# **Sustainability at ORIX**

Since our founding, contributing to society by creating new value through our business activities has been fundamental to ORIX. We believe that it is important for a company to make a profit, but making a profit is not everything. Providing new value to society and being a company that is needed by society are also important, and the profit that results makes ORIX's sustainable growth possible.

In addition, operating with an awareness of sustainability has become fundamental to the survival of companies amid constantly shifting economic, social and environmental conditions. These shifting conditions include dramatic changes in the natural environment due to climate change along with their related economic impacts as well as changes in society's expectations regarding the relationship between companies and society.

Based on this thinking, ORIX strives to accurately assess and identify the opportunities and risks arising from economic, social and environmental changes in order to work with our stakeholders and community to contribute to the economic development and sustainable growth of the larger global community, and to incorporate those opportunities and risks into our corporate management.

### **Corporate Philosophy**

ORIX is constantly anticipating market needs and working to contribute to society by developing leading financial services on a global scale and striving to offer innovative products that create new value for customers.

## **Management Policy**

- 1. ORIX strives to meet the diverse needs of its customers and to deepen trust by constantly providing superior services.
- 2. ORIX aims to strengthen its base of operations and achieve sustained growth by integrating its resources to promote synergies amongst different units.
- 3. ORIX makes efforts to develop a corporate culture that shares a sense of fulfillment and pride by developing personnel resources through corporate programs and promoting professional development.
- 4. ORIX aims to attain stable medium- and long-term growth in shareholder value by implementing these initiatives.

## **Action Guidelines**

### Creativity

Develop the flexibility and foresight to constantly take actions that are creative and innovative.

### Integration

Enhance ORIX Group strength by actively exchanging knowledge, ideas, and experiences.

## **International Commitments**

ORIX endorses the following international commitments, initiatives, and frameworks:

- The United Nations Global Compact
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- The International Labour Organization's Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work
- The Rio Declaration on Environment and Development
- The United Nations Convention against Corruption
- Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)

#### **Participation in the United Nations Global Compact**

ORIX became a participant in the United Nations Global Compact in July 2014. We support the ten principles in the four fields of human rights, labour, environment and anticorruption, and we are promoting initiatives in each of these fields.

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## Foreword

ORIX strives to proactively tackle social issues and needs and provide its own unique value based on our commitment to contributing to society through our business activities. In keeping with this commitment, we began publishing our Sustainability Report in 2019 to present our sustainability initiatives. This year's report, the second issue of the report, provides an explanation of our sustainability activities, information on the progress of our sustainability initiatives since the previous fiscal year and our thinking on future initiatives. Through this report, we hope that a wide range of stakeholders will gain a deeper understanding of ORIX, which aims to realize a sustainable society and sustainable growth.

### <Scope of the Report>

ORIX Corporation and Group companies in Japan and overseas. In this report, "ORIX" refers to the ORIX Group.

#### <Disclosure of Sustainability Information>

In addition to the Sustainability Report, ORIX discloses sustainability information through the following media.

#### **ORIX Group Sustainability Website**

Presents information on ORIX's sustainability initiatives.

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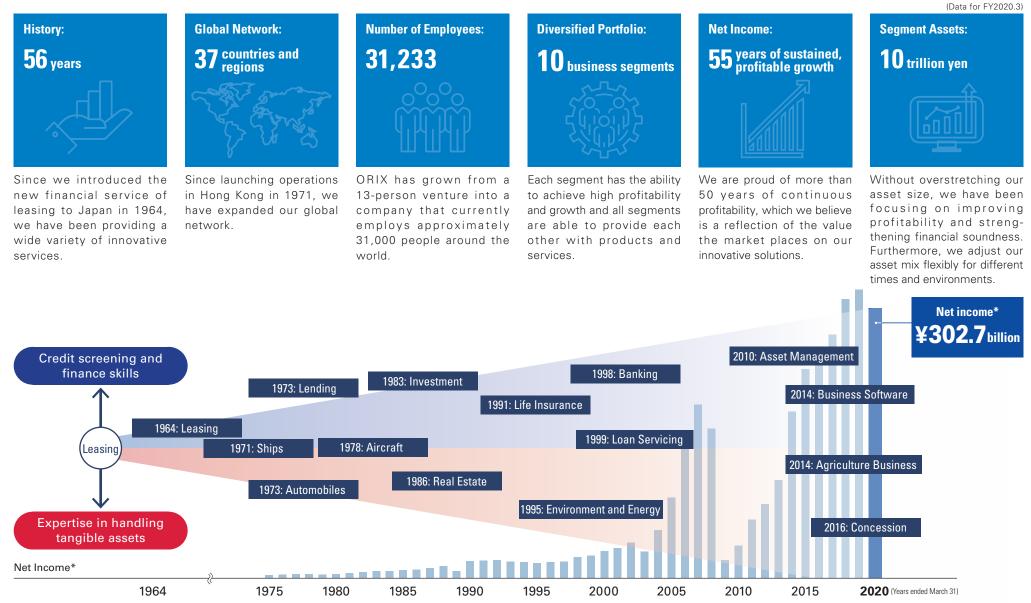
Presents financial information and non-financial information, with the principal objective of enabling a wide range of stakeholders, including shareholders and investors, to gain a multifaceted understanding of ORIX's sustainable growth.

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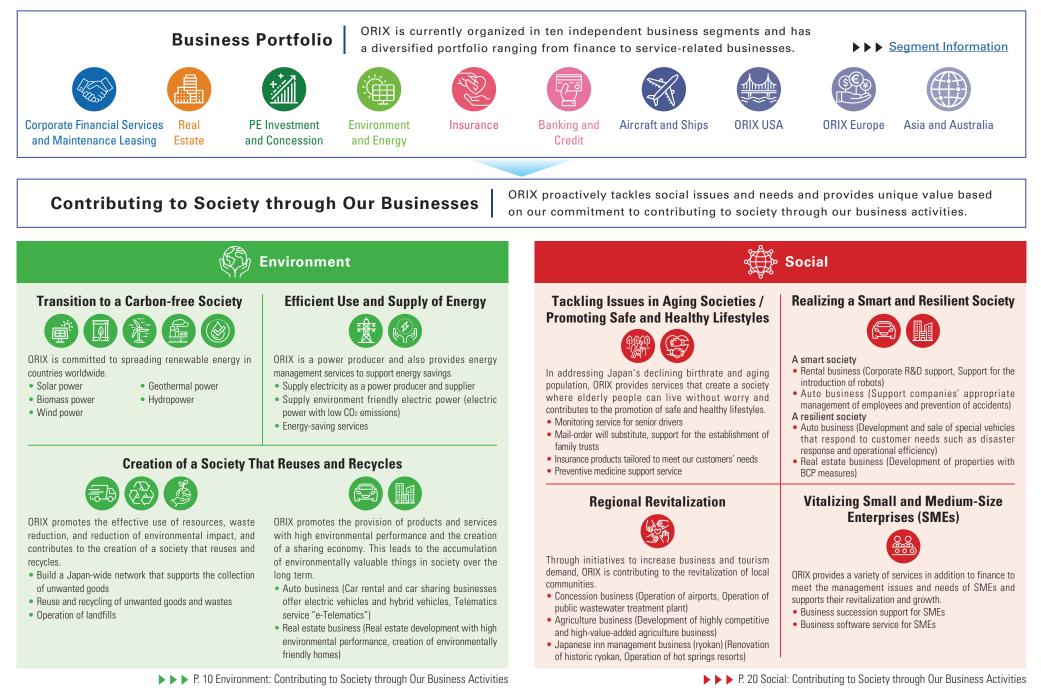
# **About ORIX**

ORIX was founded in 1964. From our starting point in leasing, ORIX has continued to enhance our expertise in finance and tangible assets as we synergistically expand our businesses.



\*Net income attributable to ORIX Corporation shareholders

## **About ORIX**



# A Message from the CEO

## **Adoption of Our Sustainability Policy**

The top priority of ORIX since its establishment has been to contribute to society by providing new value through its business activities. It is important that we continue to provide new value to all stakeholders and become a company that is needed by society. If profits can be generated through such businesses and activities, we will be able to provide further value, which will lead to growth of the Group over the long term.

In September 2019, we adopted the ORIX Corporate Sustainability Policy and in October 2019 issued our first Sustainability Report in order to promote the abovementioned top priorities in a concrete manner.

In order to promote sustainability and in order to meet the expectations and demands of all of our stakeholders, including society at large, we must set sustainability-related goals and create a timetable for their realization.

# Environmental Issues We Should Address as a Group

The task of the Group is to prepare environment-related data for each segment and to conduct simulations based on that data. We plan to analyze environment-related risks and costs and enact sustainability promotion action plans and mid- and long-term targets for each segment. Individual investing and lending projects are subject to a decision as to whether or not they are feasible in a process that takes into account the analysis and assessment of ESG-related risks.

In October 2020, we became a supporter of TCFD (Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures). We aim to appropriately disclose ESG-related information, including climate-related financial data, to our stakeholders. TCFD itself is an initiative aimed at addressing climate change, but we believe that the information disclosure process developed based on the recommendations of TCFD can be applied to addressing social issues other than climate change.

We believe the reduction of GHG emissions,\*<sup>1</sup> the efficient use of energy in our own operated assets, and support for the construction of environmentally friendly smart cities are themes to be considered by the Group.

We will focus on building infrastructure that is resilient to disasters, and will operate facilities in a manner that incorporates safety and well-being into the equation, taking into account the increase in natural disasters caused by climate change. Promoting and spreading renewable energy is also positioned as a business that contributes to sustainability and decarbonization, and we will focus our power generation business on the spread of renewable energy.

We will search for investment and business opportunities on the premise that we will not deal with developments that will have an adverse impact on the ecosystem and lead to destruction of the natural environment.

# Establishing a Global Standard Level Sustainability Governance System

We aim to establish a governance system that complies with a wide range of ESG-related principles and disclose information on a regular basis on the premise that accurate data is collected. Our goal is to be selected as a DJSI World & DJSI Asia Pacific<sup>\*2</sup> constituent stock, and as the first step we aim to reach a global standard level. We will promote sustainability education within the Group, collect and organize environment-related and nonfinancial data, and disclose accurate ESG-related data.

We would also like to advance ORIX's participation in the international initiative RE100.\*<sup>3</sup> ORIX will shift its electricity use to renewable energy and contribute to the conversion of customers to renewable energy. There is no change in ORIX's policy of accelerating our renewable energy business into the future.

## **Responding to Various Societal Changes** and **Expectations of Our Stakeholders**

The impact of COVID-19 has marked a major, historical turning point for the world. ORIX is not an exception to this change, but as a group that promotes diverse

businesses, we believe we have the resiliency and flexibility to adapt to various societal changes. We believe that ORIX can fully respond to the expectations and demands of our stakeholders.



Makoto Inoue

\*2 Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) is a global ESG investment index. DJSI measures the sustainability of a company from the aspects of environment, society, and governance (ESG), and selects companies that are comprehensively superior, taking into account market capitalization. Excellent companies are selected from the world's major companies for DJSI World and from companies in the Asia-Pacific region for DJSI Asia Pacific.

\*3 An initiative of a global group of companies. Members aim to procure 100% of their electricity from renewable sources.

Member of the Board of Directors Representative Executive Officer President and Chief Executive Officer

<sup>\*1</sup> Greenhouse gas emissions. Greenhouse gases are gases that have the ability to absorb infrared rays and, when present in the atmosphere, have a greenhouse effect. The main greenhouse gases are carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide and chlorofluorocarbons.

# A Message from the Senior Managing Executive Officer Responsible for Sustainability

For ORIX to continue to grow, it is essential that we provide new value to society and become an entity needed by society. Society is constantly changing, and the pace of change and the type of change that attracts society's attention varies over time. Recently, for example, the spread of COVID-19 has led to an increased focus on Japan's working styles and vulnerabilities in healthcare in non-urban areas. In such a constantly changing environment, there is no foolproof way of dealing with sustainability or reaching 100% agreement on specific methodology. Governments, companies, or organizations around the world need to think about the unique nature of their own organization, make their own priorities, and adopt methods that suit their own specific needs. Unlike the legal and compliance world, where there are laws and regulations that all must follow, sustainability by its nature leads to this kind of tailored, individualized approach. For this reason, I imagine the leadership of various corporations, like the leadership of ORIX, have a lot to think about when it comes to their approach to sustainability.

That said, in today's society, climate change is a common global issue that is nearly universally recognized. While there are a variety of methods for addressing climate change, the goals are clear, and data provides a clear picture of progress toward the goals. In view of these circumstances, it is now essential for companies to tackle climate change. ORIX believes that TCFD (Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures) is the most established methodology to combat climate change. For this reason, we have become a supporter of TCFD.

For a company to achieve sustainable growth, it is essential to integrate sustainability concerns into its corporate decision-making process. ORIX has an established track record of developing and promoting sustainable businesses, such as becoming a major player in renewable energy in Japan. However, we have not necessarily implemented sustainability promotion measures that span the entire ORIX Group. Nonetheless, management recognizes that what society demands of ORIX is not a collection of individual initiatives, but a systematic corporate approach. To this end, we formulated the ORIX Sustainable Investing and Lending Policy in September 2019 as the first step toward the integration of sustainability into the corporate decision-making process. Based on this policy, business matters that are authorized at the ORIX Corporation Investment and Credit Committee are screened from a sustainability perspective. In July 2019, we established a dedicated team to promote corporate sustainability within ORIX. The past year was a period in which we promoted and signaled within ORIX Group as a whole that we have established a team to promote sustainability and will be actively engaging in sustainability as a group. We also felt that this was a period in which we signaled to our employees that sustainability is something they each need to be aware of and consider as every individual employee's mandate.

After this preparatory period, I am confident that we will be able to move on to the next phase of our sustainability initiatives. In terms of sustainability, the risk management aspect is of course important; therefore screening our investing and lending projects so that ORIX does not make business decisions that will damage ORIX's reputation is important. However, the opportunity sourcing aspect of sustainability is also very important and I believe our sustainability work will enable ORIX to make investments and loans that bring positive benefits to society. I believe such positive impact investments and loans provide employees with a sense of satisfaction and pride, and are also consistent with ORIX's corporate culture of being sensitive to and responding quickly to societal needs. We will continue to work proactively toward sustainability by both contributing to the realization of a sustainable society and establishing a path for sustainable growth for ORIX.

## ShojiTaniguchi

Member of the Board of Directors Senior Managing Executive Officer Responsible for Treasury and Accounting Headquarters Responsible for Enterprise Risk Management Headquarters Responsible for Corporate Planning Department Responsible for Corporate Communications Department Assistant to CEO

# **Sustainability Initiatives**

ORIX has been working on the following sustainability initiatives.

- Since our establishment, our approach to sustainability has been to tackle social issues and needs through our business activities. We clarified and reiterated this approach in our Sustainability Policy. Based on this policy, we have established a system to institutionalize our approach to sustainability and are working to raise awareness among all levels of employees.
- Through the publication of our Sustainability Report and the dissemination of information on the ORIX Group sustainability website, we aim to explain our initiatives and deepen our communication with our stakeholders.

October 2018	Established Sustainability Task Force.
July 2019	Established Sustainability Team in Corporate Planning Department.
September 2019	Adopted the ORIX Corporate Sustainability Policy, ORIX Human Rights Policy and ORIX Sustainable Investing and Lending Policy. Released Modern Slavery Act Statement.
October 2019	Issued Sustainability Report (English edition issued in November). Began sustainable investing and lending screening (began screening the ESG elements of investment and lending proposals pursuant to the Sustainable Investing and Lending Policy).
November 2019	Began formulating and establishing sustainability action plans and targets or business units (aiming for finalization during the fiscal year ended March 2021).
January 2020	Issued green bonds.
June 2020	Launched the Sustainability Library to raise sustainability awareness in the Company (introduces basic information about sustainability and ORIX's sustainability initiatives).
July 2020	Began sustainability training for employees.
October 2020	Announced support for TCFD (Task Force on Climate-related Financia Disclosures).
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