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A SPECIAL REPORT

## The Impact of Chemicals



**“We are, of course, focused on sales today, but we also look to the future with new products.”**

Naoki Okuno, Director,  
Okuno Chemical  
Industries Co.,Ltd.

For more than 100 years, his family business has thrived on producing ever-more diverse products in the field of chemistry. That’s a challenge that Okuno Chemical Industries Co., Ltd. Director Naoki Okuno relishes, and leads him to drive the business into new sectors and markets. With a remarkable food products division, as well as interests in electronics components, glass and aluminum products, and molded plastics, among many others, the firm is targeting significant revenue growth with new production facilities and enhanced outreach to the United States and Europe. Sustainability is also of major importance to the company’s strategy through reducing emissions, saving energy, reducing waste, and smarter manufacturing. “We are building a new philosophy here,” said Okuno.

