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Toward achieving a sustainable society

With the establishment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)^{*1}, the Paris Agreement (an international agreement for mitigating climate change), and the Corporate Governance Code^{*2} in 2015, the world began to take steady steps toward achieving a sustainable society.

On the other hand, climate change risk continues to make it unclear what changes could happen in the world and when and where, while the effects of COVID-19 are also increasing uncertainty.

Even under these circumstances, we are aiming for management that will create social value through our business under the spirit of "At your side.", which places the highest priority on customers in all situations.

Strengthen activities based on the Brother Group Environmental Vision 2050

In addressing the environment, we formulated the Brother Group Environmental Vision 2050 in March 2018 in order to contribute to solving urgent social issues such as climate change, toward creating a society in which sustainable development in line with the Brother Group Environmental Policy is possible. Based on this environmental vision, we are strengthening our activities related to reduction of CO2 emissions, resource circulation, and biodiversity conservation.

In particular, the mid-term target for FY2030 related to reduction of CO2 emissions set out in this vision has been recognized by the international environmental initiative, Science Based Targets initiative, as a target based on scientific evidence to help achieve the Paris Agreement's goal of limiting global warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius. As for the reduction of CO2 emissions throughout the entire Brother Group (Scope 1 & 2), a reduction of 37.8% was achieved in FY2019, already exceeding the FY2030 target of a 30% decrease from FY2015 levels. Likewise, in terms of the reduction of CO2 emissions in the Brother Group's value chain (Scope 3), a reduction of 15.8% was achieved toward the FY2030 target of a 30% decrease from FY2015. Starting in FY2020, the Brother Group is analyzing the business risks and opportunities presented by climate change, incorporating the results into the Brother Group's management strategy, and promoting further measures to mitigate climate change, based on the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)^{*3}, for which the Brother Group announced support in February 2020.

As for resource circulation, the Brother Group will reduce the amount of resources used in our main products, efficiently utilize water resources, and properly treat wastewater. As for biodiversity conservation, the Brother Group will build a framework for quantifying and reducing our environmental impact, and steadily continue activities toward achieving the goals.

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Gaining public trust

In our history of more than 110 years, the Brother Group has continued to provide a variety of products matching customer needs and the changes of the times. To ensure that we are not afraid of change and continue delivering superior value as a manufacturing company while reducing our environmental impact, it is essential for us to collaborate with our business partners. In January 2019, the Brother Group joined the Responsible Business Alliance*4, a global industry organization promoting corporate social responsibility through building a sustainable supply chain, and in February 2020 became a signatory to the United Nations (UN) Global Compact*5. As the head of the management team, I am committed to reevaluating our business operations in terms of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) toward achieving a sustainable society. In addition, I will make utmost efforts to enable the Brother Group to gather our technologies and knowledge toward continuing to provide products and services that solve social issues.

At all times, Brother will operate within national authorities and European Union environmental legislation and will continuously monitor such legislation as it progresses. Brother products are manufactured in Asian countries under responsibility of Brother Industries Ltd. and as such are distributed in Europe by Brother sales companies including BCEE (Vienna), BPL (Poland) and BCZ (Czech Republic).



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