## **Corporate Governance**

## **Basic Approach**

Corporate governance in the Company is a mechanism for ensuring management transparency, fairness, planning, and speed, and for organically linking business execution and supervision so that they function in a timely and appropriate manner, in order to realize the ideal corporate management to which the Company has aspired since it was founded (aiming to achieve sustained development of the business and enhancement of corporate value by building good relations with all stakeholders of the Company and meeting the needs of society), consistent with its Corporate Philosophy.

The Company considers strengthening and enhancing corporate governance to be an important management issue, and continuously works to build an effective governance system.

## Corporate Governance Policy

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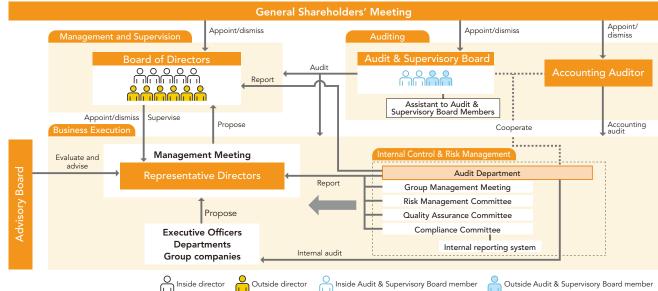
In order to build a sound management system for heightened risks associated with globalization and other trends, and to realize an advanced monitoring model using outside directors, the Company has made its own decision to have a Board of Directors with highly independent outside directors comprising a majority of directors in addition to clarifying the division of roles of management supervision and execution functions, and has introduced an Executive Officer system for increasing the speed of business execution. In addition, as a company with an Audit & Supervisory Board, the Company is strengthening functions for auditing and monitoring management while effectively utilizing the functions of Audit & Supervisory Board members.

Furthermore, Advisory Board meetings are periodically held by outside experts who provide evaluation and advice to the representative directors on business strategies and Group management in general.

#### **Corporate Governance Improvements**

	Details	Composition of Board of Directors	Ratio of Outside Directors
2002	Advisory Board established		
2003	Executive Officer system introduced		0%
2006	Outside director system introduced		40%
2012	Business group system introduced	A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A	22%
2014	Outside directors become a majority		57%
2015	Chief officer system introduced (CEO, COO)		63%
2018	Corporate Governance Policy established		60%
2020	Number of directors increased		54%
2021	Evaluation of effectiveness by a third-party organization conducted		54%
2022	New management structure established		55%

#### **Corporate Governance Framework**









#### **Overview of Important Meetings**

	Member Composition	Independence	Meeting Frequency	Main Topics of Discussion in FY2021
Board of Directors	5 inside directors 6 outside directors	55%	Once a month in principle	(1) Examination of growth strategies for the domestic rice cracker business  *Examination of growth strategies based on medium- to long-term market needs and production capacity  *Examination of efforts to strengthen supply chain management to accommodate shortfalls in supply capacity  (2) Monitoring of progress of strategies in the overseas business  *Confirmation of progress of efforts to build our presence in North America, the largest market for gluten-free products, and of growth strategies for expanding our business  (3) Discussion of strategies for expanding the food business  *Confirmation of the marketability and strategic significance of plant-based foods and rice flour bread and examination of overall strategies including investments and M&As  *Confirmation of overall strategies and risks in the food business's core long-life preserved foods category  (4) Examination of corporate culture reforms and human resource policies  *Reforms of human resource systems for training people and enhancing their capabilities and examination of measures to create an environment that accommodates diverse work styles
Audit & Supervisory Board	2 full-time Audit & Supervisory Board members 2 outside Audit & Supervisory Board members	50%	Once a month in principle	Related to operational audits: Audit plans, reports on audit activities, advance confirmation of proposals to be considered by the Board of Directors  Related to accounting audits: Quarterly and year-end audit review, consideration of KAM, <sup>1</sup> evaluation of accounting auditor
Management Meeting	5 inside directors 9 executive officers (Full-time Audit & Supervisory Board members may also attend as observers)	_	Once a week in principle	Topics subject to decision-making: Discussion of policies (product policies, sales policies, etc.), capital investment and other items to be brought up in Board of Directors meetings Report and review topics: Business report monitoring, etc.
Advisory Board <sup>2</sup>	2 representative directors 4 outside experts	_	Three times a year	Exchange of views on the medium- to long-term vision, changes in the market environment (consumer sentiment), and management strategy, business strategy and various measures

<sup>1.</sup> Key Audit Matters 2. Has not convened since FY2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic

#### **Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors formulates management policies and management plans that form the core of the Company's management, in addition to establishing corporate governance through management and supervision of business operations and deliberation and decision-making on important matters, along with the supervision of important matters in Group companies.

#### Audit & Supervisory Board

The Company has adopted the company with an Audit & Supervisory Board structure. Meetings of the Audit & Supervisory Board are held according to the annual audit plan to determine audit policies, review the content of audits, and conduct reviews, etc. based on reports from the accounting auditor. Audit & Supervisory Board members attend important meetings such as meetings of the Board of Directors and also conduct audits of divisions and subsidiaries. The appointment of an employee to assist the duties of Audit & Supervisory Board members helps to strengthen the audit functions of Audit & Supervisory Board members.

#### Management Meeting

In principle, Management Meetings are held weekly for inside directors and executive officers to make decisions on important matters pertaining to business operations and to deliberate matters for submission to the Board of Directors.

#### **Group Management Meeting**

In principle, Group Management Meetings are held every six months. The meeting comprises inside directors and full-time Audit & Supervisory Board members as well as the presidents of Group companies. In addition to receiving reports on the status of business operations of Group companies, it discusses common issues throughout the Group such as the strengthening of internal controls.

#### Advisory Board

The Company periodically holds Advisory Board meetings, made up of the two representative directors and four outside experts who provide evaluation and advice to the representative directors on business strategies and management in general within the Group.

# Quality Assurance Committee, Risk Management Committee, Compliance Committee

In principle, meetings of each of these committees are held at least once per quarter to resolve various issues within the Group with the aim of quality assurance, risk management, and ensuring compliance throughout the entire Group.

## Diversity of the Board of Directors

The Company's Board of Directors is made up of officers with diverse values including gender and nationality.

The basic stance is for highly independent outside directors to comprise a majority of the Board of Directors to enable lively deliberation and swift decision-making. The Company believes that inside directors must comprise members with a sense of balance,

accomplishments, decisiveness, and diverse specialties enabling them to understand operations in general and act accordingly.

For outside directors, the Company seeks a good balance of various kinds of knowledge, experience and abilities by appointing primarily business managers from the food industry and other industries to support its goal of expanding its business domain from the rice cracker and snacks industry into the food industry. The Company believes it is necessary for outside directors to be managers or people with management experience from a variety of industries, and who are independent and have diverse perspectives, abundant experience, high-level insight and expertise. As a result, the Company believes it can expect an advanced monitoring model by outside directors, and that it can create a sound management system for heightened risks from globalization and other trends.

Furthermore, as a food manufacturer, the Company believes that women's values and ideas are important, and that it is necessary for women to be included among the members of the Board of Directors.

## **Appointment and Dismissal of Directors**

#### **Nomination Policy for Director Candidates**

The basic stance is for the Company's Board of Directors to have a maximum of 14 members to enable lively deliberation and swift decision-making and for highly independent outside directors to comprise the majority.

When nominating director candidates, the Chairman & CEO makes proposals according to the following criteria, and submits these as proposals to the General Shareholders' Meeting. For outside directors, the Company adds independence criteria.

#### Appointment Criteria for CEO and COO

The Company will establish criteria for the appointment of the CEO and the COO as follows.

#### [Ability]

- Must understand and be able to implement the Company's Corporate Philosophy
- Must have the ability to ascertain medium- to long-term trends in global society, and to devise and execute medium- to long-term plans accordingly

#### [Leadership]

- Must be able to communicate sincerely with officers and employees
- Must be able to lead and take initiative

### [Resourcefulness]

- Must have personal appeal, fortitude, depth, and generosity
- Must correctly understand own capabilities, and have a stance of supplementing own shortcomings by coordinating with others

In addition, the Company has formulated a successor development plan for the CEO and the COO, considers the state and results of its operation in each meeting of the Board of Directors, and determines the CEO and the COO in the Board of Directors by considering the opinions of management executives and outside officers and assessments such as 360-degree evaluations with reference to the content considered in the successor development plan and the CEO and COO appointment criteria.

If it is found that the CEO or the COO is not functioning adequately, if there are serious concerns with corporate governance such as a social scandal, if the Company's performance deteriorates significantly, or if qualification under the CEO and COO appointment criteria is lost, the Board of Directors will discuss and determine the dismissal of the CEO or the COO.

#### Successor Development Plan

The Company has formulated a successor development plan including evaluation of business operations and designated training, as well as assessments such as 360-degree evaluations and personal interviews with outside directors, and verifies the state and results (process) of the plan's operation in each meeting of the Board of Directors.

#### Framework of Outside Directors

Highly independent outside directors comprise a majority of the Company's directors. To make the most of this characteristic, the Company operates as follows.

The Company has not established "meetings consisting solely of independent directors" for the following reasons.

- "Meetings consisting solely of independent directors" are thought
  to be effective for rectifying an environment where few directors are
  outside directors and it is difficult for their opinions to be reflected,
  but the Company has appointed six outside directors, and believes it
  has created an environment where it is easy for outside directors to
  make comments and ensure their opinions are reflected in the
  matters being discussed.
- Outside directors are required to individually exercise their own outstanding expertise, but the Company believes that the establishment of "meetings consisting solely of independent directors" may result in a weakening of their independence, such as through forming a kind of common awareness, making it difficult to state opposing opinions.
- The Company believes that an effort can be made to ensure there is an adequate understanding by providing outside directors with information that is of the same quality and content, such as minutes and reports of the Company's important meetings, giving due consideration so that there are no discrepancies in the information provided to each individual.

The Company has not appointed a lead independent outside director for the following reasons.

- Appointing a lead independent outside director may foster a sense
  of seniority among independent outside directors and an awareness
  of being dependent on the lead independent outside director.
- The Company believes that unification of opinions of outside directors is not necessarily required because outside directors are required to have their own outstanding knowledge and to individually exercise their own outstanding expertise.

### **Evaluation of Effectiveness of the Board of Directors**

The Company analyzes and evaluates the effectiveness of the Board of Directors around once per year, and discloses an overview of the results. An evaluation of effectiveness was conducted by a third-party organization in FY2021. Going forward, the Company plans to conduct third-party evaluations once every few years.

## Evaluation Methodology

Survey Items

and Content

- The Company's Board of Directors was inspected and observed by a third-party organization
- Practices and procedures related to the operation of the Board of Directors, as well as the support system for outside directors, were confirmed
- A questionnaire was prepared by the third-party organization, and answered by all directors and Audit & Supervisory Board members (17 persons)
- Based on the results of the questionnaire, interviews were conducted with four representative directors and outside officers (seven outside directors and two outside Audit & Supervisory Board members) by the third-party organization
  - The results of the questionnaire and interviews were compiled and analyzed by the third-party organization
  - Functions of the Board of Directors (discussion of medium- to long-term management strategies, exercise of supervisory functions regarding nominations and remuneration, etc.)
  - ii) Structure and size of the Board of Directors (status of exercise of functions, and ensuring the necessary skills and diversity of the Board of Directors based on the assumption that the majority of directors are independent outside directors (a structure that is in the minority in Japan)
  - iii) Operation of the Board of Directors (appropriateness of the number and duration of Board of Directors meetings, provision of materials, and agenda, from the perspective of the exercise of the supervisory functions of the Board of Directors, etc.)
  - iv) Supervision over the audit function (cooperation between Audit & Supervisory Board members, outside directors and relevant audit organizations, etc.)
  - v) Exercise of outside director functions (establishment of a system structured to enable outside directors to fulfill their functions, provision of information to outside directors, etc.)
  - vi) Relationship with shareholders and investors (system for dialogue with shareholders and investors, feedback of shareholder and investor opinions to the Board of Directors, etc.)

## Evaluation Results

The Board of Directors was evaluated as having strengths in ensuring diversity in skills and experience, such as by having a majority of independent outside directors and a number of directors with experience in the management of listed companies, as well as through the active sharing of opinions by independent officers. On the other hand, the Board of Directors also identified the need for more active discussions at Board meetings as an issue, including about medium- to long-term management strategies. In this regard, the number of directors and structure of the Board of Directors, the duration of Board of Directors meetings (including the use of forums other than Board meetings), and the provision of more information and training to outside directors were recognized as measures that should be considered.

## Support for Outside Officers and Officer Training

#### **Support for Outside Officers**

- The Company has established a Board of Directors Administrative
   Office in the Corporate Planning Department to ensure smooth
   operation of the Board of Directors and active deliberation, and
   provides the same degree of important meeting content, etc.,
   concerning information thought to be necessary to outside
   directors and outside Audit & Supervisory Board members.
- The Company has appointed one assistant to the Audit & Supervisory Board members to assist in the preparation of materials for the Audit & Supervisory Board and to provide audit assistance for various investigations and materials upon request.

The Company determines the annual schedule of the Board of Directors and the main agenda items for the year, and ensures there is time for deliberation of each matter on each meeting day, thereby ensuring that sufficient deliberation is possible. Furthermore, in principle, materials for meetings of the Board of Directors are distributed no later than three days before the meeting is held, and briefings are provided in advance for some agenda items.

#### Officer Training

When an outside director or an outside Audit & Supervisory Board member joins the Company, plant tours and other training activities are carried out to provide the necessary knowledge on the industry to which the Company belongs, the Company's history, an overview of the business, financial information, management strategies, organizations, and other matters. In addition, external and other organizations are utilized to conduct training to provide directors and executive officers with management skills in order to develop better leadership and skills for fostering management strategies. Furthermore, Audit & Supervisory Board members actively participate in various training sessions and meetings to exchange views with other industry participants in an effort to improve auditing and supervision skills related to operations and accounting.

#### **Executive Remuneration**

#### **Basic Approach**

The basic policies on the Company's executive remuneration are as described below, and the details thereof are deliberated and resolved by the Board of Directors, which is composed of a majority of independent outside directors.

- To raise awareness among management of the emphasis on shareholder benefits through improvement of corporate value and sustainable growth.
- To ensure a high degree of linkage with business performance that incentivizes achievement of company performance goals.
- To ensure that the procedures used to determine remuneration are transparent and objective.

#### Overview of Remuneration System

Remuneration for directors other than outside directors is made up of base remuneration (which is fixed remuneration) and bonuses (which are linked to the Company's performance).

Fixed Remuneration	
Base remuneration 50%-70%	Bonuses 30%-50%
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• Base Remuneration

The amount of base remuneration of each director is determined by the position that links to his or her roles and responsibilities, and is paid out as fixed monthly remuneration, within the limits prescribed at the General Shareholders' Meeting.

Outside directors and Audit & Supervisory Board members (both inside and outside members) occupy non-executive, independent positions, and as such they only receive fixed remuneration.

Bonuses

Bonuses are assessed on indicators that include consolidated net sales, consolidated operating income, consolidated return on equity

(ROE) and net income attributable to owners of the parent, emphasizing the link with the performance of Group companies, as well as corporate value and shareholder value.

Under the bonus system, the amount to be paid is calculated based on the degree to which the targets are achieved, varying between 0% and 150% with 100% being paid if targets are achieved, and the total amount of bonuses is proposed at the ordinary General Shareholders' Meeting for the applicable business year, and paid promptly after the resolution of the proposal.

#### • Remuneration Ratios

The ratio of performance-linked remuneration to total remuneration is designed to increase for higher-ranked positions, in accordance with each position's title, etc., and is generally around 30-50% if performance targets are achieved.

#### Procedures Used to Determine Remuneration

In order to ensure transparency and objectivity, remuneration levels and the suitability of remuneration amounts are determined by deliberation and resolution of the Board of Directors, which is composed of a majority of independent outside directors.

The Company does not currently provide remuneration linked to medium- to long-term performance or share-based remuneration. The Company believes that there should be a balance between remuneration of the management team and improvement of the standard of living of employees, and believes that the current system of submitting proposals for bonuses based on the Company's performance to the General Shareholders' Meeting for approval is appropriate for executive directors.

With regards to the remuneration system, the Company will flexibly consider incentives, etc., paid in connection with contributions to the Company's performance.

#### Total Amount of Executive Remuneration (FY2021)

Executive Category	Total Remuneration (Millions of yen)	Base Remuneration (Millions of yen)	Performance-linked Remuneration (Millions of yen)	Non-cash Remuneration	Number of People
Directors (excluding outside directors)	291	182	109	_	6
Audit & Supervisory Board members (excluding outside Audit & Supervisory Board members)	33	33	_	_	2
Outside officers	108	108	_	_	9

#### **Cross-Shareholdings**

The Company holds shares of other companies for strategic purposes such as maintaining and developing good business relationships. Furthermore, the Company reviews each shareholding that is found not to have significant meaning.

Each fiscal year, the Board of Directors reviews the appropriateness of cross-shareholdings by reviewing the outlook of business relationships with the companies in which they are held, and carefully assessing whether the benefits and risks associated with holding them are commensurate with the Company's capital costs.

In principle, the Company exercises its voting rights for all cross-shareholdings from the perspective that appropriately exercising voting rights leads to enhancement of medium- to long-term value and sustained growth of the companies in which it invests. Furthermore, when voting, the Company makes specific decisions to approve or not for individual proposals.

## Ratio of Cross-Shareholdings to Net Assets

(As of March 31, 2022)

Total consolidated net assets (a)	¥66,046 million
Total consolidated balance sheet amount (b)	¥2,262 million
Ratio (b÷a)	3.4%

## **Compliance**

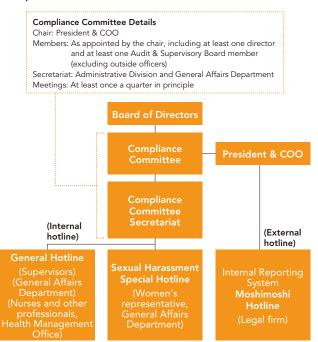
## **Basic Approach**

Today, companies are called on not simply to fulfill their legal obligations, but to behave in line with values and ethics befitting a good corporate citizen and member of society.

Under its Mission, the KAMEDA SEIKA Group creates better products and services in order to bring customers health, deliciousness and excitement. The creation of better products and services must be backed by the conduct of each employee in practicing corporate ethics in compliance with all laws, regulations and internal rules that apply to our business activities, and in following social norms.

We have formulated the KAMEDA SEIKA Group Code of Conduct, as well as its bylaws, to ensure that the KAMEDA SEIKA Group's business activities are conducted in accordance with an appropriate legal and ethical direction. The code and bylaws set

#### **Compliance Framework**



out our policies for legal and ethically appropriate conduct by employees and officers, which are then effectively implemented by each individual.



#### KAMEDA SEIKA Group Code of Conduct:

www.kamedaseika.co.jp/cs/?p=company.companyCompliance (Japanese only)

Several measures help to cultivate and spread a compliance mindset within the Group. The *Compliance Guidebook* is distributed to the officers and employees of KAMEDA SEIKA and its domestic subsidiaries, and local translations of the KAMEDA SEIKA Group Code of Conduct are distributed at overseas subsidiaries, with the aim of promoting awareness and ensuring the practice of compliance. Furthermore, we have coined "Seven Key Phrases" that enable employees and officers to better relate the KAMEDA SEIKA Group Code of Conduct to their work. These are displayed and regularly recited at workplaces.

#### Seven Key Phrases

- Be customer-oriented
- 2 Look after nature
- 6 Follow the rules
- 4 Clearly distinguish public and private
- 5 Tell the truth, never hide it
- © Conduct fair business dealings and build fair interpersonal relationships
- Do not engage in, encourage or overlook misconduct

## **Anti-Bribery Initiatives**

The KAMEDA SEIKA Group Code of Conduct states that, in its business activities, the KAMEDA SEIKA Group shall comply with laws and regulations, prohibit the provision of unfair profits or benefits to any particular person(s), and engage in fair and honest transactions. Furthermore, given growing global demand for stronger anti-bribery measures, the Group has established an Anti-Bribery Policy that aims to further advance initiatives under the Code of Conduct.

We work to prevent bribery, based on our Anti-Bribery Policy, and to maintain and further raise the level of public trust in the KAMEDA SEIKA Group in Japan and all other countries and regions where we operate.

### **Internal Reporting System**

To ensure the early detection and prevention of potential legal or regulatory violations and misconduct, the KAMEDA SEIKA Group has established Moshimoshi Hotline, an internal reporting system that connects to an external legal firm as a point of contact for reporting and consultation, and distributes the *Compliance Guidebook* to ensure employees are aware of the hotline. When a report or consultation is made, it is immediately reported to the President & COO of the Company, and relevant departments take responsibility for confirming facts and other investigations and report the results to the KAMEDA SEIKA Group Compliance Committee. Based on the results of the investigation, the President & COO or the director in charge decides on the necessary response.

In addition, the privacy of persons who contact the hotline and the confidentiality of their consultations are strictly maintained, with the exception of cases where the seriousness of the situation mandates public disclosure. Unfavorable treatment of whistleblowers is prohibited under the KAMEDA SEIKA Group Whistleblower Protection Rules.

#### Reporting Eligibility<sup>1</sup>

Employees and officers of KAMEDA SEIKA

Employees and officers of consolidated subsidiaries<sup>2</sup>

Employees seconded to equity-method affiliates

- 1. Excludes temporary employees and dispatch staff
- The system is still in the process of being introduced at some consolidated subsidiaries.

FY	Number of Consultations
2021	3
2020	1
2019	1
2018	4
2017	0

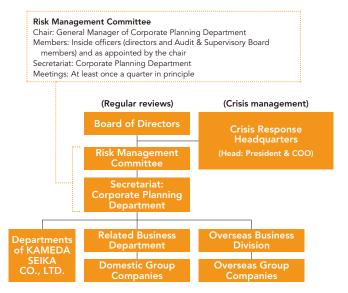
## **Risk Management**

## **Basic Approach**

The Group strives for more stable operations by implementing appropriate countermeasures that address the various risks affecting its business activities, as it works toward ensuring corporate sustainability and achieving management targets. We identify risks that could have a major impact on the Group's operations, prioritize them based on their likelihood of manifesting and the scale of potential damage, and implement countermeasures.

In recent years, heavy rainfall has caused flooding of plants and earthquakes have disrupted logistics and transport networks. These are among the major environment- and society-related sustainability risks that we recognize as threats to our business activities. These risks fall into four major categories – core process risks, disaster and accident risks, external environmental risks and compliance risks – and we implement risk reduction activities for each category.

#### Risk Management Framework



Risk management is led by the Company's Risk Management Committee, which convened four times in FY2021. In accordance with the Group Risk Management Regulations, each year the committee formulates specific action plans to manage major risks that may materialize and have a serious impact on operations in terms of the business continuity of the Company and individual Group companies. Doing so ensures the effectiveness of risk management activities. The committee also promotes activities and considers measures for preventing risks from manifesting.

In addition, we invite external experts to present Crisis Management Seminars to enhance officer and employee awareness of how to respond in a crisis. We have also introduced a Crisis Management Manual based on hypothetical risk scenarios and formulate plans and conduct simulation drills of procedures for specific risks and our business continuity plan (BCP) so we can respond rapidly and minimize damage.

In the event that a risk does manifest, we immediately establish a Crisis Response Headquarters and initiate prompt responses and disclosure as appropriate in accordance with the procedures stipulated in the Crisis Management Manual.

## **Business Continuity Plan (BCP)**

The Group implements countermeasures against various risks that pose a threat to business continuity. In particular, the Group's headquarters' functions as well as key production and distribution sites are concentrated in the Kaetsu region of Niigata Prefecture. If lifeline services are cut off due to a region-wide natural disaster or large-scale power outage, this could significantly impede the Company's overall operations.

Furthermore, if due to such circumstances, the Company is unable to fulfill its supply responsibilities, or unforeseeable issues arise in raw materials or manufacturing processes, a product recall or other event could have a significant effect on the Company's overall operations.

### Information Security

Among the variety of regulations we have established to address information security risks are the Document Retention Regulations, the Personal Information Protection and Management Rules, the KAMEDA SEIKA Group Information Management Regulations and the KAMEDA SEIKA Group Information System Regulations. Furthermore, we conduct awareness-raising and other initiatives to prevent inappropriate information management and leakage of confidential information.

We recognize that the implementation of security measures for Group-wide information system management is an important issue in promoting the use of IT. We conduct paper-based inspections at Group companies in Japan and overseas to understand the current situation, identify issues and consider countermeasures.

In addition, we recognize that improving the IT literacy of our employees is an important issue in strengthening information security. We have therefore introduced an IT Supporter System that designates a person responsible for IT in each department to raise the overall level of knowledge.

## Major Business-Related Risks

	Area Risk		Countermeasures
Core Process Risk	Raw Material and Product Safety	<ul> <li>Cessation of production activities due to issues with raw materials or manufacturing processes</li> <li>Recall of products, suspension of sales or other problems due to the above issues</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Strengthen quality assurance system, primarily through the Quality Assurance Committee</li> <li>Hold Group Quality Assurance Personnel Meetings</li> <li>Obtain certification under the FSSC 22000 international standard for food safety management systems</li> </ul>
Disaster/Accident Risk	Earthquake, Tsunami, Extreme Weather Event or Major Accident	<ul> <li>Loss of production and sales bases, safety hazards to employees, supply chain disruptions, etc., due to concentration of management infrastructure in the Kaetsu region of Niigata Prefecture</li> <li>Loss of public confidence due to fire or other major accident</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Introduce Crisis Management Manual</li> <li>Establish risk-specific countermeasures and business continuity plans (BCPs) and conduct periodic reviews</li> <li>Introduce employee safety confirmation system and conduct periodic drills</li> <li>Seismic reinforcement of production bases and other major facilities</li> <li>Conduct disaster drills for fires, natural disasters, etc.</li> </ul>
Disa	Environment	Transition risk Physical risk	▶□ For more details, see "Disclosure Based on the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) Framework" on page 36.
External Environment Risk	Raw Material Procurement	<ul> <li>Impact of factors such as weather, crop yields and market prices on procurement volume and cost, given that our main raw materials are agricultural products</li> <li>Impact on procurement cost from factors relating to raw materials in general, such as supply/demand trends and fuel costs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Secure stable amounts/volumes and avoid overdependence on specific suppliers through diversified procurement in terms of raw material varieties, production regions and other factors</li> <li>Multi-year contracts for raw materials, etc., of specified varieties or production regions</li> <li>Switch to in-house production of some auxiliary materials</li> </ul>
	Changes in Distribution and Competition	<ul> <li>Loss of sales opportunities or reduced sales prices due to changes such as in the management environment or sales plans of specific companies or industries</li> <li>Product obsolescence or loss of sales opportunities due to launch of new products or sales campaigns by competitors</li> </ul>	Dispatch field staff to retailers for detailed follow-up  Support sales floor development from a customer perspective through proposal-based marketing  Strengthen framework for developing new products
	Situation in Overseas Business	<ul> <li>Issues such as reduction in demand, suspension of operations or supply shortage in the countries/regions in which we do business caused by dramatic changes in economic, political, social or other conditions, or due to food safety, climate change or natural disaster</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Dispatch core personnel from KAMEDA SEIKA</li> <li>Support management, oversight and operation of overseas Group companies through KAMEDA SEIKA's Overseas Business Division</li> <li>Strengthen auditing framework at overseas Group companies through KAMEDA SEIKA's Audit Department</li> </ul>
	Human Resources Retention and Development  Changes in the labor market and reduction in Japan's working population due to aging of society and low birthrate Difficulty in securing excellent human resources necessary for business activities and delays to training plans		<ul> <li>Conduct internal training to develop female leaders</li> <li>Hire external talent and foreign nationals; build an organization that is free from discrimination based on gender or age</li> <li>Promote participation in external training (exchanges with other industries)</li> <li>Introduce the Happy Return System to provide reemployment opportunities to former employees</li> <li>Introduce the HaiHain Leave System to support male childcare</li> <li>Open a technical school to cultivate leaders who will drive KAMEDA SEIKA's manufacturing</li> </ul>