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# Mitsubishi Chemical Group, An example of transition Pathway of Japanese Chemical Industry

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## Overview of Mitsubishi Chemical Group Corporation 📩 MITSUBISHI



Sales Revenue

Core Operating Income



Health Care - Polymers & Compounds Industrial Gases Films & Molding Materials Performance 16% Products Industrial Gases 36% ¥272.3 Advanced Solutions 6% billion MMA 12% bon roducts 10% Chemicals Petrochemicals 16%

\*All figures are for the year ended March 2022 (FY2021)

Science.

Value. Life.

## 2030 GHG reduction target and 2050 CN roadmap

#### Carbon Neutrality by 2050



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Affordable Path towards Carbon Neutrality while achieving Sustainable Growth

#### Our approach, vision



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### **Our** actions



**Plastic recycling** 



#### **Use of bioplastics**

Carbon cycle through the use of biobased raw materials and biodegradation



**Utilizing carbon** and hydrogen

- Study on commercialization of pyrolysis oil in cooperation with ENEOS
- Chemical Recycling Study of PET in cooperation with Kirin
- Chemical Recycling of Acrylic Resin in cooperation with Honda
- Investment in the domestic and international recycling industry



#### Artificial photosynthesis

1.Development of photocatalysts etc. 2. Development of hydrogen separation methods 3. Development of low grade olefin synthesis

#### Microalgae utilization •Hydrogen applications

1.Chubu Hydrogen Utilization Council 2.Hydrogen Value Chain Promotion Council 3. Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Strategy Council

Use of LCA

Strengthen products and services that contribute to reducing environmental impact throughout the value chain.



# **Open innovation, collaboration** with stakeholders

AEPW, CE100, WBCSD, ICCA, Alliance for the Blue, WEF-LCET, GCNJ, CGC, CLOMA, JaiME, Carbon Recycling Fund Institute, SIP. Moonshot and others



### **Overview of plastic pyrolysis**



#### for petrochemical operation; Optimization of operations by integration

- Conversion of fuel into petrochemicals, e.g., butane cracking
- Optimization of naphtha quality and mutual exchange of utilities and infrastructure

#### for plastic recycling; Chemical recycling of waste plastics

- Installation of an pyrolysis facility for waste plastic
- Investment in REFINVERSE to secure waste plastic as raw material



Source: From MCHC business presentation materials, February 2021

#### **Chemical recycling of PET**



# Towards a sustainable recycling of PET, we started joint technical and feasibility study with Kirin Holdings.



### Olefin production from plant-derived raw materials

Together with Toyota Tsusho, MCC started the assessment for the commercialization of Olefin production from plant-derived raw materials



### Innovative technologies R & D



"Artificial photosynthesis" technology that contributes to CO<sub>2</sub> utilization



#### 1 Photocatalysts

- Successful 100m<sup>2</sup> class verification test (Nature 598, 304–307 (2021))
- Further improving the efficiency of photocatalysts and developing safe hydrogen separation technology

#### Schedule

*ha*-class outdoor test in 2029-2030 Social implementation in the 2030s



100m<sup>2</sup> class water splitting panel

- Installed at Kakioka Research Facility, University of Tokyo
- Each photocatalyst sheet: 25 x 25cm square

#### **(2)CO2** utilization catalysts

• Developing energy efficiency for practical application

(improvement of catalyst efficiency, device design considering heat capture, etc.)

- Pilot testing a new methanol synthesis technology with ceramic membranes used as reaction membranes
  - Schedule MTO pilot test by 2028 social implementation by 2035



Membrane reactor of methanol synthesis (pilot test)