

Outline

- Companies, local governments and CSOs making outstanding efforts, either domestically or internationally, to achieve SDGs are eligible for the Award.
- The SDGs Promotion Headquarters decided award winners based on the opinions of a wide-range of stakeholders who have expertise in the SDGs.
- Selection criteria are universality, inclusiveness, participation, integration, and transparency and accountability, which are the main principles of the "SDGs Implementation Guidelines" stipulated by the Headquarters.
- The Award ceremony took place at the Prime Minister's Office on Dec. 26, 2017.

The UN Secretary-General's Message to the Award ceremony



In the message, the UNSG

- commended the Government of Japan for creating this award to raise awareness of the SDGs
- extended his congratulations to the winners of this year's SDG awards, having the initiative to become agents of change in their communities.

Winners

Chief's Award (by Prime Minister)

- ◆ Shimokawa-town, Hokkaido (Successfully realizing regional vitalization through the SDGs)

Deputy-chiefs' Award (by Chief Cabinet Secretary)

- ◆ NPO Shinsei (Supporting the employment of those with disabilities in the disaster-affected areas)
- ◆ Palsystem Consumers' Co-operative Union (Promoting ethical purchase and consumption)
- ◆ Kanazawa Institute of Technology (Fostering SDGs young leaders with concrete projects)

Deputy-chiefs' Award (by Foreign Minister)

- ◆ Saraya.Co.Ltd (Promoting hand-washing campaign to improve health in developing countries)
- ◆ Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd. (Addressing infectious diseases with their cutting-edge mosquito net)

Special Award (SDGs Partnership Award)

- ◆ Yoshimoto Kogyo Co.,Ltd. (Raising domestic awareness of the SDGs through entertainment)
- ◆ ITO EN. LTD. (Making their entire tea-making value chain sustainable)
- ◆ Yanagawa Elementary School, Koto-ku, Tokyo (Leading education for sustainable development (ESD))
- ◆ Okayama University (Aligning its entire educational program with the SDGs)
- ◆ JOICFP (Comprehensively supporting maternal and child health in developing countries)
- ◆ Kitakyushu-city, Fukuoka (Supporting cities in developing countries to be more environmental friendly)

