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## MARUI GROUP Receives Award of Excellence in Sustainable Finance Awards

MARUI GROUP CO., LTD., announces that it has received an award of excellence in the fourth Sustainable Finance Awards, which are organized by the Research Institute for Environmental Finance.

### ■ Sustainable Finance Awards

The Sustainable Finance Awards are an award program launched in 2015 by the Research Institute for Environmental Finance, an organization that seeks to promote and spread awareness pertaining to environmental finance, which entails addressing environmental issues through finance. The fourth iteration of this program was held in 2018.



The program looks at financial institutions and companies that provide environmental finance products, services, or initiatives in Japan's financial market. Awards are presented based on a comprehensive evaluation of candidates that includes quantitative scoring in six categories, such as novelty, profitability, and ESG level, as well as a qualitative evaluation by a judging panel.

MARUI GROUP's receipt of this award is a reflection of the evaluation of its joining RE100,<sup>\*1</sup> its issuance of the first **green bonds**<sup>\*2</sup> in Japan to be used to purchase electricity generated from renewable power sources, and other Groupwide efforts to introduce renewable energy.

\*1 RE100 is an international initiative led by the international NGO The Climate Group in partnership with CDP. Companies joining this initiative are asked to declare and disclose their commitments to sourcing 100% of the electricity used in their business activities from renewable power sources by the earliest possible date and by 2050 at the latest.

For more information, please refer to the following news release.

→[http://www.0101maruigroup.co.jp/pdf/settlement/18\\_0710/en\\_18\\_0710\\_1.pdf](http://www.0101maruigroup.co.jp/pdf/settlement/18_0710/en_18_0710_1.pdf)

\*2 Green bonds are bonds issued for the purpose of procuring funds for initiatives that address global warming and other environmental issues.

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→[http://www.0101maruigroup.co.jp/pdf/settlement/18\\_0928/en\\_18\\_0928\\_1.pdf](http://www.0101maruigroup.co.jp/pdf/settlement/18_0928/en_18_0928_1.pdf)

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## ■ MARUI GROUP' s Co-Creation Sustainability Management

MARUI GROUP practices forward-looking **co-creation sustainability management**, an approach that merges its business, environmental, social issue response, and corporate governance initiatives in an integrated manner.

In conjunction with the adoption of this new approach, we also redefined the focus of our business from serving all customers to promoting **inclusion**. This redefinition was accompanied by the establishment of four core themes related to inclusion that are also based on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

One of MARUI GROUP' s four core themes is **ecological inclusion**. Based on this theme, we develop eco-friendly businesses to contribute to the realization of a low-carbon, recycling-oriented society and propose ecologically sound lifestyles that are in harmony with nature and the environment.

Through co-creation activities advanced with all stakeholders, MARUI GROUP will endeavor to help build a flourishing and inclusive society that offers happiness to all.

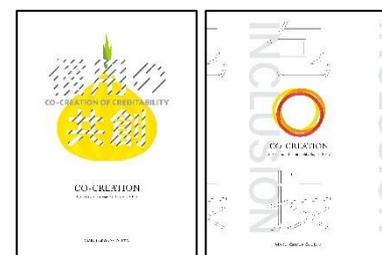
Information on MARUI GROUP' s vision for **co-creation sustainability management** can be found in the following reports.

### ***Co-Creation Management Report 2018***

→ <http://www.0101maruigroup.co.jp/en/ir/lib/i-report.html>

### ***Co-Creation Sustainability Report 2017***

→ <http://www.0101maruigroup.co.jp/en/sustainability/lib/s-report.html>



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