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Dai-ichi Life Awarded the Gold in the Investor Category at the Ministry of the Environment's 4th ESG Finance Awards Japan

The Dai-ichi Life Insurance Company, Limited (the "Company"; President and Representative Director: Seiji Inagaki) is pleased to announce that it was awarded the Gold (Minister of the Environment Award), the highest available award in the investor category of the Ministry of the Environment's 4th ESG Finance Awards Japan. This is the second time that the Company has received a Gold Award, following the first one in fiscal 2019, the first year of the awards.

ESG Finance Awards Japan was established by the Ministry of the Environment in order to assess, award, and publicly recognize financial institutions and other entities that have had a superior positive impact on the environment and society through proactive engagements related to ESG finance and green projects.



Reasons for selection as a Gold Award winner in the investor category

- Dai-ichi Life has established a new Medium-term Responsible Investment Policy that includes steps to create a positive impact on society and to promote stewardship activities, while making progress on its medium-term ESG investment goals ahead of schedule.
- Dai-ichi Life's "Policy on Transition Finance"¹ focuses on engagement with high-emission companies instead of divestment and includes a clear plan to address the medium- to long- term increase due to transition finance² in its portfolio GHG emissions.

The Dai-ichi Life Insurance Group's commitment to its customers is to stay "By your side, for life," and the Group therefore hopes to continue contributing to the well-being of all, including future generations, to enable them to lead healthy and prosperous lives with peace of mind.

As a responsible institutional investor, the Company will continue to actively engage in increasingly advanced responsible investment to realize a sustainable society—thereby contributing to overall well-being—as well as to improve its investment returns through sophisticated and diverse investment methods.

¹ The company's "Policy on Transition Finance" states that investment actions prioritizing the long-term carbon neutrality of society as a whole will be chosen while making maximum efforts to achieve interim target for reducing GHG emissions.

² Financing initiatives that transition to a low-carbon economy.

For details on the Company's responsible investment policies and results, please check out the links below.

- Medium-term Responsible Investment Policy
https://www.dai-ichi-life.co.jp/english/dsr/investment/pdf/ri-report_005.pdf
- Policy on Transition Finance
https://www.dai-ichi-life.co.jp/english/dsr/investment/pdf/ri-report_008.pdf
- Responsible Investment Report 2022
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