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1 billion people

Reduce our environmental impact by

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Ajinomoto Group Objectives

The Ajinomoto Group (the Group) aims to achieve its vision for 2030 to become a “solution-providing group of companies for food and health issues.” By concentrating our management resources on resolving food and health issues, we will work to reduce environmental impacts and regenerate the environment, as well as to promote better health and life, and thus enhance our corporate value.

Becoming a solution-providing
group of companies
for food and health issues

Vision

**Contribute to greater wellness for people worldwide,
unlocking the power of amino acids to resolve the food and health issues
associated with dietary habits and aging.**

Outcome

By 2030, help extend the
healthy life expectancy of
1 billion people

By 2030, reduce our environmental
impact by 50%, while improving
business performance

ASV Management

The Ajinomoto Group has grown by pursuing ASV (The Ajinomoto Group Creating Shared Value). ASV represents our unchanging commitment to help resolve social issues and create value through our business. This remains our fundamental management policy.



Our Roots

Eat Well, Live Well.



Discoverer of the umami taste

Dr. Kikunae Ikeda

Tokyo Imperial University Professor

Discovered that the umami component in *kombu* (kelp) broth is the amino acid glutamic acid



Ajinomoto Group founder

Saburosuke Suzuki II

Launched *AJI-NO-MOTO*®, the world's first umami seasoning based on glutamic acid



1909–

Launched the world's first umami seasoning, and started global expansion of the business

1970–

Diversified business for changing society and diversifying consumer needs

2010–

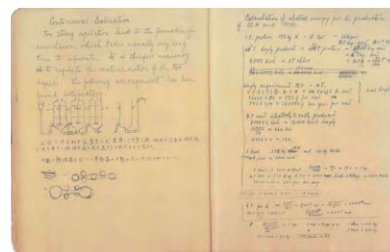
Applied ASV management globally, and promoted resolution of food and health issues

Our Origin

Ajinomoto Group Unity

Founding aspiration to balance deliciousness and health

In 1908, Dr. Kikunae Ikeda discovered that the umami component of *kombu* (kelp) broth is glutamic acid. The history of the Ajinomoto Group began soon thereafter when Saburosuke Suzuki II, who shared Dr. Ikeda's commitment to “make a simple diet more delicious and improve the nutrition of Japanese people with umami” launched the world's first umami seasoning, *AJI-NO-MOTO*®, in 1909. For over a century, our founding aspiration of “Eat Well, Live Well.” has guided us as we have unlocked the power of amino acids to create foods, such as low-sodium dishes without compromising deliciousness, that are both healthy and delicious.



Dr. Ikeda's research notes (circa 1918–1929)



Eating



Sleeping



Exercising



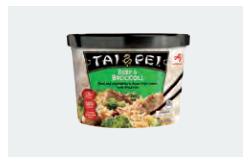
The Ajinomoto Group is the world's leading manufacturer of amino acids and operates a wide array of global businesses centered on its Food Products and AminoScience businesses. Management resources are primarily concentrated in the six core businesses of Sauce & Seasonings, Quick Nourishment, Solution & Ingredients (S&I), Frozen Foods, Healthcare, and Electronic Materials. The Group is strengthening its adaptability to the rapidly changing external environment and markets while remaining steadfastly dedicated to unlocking the power of amino acids to resolve food and health issues.



Umami seasonings:
AJI-NO-MOTO®



Soups:
Knorr® protein-rich soup



Frozen Foods:
TAI PEI® (Fried rice)



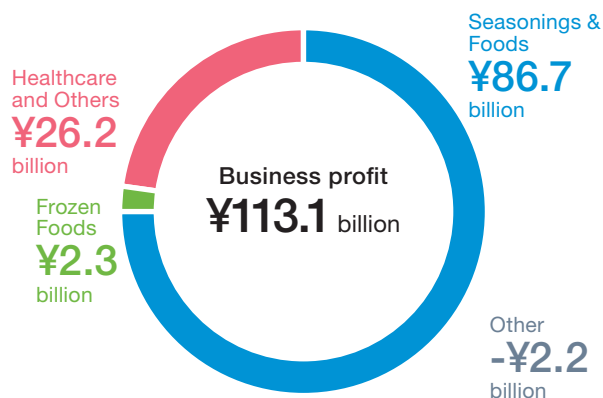
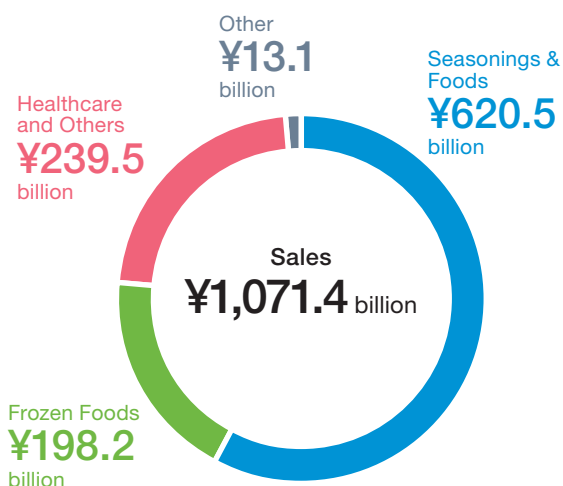
Fundamental foods: Glyna®

Our Business

Ajinomoto Group Unity

The power of amino acids—to foster health through the key components: eating, sleeping, and exercising

Fiscal 2020 sales and business profit by segment





The Ajinomoto Group engages with various stakeholders in conducting its business activities and utilizes capital of society and the global environment. To fulfill our responsibility for sustainability while creating shared value with our stakeholders, we must understand and analyze stakeholder interests and expectations for the Group, and integrate them into our business activities. We therefore consider engagement with all stakeholders through two-way communication to be important and indispensable to the management of the Group.

Our Stakeholders

Ajinomoto Group Unity

Resolving food and health issues
through stakeholder engagement

