

The Kirin Group was Recognized as a Water Security "A List" Company, the Top Ranking, by CDP*¹ for the 3rd Consecutive Year

Kirin Holdings Company, Limited (President and CEO Yoshinori Isozaki) was recognized as a Water Security A List company by CDP, an international non-profit organization that provides environmental information disclosure systems, announced on January 22, 2019. This marked the third consecutive year that the Kirin Group received the A List rating for water security since 2016.



*1 CDP is an international non-profit organization that promotes companies and governments to reduce GHG emissions, protect water resources and protect forests. CDP's researches ranks first among a variety of researches on climate change in investor votes, and it works with institutional investors to leverage investment and purchasing power to promote disclosure and management of corporate impacts on environment. In 2018, CDP conducted researches on behalf of 650 institutional investors with total assets under management of US\$87 trillion and 115 companies and organizations with a total procurement cost of US\$3.3 trillion. More than 7,000 companies, which account for more than 50% of the world's market capitalization, disclose environmental data through CDP.

The Kirin Group's Long-Term Environmental Vision sets out four important themes of biological resources, water resources, containers and packaging, and global warming.

With regard to "water resources," the Kirin Group is actively promoting high-level water conservation activities in each region in which it operates, efforts to clean and return used water to nature, and forestation activities in the water source areas of its manufacturing sites, which were the first in the Japanese food and beverage industry to do so.

Furthermore, since water resources are unevenly distributed, the Kirin Group is working to ascertain the impact of water risks on its operation from a long-term perspective by conducting water risk assessments in the catchment areas of 44 major manufacturing sites in 9 countries on a global basis and in the upstream of its value chain centered on Japan Integrated Beverages Business in 2017.

The Kirin Group's target on global warming, which has a major impact on water resources, is to reduce the total of Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions and Scope 3 emissions by 30% from a 2015 base-year by 2030, and was approved by SBT*².

In addition, the Kirin Group became the first Japanese food and beverage company to endorse the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) in December 2018.

*2 SBT was jointly established in 2015 by CDP, the United Nations Global Compact, the World Resources Institute, and World Wide Fund for Nature to promote the achievement of keeping the increase in global average temperature to below 2°C compared to pre-industrial temperatures.

The Kirin Group intends to proactively address various social issues in an effort to work together with everyone in the value chain to share the spirit of continuously and sustainably enjoying the blessings of nature into the future.

Reference:

- The Kirin Group's environmental activities
<https://www.kirinholdings.co.jp/english/csv/env/>