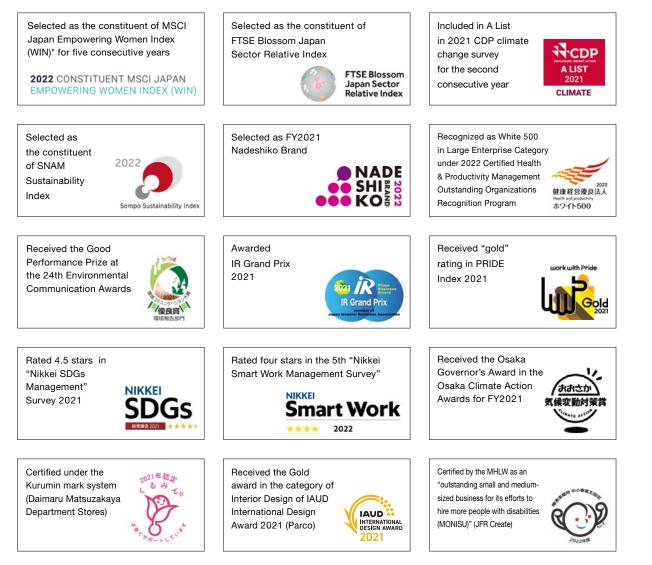
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Sustainable Finance

Issued sustainability bonds

In May 2021, the Company issued "sustainability bonds*" for the first time. The Company received external evaluation (third-party evaluation) from Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd. (JCR) for its conformity to principles including the Sustainability Bond Guidelines.

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*Bonds where the proceeds are used for projects that both: (1) have a positive impact on the environment (environmental/green features) and (2) contribute to solving social issues (social features)

Signed a loan agreement for the Positive Impact Finance

The Company has signed a loan agreement with Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited for the Positive Impact Finance in an alignment with the Principles for Positive Impact Finance established by the United Nations Environmental Programme Finance Initiative for the first time as a retailer. To sign the agreement, the Company has received a thirdparty opinion from JCR concerning the evaluation procedures.