

**Kakuyasu Group Certified under Tokyo Kita Ward Certification Program for Companies Endeavoring to Achieve the SDGs - First SDG-Related Certification Program Among Tokyo's 23 Ward Governments -**

Kakuyasu Group Co., Ltd. (hereinafter: the Company, Head Office: Kita-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director: Yoshiyuki Maegaichi) announces that the Company was certified under the First Tokyo Kita Ward Certification Program for companies Endeavoring to Achieve the SDGs operated by the Kita Ward Government in Tokyo.



On February 6, the certification ceremony took place at Hokutopia in Oji in Kita Ward, where Yoshiyuki Maegaichi, president and representative director, received a certificate from Kanako Yamada, the mayor of Kita Ward.

Under this program, the Kita Ward Government certifies companies that respect the philosophy behind the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and make efforts including initiatives that consider three perspectives, society, the environment and the economy, in efforts to achieve the SDGs. The purpose of the program is to encourage the activities of certified companies through a different municipal support mechanism with a view towards the growth and increase of the value of businesses and other organizations in the ward towards helping to achieve the sustainable development of the local economy and the resolution of social issues. This program is the first attempt of this kind by the Kita Ward Government and also the first certification program associated with the SDGs among Tokyo's 23 ward governments.

The Company formulated its basic policy for sustainability and identified six material issues in February 2023 and has since been making tangible efforts. The Company was certified under the program chiefly in recognition of the activities.



Six (6) Materialities

[Primary activities]

**(1) Actions to address alcohol-related issues**

To fulfill the duties of a company selling alcoholic beverages, the Company supports activities aimed at resolving alcohol-related issues. The Company supports the general alcohol problem helpline and the training of people helping those who are suffering from alcoholism operated by recovering minds in a bid to help establish a society where people suffering from alcoholism can recover and be rehabilitated, once again becoming active members of society.



**(2) Encouragement of diversity, equity and inclusion**

The Company has established an organization dedicated to diversity management. It implements many different measures including training to increase personnel's awareness of diversity, equity and inclusion.

The Company supports the Japanese Government's goal of increasing the percentage of people in leadership positions that are women to 30% by the end of fiscal year 2030. It is working to build an environment where all personnel can play active roles irrespective of gender from a medium- and long-term perspective.

**(3) Calculation and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions of the entire supply chain**

The delivery of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages and other products to customers is 80% or more of the Company's operations. The Company faces the issue of reducing its greenhouse gas emissions, chiefly the emissions of its delivery operations.

In 2023, the Company measured its Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions, the direct emissions from the Company, for the first time, and set a long-term target of achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

As a move to reduce emissions, the Company introduced its first two electricity-powered light motor vehicles for deliveries to households at the *Anything Liquor Store Kakuyasu Oji Store* in November 2023. The Company will test these vehicles in terms of their driving range with different loads and consider the introduction of more vehicles in the future.

In the future, the Company will strive together with stakeholders to achieve a balance between the realization of a sustainable society and its own growth in an aim to continually increase its corporate value.

