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Participation as a Supporting Member of the Research Association of Biomass Innovation for Next Generation Automobile Fuels (raBit)

We are pleased to announce that, as of October 9, we have joined the *Research Association of Biomass Innovation for Next Generation Automobile Fuels* *1 ("raBit") as a supporting member.

raBit was established with the aim of developing technologies for the efficient production of bioethanol fuels for automobiles, contributing to the realization of a sustainable, carbon-neutral society. The association is currently engaged in the following key research and development initiatives:

- Establishing production technologies for second-generation bioethanol fuels that do not compete with food resources
- Effectively utilizing carbon dioxide generated during the bioethanol production process
- Addressing technical challenges associated with the use of bioethanol fuels in automotive applications

Our consolidated subsidiary, KPP Agri Solutions Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Namie Town, Futaba District, Fukushima Prefecture; President: Atsushi Miyata), is fully committed to the cultivation and sale of sorghum, a grass-type grain used both as domestic roughage and as a raw material for bioethanol production. raBit has commenced full-scale operations at its plant that produces bioethanol from domestically grown nonedible plants. KPP Agri Solutions supplies sorghum, cultivated and harvested by the company in the Hamadori region of Fukushima Prefecture, as a feedstock for bioethanol fuel production.

Under **KPP GROUP WAY**, the philosophy of KPP Group, we have defined our mission as "contributing to the realization of a recycling-oriented society." As a supporting member of raBit, we remain committed to actively collaborating in initiatives that promote carbon neutrality and environmental sustainability.







Cultivated and Harvested Sorghum in This Year

%1 Overview of raBit (as of October 9)

Date of Establishment: July 1, 2022

Chairperson: Koichi Nakata

Head Office: Okuma Town, Futaba District, Fukushima Prefecture

Regular Members: ENEOS Corporation, Suzuki Motor Corporation, SUBARU Corporation,

Daihatsu Motor Co., Ltd., Toyota Motor Corporation, Toyota Tsusho Corporation,

Mazda Motor Corporation

Special Supporting Members: AISIN Corporation, DENSO Corporation,

Nippon Steel Engineering Co., Ltd.

Supporting Members: OHIKE Co., Ltd., Kyoei Corporation, Limited, KPP Group Holdings Co., Ltd.,

Shimadzu Corporation, Chubu Electric Power Co., Inc.,

Maruyasu Industries Co., Ltd., Merkmal Co., LTD, Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd.

URL: raBit - Research Association of Biomass Innovation for Next Generation Automobile Fuels

Relevant information regarding this project

- New Supporting Member Added (October 9, 2025)
- Notice Regarding the Establishment of a Subsidiary (March 1, 2024)

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