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## The 22<sup>nd</sup> Green Purchasing Award

KIMICA Corporation (HQ: Tokyo, CEO: Fumiyoishi Kasahara), a manufacturer of alginate, received the Grand Prize and Minister of the Environment Award at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Green Purchasing Award.

The award, hosted by [Green Purchasing Network](#) and sponsored by various organizations such as Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, is to honor activities to achieve decarbonization, SDGs and circular economy. KIMICA received the awards for its;

- Unique activities such as those to establish ecology-and-climate conditions-conscious alginate manufacturing process and those to solve poverty and improve the standard of living of Chilean fishermen with a clear vision
- Achievements with long-term activities to have a positive impact on worldwide supply chain
- Business model with circular economy implemented where raw material is sourced without interfering with seaweed ecology and its residue is used as fertilizer

\*Please refer to [Website](#) and [Sustainability Report](#) for detailed activities.

This marked the third award regarding sustainability KIMICA received an award at following those received at the Japan SDGs Award (Host: Japanese Government) in 2020 and at the Food Safety, Security and Environmental Contribution Award (Host: THE JAPAN FOOD JOURNAL Co.,Ltd.) in 2021. We continue to strive to be a human and environmentally friendly company proceeding with green purchasing further.

### 【KIMICA Corporation】

KIMICA Corporation is the only company in Japan that produces and provides alginate, an extract from natural seaweed. Alginate is a polysaccharide contained in seaweed and is widely used in food, pharmaceutical, cosmetic, textile, steel and paper industries. KIMICA has more than 90% alginate market share in Japan and the world's top production volume of high quality alginate for food and pharmaceutical industries.

### 【The Green Purchasing Award】

The award is to honor activities to increase business enterprise or individual working for green market expansion or green purchasing in the aim to popularize green purchasing (Purchase prioritizing environment-conscious products or service) . It is hosted by Green Purchasing Network and is sponsored by Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Japan Business Federation, The Yomiuri Shimbun, The Mainichi Newspapers Co., The Nikkan Kogyo Shimbun, Ltd., Nikkei Business Publications, Inc., Toyo Keizai Inc., K.K. Kyodo News, Kankyoshimbunsha,Co.,Ltd. and Sustainable Brands Japan(SB-J) .