported coal from Australia, Indonesia, and Russia	Japan	JPY billion	23.5	28.8	31.8

#### Major Equity-Method Affiliates

Company Name	Business	Country
Techno-UMG Co., Ltd.	Business pertaining to ABS resin and ABS polymer alloy products	Japan
UBE-MARUZEN POLYETHYLENE Co., Ltd.	Development, manufacture, and sales of low-density polyethylene and HAO-LLDPE	Japan
Chiba Butadiene Industry Company, Limited	Manufacture and sales of butadiene	Japan
Lotte Ube Synthetic Rubber SDN. BHD.	Manufacture and sales of polybutadiene rubber (synthetic rubber)	Malaysia
SUMaterials Co., Ltd.	Production of polyimide for substrates to be used in next-generation displays	Korea
UBE-MITSUBISHI CEMENT CORPORATION	Sales of cement, soil-stabilizing cement, slag, etc.	Japan

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Establishment		1897				
Consolidated Companies		96 (71 consolidated subsidiaries and 25 equity-method affiliates)				
Fiscal Year		April 1 to March 31				
Common Stock		Outstanding: 106,200,107 shares				
Paid-in Capital		¥58.4 billion				
Number of Shareh	holders with Voting Rights	54,748				
Annual General Si	hareholders' Meeting	June				
Stock Exchange L	Listings	Tokyo Stock Exchange (Code: 4208) Fukuoka Stock Exchange				
Transfer Agent and Share Registrar		Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation, 1-4-5, Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8212, Japan				
Independent Auditors		Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC				

#### Major Shareholders

Shareholder	Share Units Owned	Percentage of Voting Rights (%)
The Master Trust Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust Account)	7,872,300	7.77
Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (Trust Account)	6,710,474	6.63
BBH BOSTON CUSTODIAN FOR BLACKROCK GLOBAL ALLOCATION FUND, INC. 620313	2,150,450	2.12
SUMITOMO LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	2,000,000	1.98
Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (Trust Account 5)	1,945,100	1.92
JP MORGAN CHASE BANK 385151	1,623,693	1.60
Nippon Life Insurance Company	1,600,009	1.58
THE YAMAGUCHI BANK, Ltd.	1,548,264	1.53
Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (Trust Account 4)	1,528,200	1.51
Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (Trust Account 7)	1,515,200	1.50

#### **Shareholder Composition**



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#### Product Information

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