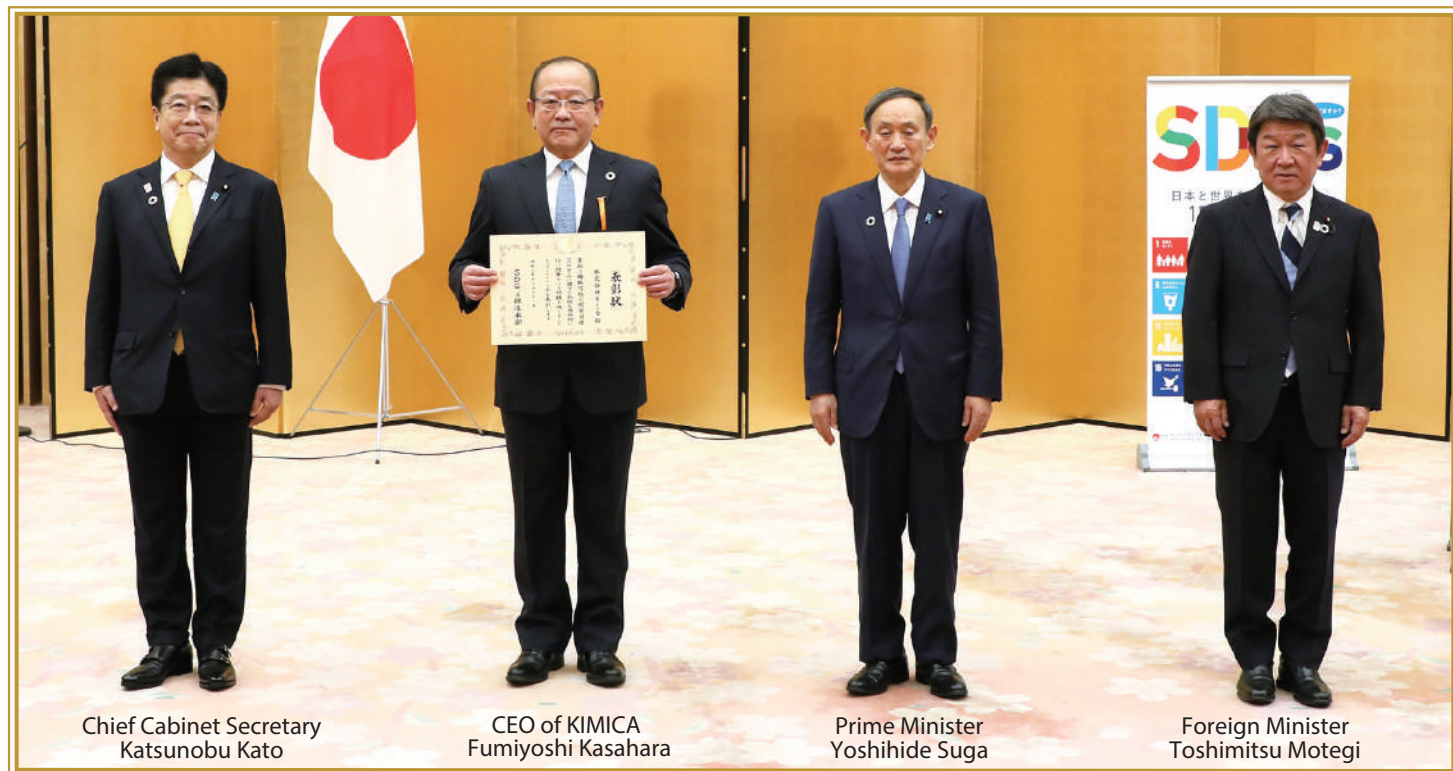




Special
Report

KIMICA received the JAPAN SDGs AWARD



Source: Official Website of the Prime Minister of Japan and His Cabinet

On December 21, 2020,
KIMICA Corporation was awarded the Special Award (SDGs Partnership Award)
at the 4th Japan SDGs Award at the Prime Minister's office.

The organizer of the award is the SDGs Promotion Headquarters
(Head: Prime Minister, Co-head: Chief Cabinet Secretary and Foreign Minister)
and they reward companies and organizations
which have made excellent efforts
toward setting sustainable development goals (SDGs).

In announcing our nomination, we would like to thank everyone
who has supported us throughout these years.



Words of Appreciation and Gratitude

Our founder, Fumio Kasahara, noticed discarded seaweed that had drifted onto the beach and made it a goal to make effective use of this seaweed.

He successfully extracted alginate, a dietary fiber, from the seaweed, and developed a manufacturing method that uses the minimum possible amount of electricity and heat. He also was successful in the industrialization of byproducts (seaweed residue after extraction of alginate) by finding effective uses such as feed and fertilizer.



Founder Fumio Kasahara

80 years from then, we have led the industry as the global pioneer and continue to develop new and innovative applications of alginate.

Alginate is now widely used in a variety of fields such as food, medicine, and cosmetics, and it has

become an indispensable material to maintain people's health and rich life.

In Chile, we set up a local seaweed processing storage site which contributes to preventing the overexploitation of seaweed, stable procurement, and the stable life of the fishermen.

In addition to a roof with solar panels, we have also started working on viticulture using the seaweed residue as fertilizer.

In terms of SDGs, the Japan SDGs Award is the most honorable award possible.

Being named "an international role model" by the Japanese government was so honorable because it acknowledged our efforts we have been making since the founding of the company to find solutions towards sustainability issues.

90% of Japanese companies are small or medium sized enterprises (SMEs). Because of this, the efforts by SMEs are extremely important when it comes to achieving the SDGs in Japan. We will continue our efforts to further promote the SDGs and expand the range of initiatives.

President & CEO
Fumiyoshi Kasahara, Ph.D.

"Success due to the Call to Action and Gathering of Wisdom"

Congratulations on winning the 4th Japan SDGs Award. I would like to express our respect for the efforts of all the members of the SDGs Promotion Headquarters.

I was very impressed with the initiatives of all applicants and award receivers.

This success is the result of the gathering of wisdom of various people and call to action. In a decade of action, this year is the first year towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.



In creating a new post COVID-19 society that is supported by the virtuous cycle of the economy and the environment that I aim for, it is imperative that we keep up the efforts.

I would like to congratulate you on your efforts, hoping that more people will work together as one, and the efforts to achieve the goals will be further accelerated.

Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga

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