

## **TANAKA Precious Metals Joins Kawasaki Carbon Neutral Industrial Complex Formation Promotion Council and Kawasaki Port Carbon Neutral Port Formation Promotion Council**

**~Contributing to the Development of a Carbon Neutral Society through Hydrogen-Related Business~**

TANAKA Holdings Co., Ltd. (Head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; Group CEO: Koichiro Tanaka) announces that the TANAKA Precious Metals Group has joined the Kawasaki Carbon Neutral Industrial Complex Formation Promotion Council and the Kawasaki Carbon Neutral Port Formation Promotion Council organized by Kawasaki City in Kanagawa Prefecture.

The TANAKA Precious Metals Group has a production plant in Kanagawa Prefecture and has been developing electrode catalysts for fuel cells since the 1980s. In 2013, the Group opened the FC Catalyst Development Center as a special-purpose plant that researches and provides stable supplies of precious metal catalysts.

Kawasaki City established the Kawasaki Hydrogen Strategy for the Realization of a Hydrogen Society in 2015 and is an advanced hydrogen city implementing various demonstration projects in cooperation with involved companies. The city formulated the Kawasaki Carbon Neutral Industrial Complex Concept in March 2022, established the Promotion Council for the industrial complex in May 2022, and is currently working toward the creation of a carbon neutral energy supply base centered on hydrogen.

### **Initiatives for Achieving Carbon Neutrality through the Use of Hydrogen Energy**

The TANAKA Precious Metals Group is addressing global warming, a global-scale social issue, by setting a target of achieving carbon neutrality by 2050, and as a leading manufacturer of fuel cell catalysts, is tackling the challenges of actively implementing technologies that can contribute to the realization of a carbon neutral society, both within the Group and throughout society. As a specific measure, the Group recently decided to introduce Japan's largest-scale fuel cell generator facilities at its production plant in Kanagawa Prefecture. Group policy calls for expanding the use of hydrogen energy even after this introduction, and therefore, the Group has high expectations for Kawasaki City, which seeks to establish a hydrogen supply base in the coastal area, and joined the promotion councils, which are investigating and promoting this concept. The Group believes that membership in these councils will provide opportunities to deepen collaboration with the City and other involved companies.

### **About the Kawasaki Carbon Neutral Industrial Complex Formation Promotion Council and the Kawasaki Carbon Neutral Port Formation Promotion Council**

The promotion councils were established by Kawasaki City as public-private collaborative bodies to establish a model region that can drive carbon neutrality in Japan. The promotion councils were established to support the formation of a carbon neutral industrial complex and a carbon neutral port (CNP) in the Kawasaki coastal area

(Kawasaki Port). They are working on creating projects through collaboration among companies.

Prior to the TANAKA Precious Metals Group joining (as of the previous meetings in September 2023), a total of 84 companies and two governmental bodies (the Kanto Regional Development Bureau of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism and the Kanto Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry of the Ministry of Economy Trade and Industry) were members of the councils.

Refer to the Website below for more details concerning the promotion councils.

<https://www.city.kawasaki.jp/590/page/0000139903.html> (in Japanese)

## Company Information

### ■ About TANAKA Precious Metals

Since its foundation in 1885, TANAKA Precious Metals has built a portfolio of products to support a diversified range of business uses focused on precious metals. TANAKA is a leader in Japan regarding the volumes of precious metals handled. Over the course of many years, TANAKA has not only manufactured and sold precious metal products for industry but also provided precious metals in such forms as jewelry and assets. As precious metals specialists, all Group companies in Japan and around the world collaborate and cooperate on manufacturing, sales, and technology development to offer a full range of products and services. With 5,355 employees, the group's consolidated net sales for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023, was 680 billion yen.

### ■ Global industrial business website

<https://tanaka-preciousmetals.com/en/>

### ■ Press inquiries

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