# **Materiality**

Materiality refers to the important issues that ISEKI Group will address as a priority for the achievement of ISEKI Group's aspirations and long-term vision. We have revised our materiality by aligning them with risks and opportunities identified through SWOT analysis, etc., as well as our visions and management

strategies, after review with external sustainability expert organizations. We have set KPIs, and formulated and implemented a plan for specific initiatives for each materiality item. The ESG Committee manages the progress and reports to the Board of Directors.

Mate	eriality	Vision (2030)	Related SDGs	Risks	Risks and	opportunities		KPI	Focused themes (strategies)	Status of activities
	Common	Develop products and generate business that contribute to the creation of the prosperous and sustainable society		Response to changes in policies of individual gover Competition with other companies, changes in econ conditions and the environment of agriculture Climate change, reduction of environmental burder disasters, infectious diseases, etc.  Lagging behind Chinese and other competitors in the and U.S. zero-emission (EV) product markets	nomic n, natural	New demand and needs Generation of business and crea Increase in demand for electrific	rtunities  tion of new value through innovation stion products s in the landscaping business and personal	Expansion of advanced technological intellectual properties Increase in the proportion of research and development investment in priority strategic fields	Responses to changing demand and needs Generation of business and creation of new value through innovation	P43–46, P51–53
8	Improved agricultural productivity	Japan Contribute to the realization of sustainable agriculture through the dissemination and promotion of agriculture that uses smart agricultural machinery and data	2 ****   1 ****   5 *****   8 *******   9 **********   \$ ********   \$ *********   \$ ********	Decline in the number of farms in Japan, advancing age of farmers, and slowdown of demand due to an increase in contracting of farm work		Larger scale of Japanese agriculture, diversification of crops Develop measures to ensure the stability of food supplies Dissemination of smart agriculture (data-driven and environmentally sound agriculture) Partnerships with entities in other industries through DX		Dissemination of large-sized agricultural machinery and smart agricultural machinery	Strengthening of initiatives for large-scale farmers Strengthening of DX and smart strategies Acceleration of revenue-expenditure structural reform	P35–38
rough busines		Contribute to the improvement of productivity through the mechanization of agriculture by providing agricultural machinery to suit individual countries and regions, leveraging the rice-growing technologies developed in Japan	15 to	Lowering of prices, rise of Indian, South Korean, and Chinese competitors Chinese and other manufacturers leading the competition of EV products	nd Chinese	Progress in mechanization of agriculture in ASEAN, India, and other regions where rice is the main crop Dissemination of smart agriculture (data-driven and environmentally sound agriculture) in East Asia, etc. Expansion of price competitive products manufactured by TAFE into the ASEAN market		A wider spread of our products in the Asian region	Build foundations for ASEAN business based on IST Bring high-performance, large-scale agricultural machinery to market Enhancement of service systems Build a new business model through collaboration with TAFE	P39, 42
creation th	/ement of ty of life	North America Support the enhancement of private lives including hobby gardening and farming through provision of small-sized tractors, etc.	11 MARIE TO 15 E. 3 MARIE TO 17 MARIE TO 18 MARIE TO 1		petition of EV	New demand for electrification products, etc. Contribute to the SDGs goals such as "Sustainable cities and communities" by		Expansion of sales of tractors and lawn mowers for North America and Europe	Support for AGCO brand strategy development Bring machinery with reduced cost and economical specifications to market Reconstruct sales network with a view to consolidation	P39, 40
Value	Improver	Europe Contribute to the development of pleasant communities by safeguarding beautiful landscapes and environments				increasing sales of our products		mowers for North America and Europe	Expand products such as electrification products  Streamline procurement of consumer products and implements	P39, 41
a c an	alization of decarbonized d recycling-	Contribute to the realization of a decarbonized and recycling- oriented society through business activities that take the	12 mm 13 m 15 m 15 m 15 m	Tightening of environment-related regulations and Decline in demand due to changing market needs Decline in competitiveness due to delays in respond emission reduction solutions		Increase in demand for products and services that accommodate changes in the agricultural environment  • Conservation of energy and labor  • Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions  • Reduction of fertilizer and agrochemicals  • Expansion of organic farming, etc.  Cost reduction through the introduction of facilities with high environmental efficiency  Minimization of resource consumption  Production activities with low environmental burden by curbing waste generation		Eco-product sales ratio Land area organically farmed (rice)	Response to climate change Preservation of biodiversity — Resource circulation in production	P54–57, P61–62
	ented ciety	environment into consideration		Suspension of product and service provision system natural disasters such as typhoons and floods Increase in costs due to introduction of carbon tax energy prices				Reduction of CO <sub>2</sub> emissions Reduction and reuse of production resources		
	Enhancement	Make our presence felt by solving social issues, leading to development of the relationships of trust with stakeholders and	1   2   2   3   3   4   5   7   7   6   7   7   7   7   7   7   7	Serious defects in products and services Dependence on specific suppliers, soaring raw material prices, difficulty in procurement, and supply chain disruptions Reputational risk		Capturing customers and fans with secure, safe, and cost-effective products and services Building trust with suppliers Stabilization of business through a sense of presence in the region, enhancement of brand value, and co-existence		Enhancement of customer satisfaction	Enhancement of customer satisfaction and quality assurance	P63–64
	brand lue							Promotion of CSR procurement	Strengthening supply chain management	P65
d) Se	uilding of ust)	mitigation and prevention of risks						Strengthening relationships with local communities through ongoing communication activities	Co-existence with local communities	P66
ınageme	hancement	Secure core human resources to execute business strategies Maximize each individual's abilities and develop human	5 ************************************	Shortage of labor power, outflow of human resourc Rigid organization and culture due to homogeneity human resources		Improvement of ability to generate innovations through retention and development of women, experts, and foreign nationals		Promotion of diversity & inclusion (D&I) and enhancement of education	Utilization and development of diverse human resources	P47-50
	employee gagement	resources with a spirit of challenge to bring about change Provide employees with secure and safe workplaces, and create rewarding workplaces		An impact of property and personal damage on our Reputational risk and damages due to industrial ac Human rights violations due to labor issues (harass overtime work, etc.)	ccidents	Improvement of motivation and productivity Securing health and safety of employees		Improving engagement survey scores	Promotion of health & productivity management	
of va	hancement corporate lue by inforcing	Respond to changes in the business environment swiftly and accurately, and maintain fair management	10 === 17 ===	Risks in general Risks of legal violation Risks related to information security		Stabilization of business activities Transformation through prompt management decision and appropriate risk taking		Zero material legal violations and scandals	Strengthening governance systems Strengthening internal control and ensuring compliance Prevention of risks from becoming obvious and minimization of losses through risk management, prompt management decision, and appropriate risk taking	P67-80
	rporate	Strive to disclose necessary information promptly and accurately, and create a transparent company		Risks derived from international business and other risks		Promotion of awareness and understanding through information disclosure Establishment of trust through constructive dialogue		Engagement opportunities	Information disclosure and constructive dialogue Systematic checking of disclosure information through the Information Disclosure Working Group and ESG Committee	P60
	ransformation			Fluctuations in production caused by changes in ecconditions and the environment	conomic	Building of an optimal production system capable of responding to changes		Improvement of operating margin	Structural reform Enhanced management efficiency	
provem str	a lean and eamlined siness ucture	Build a management structure and foundation that can respond to changes in the environment and strive to achieve sustainable growth and enhance corporate value		Stock market trends, price decline in land and other fixed assets Exchange rate fluctuations A hike in interest rate, rise of an obligation to pay back loans early because financial covenants are triggered		Improvement of management efficiency and sophistication of business management Capital investment in line with growth strategies Diversification of procurement methods		Improvement of asset efficiency	Improvement of financial structure Creation of cash flows	P23-25

# Materiality identification process

In identifying materiality, materiality was examined from both aspects of the realization of corporate philosophy and long-term vision of ISEKI Group and social issues (social demands and expectations). Based on the suggestions from the dialogue with external sustainability expert organizations, senior management discussed and identified materiality to be addressed by the Group.

## Identification of issues

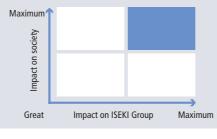
- Issues were identified based on social issues and various guidelines (ISO26000, GRI, SDGs, etc.).
- Issues were identified by identifying risks and opportunities through SWOT analysis.
- The process identified issues to be addressed as a priority for the creation of social and economic value through business activities and issues to be addressed from the perspective of risks and opportunities in business activities, such as environmental changes, impediments to business activities, and burden on the global environment.



#### Issues identified from the perspective of opportunities and risks in business activities

## Evaluation of materiality

 Evaluate the importance of the issues identified from the perspective of impact on society and impact on ISEKI Group.



#### **Evaluation of reasonableness**

 Issues and the reasonableness of the results of the evaluation of importance are discussed at the ESG Committee and reviewed by external sustainability expert organizations.

# Identification of materiality

- The materiality to be addressed by ISEKI Group are identified through deliberation and resolution at the ESG Committee and the Board of Directors.
  - The ESG Committee and the Materiality Working Group deliberate once a year whether or not a review of materiality is necessary.