Respect for Human Rights throughout the Value Chain

Policy and Principle

The Daigas Group supports and respects international standards for human rights, including the International Bill of Human Rights (Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenants on Human Rights) and the International Labour Organization's Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work. We also promote human rights initiatives in accordance with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the UN Children's Rights and Business Principles, and other relevant principles.

Establishment of policies and regulations

The Daigas Group has stated that human rights are to be respected in the Daigas Group Charter of Business Conduct, which expresses the Daigas Group's corporate stance, and the Daigas Group Code of Business Conduct, which serves as a code of conduct for officers and employees. It also established the Daigas Group Human Rights Policy in April 2021 and have disseminated the policy since then. In addition to the Daigas Group Procurement Policy, which is aimed at respecting human rights throughout the supply chain, we have also established various regulations related to occupational health and safety, etc.

We identify and assess the negative impact of our business activities on human rights and take steps to prevent or mitigate such risks under the Daigas Group Human Rights Policy. The Daigas Group Code of Business Conduct, which incorporates the 10 principles of the UN Global Compact, contains "respecting human rights" and "providing safe and secure workplace" as the first and second items respectively. The Code eliminates discrimination and bans harassment against all stakeholders in all countries and regions.

We will also demand that our suppliers and other parties concerned respect human rights and not infringe on them.

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The Daigas Group established the Daigas Group Human Rights Policy in April 2021. This Policy is based on the Daigas Group Corporate Principles and the Daigas Group Charter of Business Conduct and has been approved by the Board of Directors of Osaka Gas.

Prohibition of child labor and forced labor

The Daigas Group conducts self-inspections using G-RIMS, a system for managing risks related to daily business activities, in each one of its organizations and affiliated companies to confirm that there are no labor issues such as child labor or forced labor. In order to prevent child labor, the Group thoroughly verifies the age of employees when they are hired. Furthermore, in order to prevent forced labor, the Group does not retain employees' passports or any other important documents that could restrict their freedom of movement.

Consideration for occupational safety and health

The Daigas Group not only complies with all applicable laws and regulations related to safety and health but also has established its original rules, including the Daigas Group Safety & Health Promotion Regulations. The Group has also established the Daigas Group Safety and Health Council to discuss and share information on measures to prevent occupational accidents and promote health maintenance, thereby working to improve the levels of workers' safety and health throughout the Group.

In March 2021, we issued the Daigas Group Declaration of Health and Productivity Management to summarize our stance toward health and productivity management, based on the idea that ensuring safety and maintaining and improving physical and mental well-being are key to all operations.

Based on the Declaration of Health and Productivity Management, we also established the Daigas Group Action Guidelines "7 Rules for Being Healthy" to encourage employees to live healthy lifestyles, and we provide guidance to organizations and individuals at the Health Development Center, as well as lifestyle advice to employees at health checkups. Moreover, in response to requests from our suppliers, we regularly undergo SMETA audits (an audit scheme provided by Sedex) at our LNG terminals, and are ensuring respect for the human rights of our employees and workers at our contractors and improving their working environments.

Encouraging suppliers to comply with laws and regulations regarding human rights

To ensure respect for human rights throughout the supply chain, the Daigas Group strives to encourage its suppliers to understand the concept of human rights and follow international human rights standards through the Daigas Group Procurement Policy and the Daigas Group Procurement Policy for Suppliers.

From the end of FY2025, we started gradually requesting that business partners sign a "Memorandum on Human Rights Protection Initiatives," and are continuously raising awareness of human rights among our business partners in order to promote respect for human rights throughout our supply chain.

Major requests

Respect for Human Rights
Respect the human rights of all those involved in corporate activities according to international human rights standards, and prevent direct or indirect infringement of human rights, including discrimination, harassment, and other inhumane treatment, due to corporate activities throughout the supply chain.

Fair Working Conditions
Comply with international labor standards and related laws and ordinances to appropriately pay employees, manage their working hours, and give them days off; to prevent any kind of discrimination at the workplace, forced labor, or child labor; and to respect the rights of workers (including technical intern trainees, other workers from abroad and immigrant workers), such as the freedom of association and the right of collective bargaining.

Contribution to Environmental Conservation
Reduce the environmental burden of business operation and products and services. [Examples: Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by saving energy and using low-carbon and/or decarbonized energy; promote green purchasing; use resources (water resources, raw materials, etc.) in a sustainable way; promote resource recycling; prevent air, water and soil pollution; and conserve biodiversity]

Ethical Corporate Management
Respect free and fair competition and prevent misconduct.

Protect intellectual property rights; disclose information appropriately; maintain confidentiality; safeguard privacy, including that of personal information; procure minerals responsibly; conduct responsible marketing activities; and never have any relationships with antisocial groups.