

Otsuka Foods' Gunma Factory Adopts CO₂-free Electricity
Contributing to Decline of Over 40% in Annual CO₂ Emissions
CO₂-free Electricity Online at All Four Factories in Japan
(Kushiro, Gunma, Shiga, Tokushima)

TOKYO, Japan, March 23, 2021—Otsuka Foods Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Chuo-ku, Osaka; President: Koichi Shiraishi), a subsidiary of Otsuka Holdings Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President and Representative Director, CEO: Tatsuo Higuchi) announced the introduction of CO₂-free electricity, which is derived from renewable energy and does not emit CO₂, at its Gunma Factory.*¹ It is predicted that this move will decrease the factory's annual CO₂ emissions by approximately 1,400 tons (about 44%).

With its introduction at the Gunma Factory, all four Otsuka Foods factories (Kushiro, Gunma, Shiga, and Tokushima) in Japan have now adopted CO₂-free electricity, a milestone that is expected to reduce total annual CO₂ factory emissions by approximately 25%, or approximately 5,600 tons per year.

The Paris Climate Change Agreement, an international framework for global warming countermeasures, sets down global long-term targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Climate change issues must be addressed at a global level, and the movement to introduce renewable energies that do not emit greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide, is growing.

The Otsuka group of companies has identified “climate change”, “resource recycling and conservation”, and “water conservation” as important areas (materialities) for environmental initiatives. Regarding climate change, the goal of 30% reduction in CO₂ emissions by 2030*³ is the focus of proactive efforts to reduce CO₂ emissions across the value chain.

Going forward, the group will continue to optimize and maximize energy consumption through such measures as fuel conversion, leveraging collaboration between group companies with the aim of achieving a low-carbon society and contributing to the realization of a sustainable society.

1. Established on July 17, 2003 in Tamamura-machi, Sawa-gun in Gunma Prefecture, within 100km of central Tokyo, the Gunma Factory mainly manufactures products in paper packaging such as the soy *Sugoi Daizu* drinks line.

2. From group company 2017 levels. Applies to CO₂ emissions both in Japan and overseas