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## NRI Selected as Silver Class in S&P Global Sustainability Awards for Second Straight Year

Nomura Research Institute, Ltd. (NRI), a leading provider of consulting services and system solutions, announced that it was selected for the second year in a row as a Silver Class Company in the S&P Global<sup>1</sup> Sustainability Awards 2022, conducted by S&P Global, a US-based ESG investment research and ratings agency.

### Sustainability Award Silver Class 2022



#### ■ About the S&P Global Sustainability Award

Every year, S&P Global assesses the sustainability of major companies worldwide focusing on the three aspects of economy, environment and society, and awards the top 15% of companies in each industry Gold, Silver, or Bronze Class ratings according to their scores. It also publishes the Sustainability Yearbook containing an overview of these results annually. The Silver Class rating given to NRI is received by all companies whose scores lie within a range of 1% to 5% of the top-performing company's score in their respective industries. This year, 7,554 of the world's major companies (across 61 areas of industry) were evaluated, with 75 of these companies (including 4 Japanese firms) selected as Gold Class, 89 companies (including 7 Japanese firms) selected as Silver Class, and 106 companies (including 10 Japanese firms) selected as Bronze Class. In the industrial field of IT services industry to which NRI belongs, a total of five companies globally including NRI were selected as companies with outstanding records earning Silver Class ratings or above, with NRI being the only Japanese company to receive this distinction.

#### ■ Why NRI was Selected as Silver Class

Of the 20 total evaluation items in the IT services industry, we believe that NRI's high scores in "information security and cybersecurity initiatives" and "initiatives involving personnel utilization using human resource data analysis", along with its previous nomination to the CDP A List, the highest evaluation in CDP<sup>2</sup>, contributed to its selection as Silver Class.

NRI has also been selected as a constituent of the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index and the Dow Jones Sustainability Asia Pacific Index, two stock indices which are operated by S&P Global that evaluate the sustainability of companies from an ESG investment perspective.

In its Medium-Term Management Plan (2019-2022), the NRI Group established the goal of "solving social issues through value co-creation", and specified that it will conduct business with a core focus on the co-creation of three social values: "Co-creating a thriving future society by driving new value," "Co-creating an ideal society by effectively utilizing its resources," and "Co-creating a safe and secure society by advancing its infrastructure". As such, the NRI Group is concentrating its combined efforts toward achieving these ends.

The NRI Group aims to continue promoting the realization of a sustainable society and the sustained enhancement of corporate value by solving various social problems going forward.

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<sup>1</sup> S&P Global: One of the world's leading financial service companies providing credit ratings, benchmarks, and analysis in global capital and commodity markets, and providing detailed data and observations relating to important business factors including ESG.

<sup>2</sup> CDP: A non-profit organization whose main activity is to seek information disclosures (at the request of institutional investors and leading purchasing companies around the world that are highly interested in environmental issues) from companies and local governments on environmental issues such as climate variability measures, water resource protection, and forest conservation, and to promote such measures through it.

CDP website: <https://www.cdp.net/en/companies/companies-scores>

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## For Reference

■NRI's sustainability-related initiatives

- Website:

<https://www.nri.com/jp/sustainability>

- Integrated Report:

<https://ir.nri.com/jp/ir/library/report.html>

- ESG Databook:

<https://www.nri.com/jp/sustainability/library/report>

- Sustainability Book:

<https://www.nri.com/jp/sustainability/library/report>