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Board of Directors

Directors Audit & Supervisory Board Members (as of June 27, 2023)

Name	Mitsuo Sawai	Toru Terashima	Shoji Yokota Ph. D.	Masatoshi Ohara	Nawomi Todo	Masayuki Mitsuka Ph. D.	Tadao Tsubokura	Takanobu Tomohiro	Junichi Hirano
			Newly elected			Newly elected			
Position	Representative Director, Chairman and President (Group Chief Executive Officer and Group Chief Operating Officer)	Director, Senior Managing Executive Officer, and Group Chief Quality & Safety Officer	Director, Senior Managing Executive Officer, and Group Chief Research & Development Officer	External Director (Independent Officer)	External Director (independent officer)	External Director (independent officer)	Full-time Audit & Supervisory Board Member	External Audit & Supervisory Board Member (independent officer)	External Audit &Supervisory Board Member (independent officer)
Date of birth	Born in 1956	Born in 1959	Born in 1957	Born in 1951	Born in 1959	Born in 1954	Born in 1961	Born in 1958	Born in 1955
Nomination, Remuneration and Other Governance Committee	•			●(Committee Chairman)	•	•			
Board of Directors meeting attendance*	13/13 times	13/13 times	-/- times (elected June 2023)	13/13 times	13/13 times	-/- times (elected June 2023)	13/13 times	13/13 times	13/13 times
Audit & Supervisory Board meeting attendance*	_	_	_	_	_	_	13/13 times	13/13 times	13/13 times
Shares of the Company held	1,057,200 shares	1,400 shares	500 shares	800 shares	1,000 shares	0 shares	900 shares	300 shares	300 shares
Significant positions held	April 1982 Joined Kyowa Hakko Kogyo Co., Ltd. Currently Kyowa Kirin Co., Ltd.) January 1989 Joined Sawai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. June 2000 Director and Deputy Senior Vice President of Sales Division of Sawai Pharmaceuticals Co., Ltd. June 2002 Managing Director and Senior Vice President of Sales Division of Sawai Pharmaceuticals Co., Ltd. June 2008 Representative Director and President of Sawai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. June 2020 Representative Director and Chairman of Sawai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (incumbent) April 2021 Representative Director and Chairman and Group Chief Executive Officer of Sawai Group Holdings Co., Ltd. June 2023 Representative Director, Chairman and President, Group Chief Executive Officer and Group Chief Operating Officer of Sawai Group Holdings Co., Ltd. Group Chief Operating Officer of Sawai Group Holdings Co., Ltd.	April 1984 Joined Sumitomo Chemical Company, Limited October 1984 Joined Sumitomo Pharmaceuticals Co., Ltd.(currently Sumitomo Pharma Co., Ltd.) January 2016 Joined Sawai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. June 2017 Director, Corporate Officer, Senior Vice President of Reliability Assurance Division of Sawai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. April 2021 Director, Senior Executive Officer, of Sawai Group Holdings Co., Ltd. June 2023 Director, Senior Managing Executive Officer, Senior Vice President of Reliability Assurance Division of Sawai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (incumbent) June 2023 Director, Senior Managing Executive Officer of Sawai Group Holdings Co., Ltd. (incumbent)	April 1982 Joined Yamanouchi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (currently Astellas Pharma Inc.) September 2016 Joined Sawai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. June 2017 Corporate Officer, and Deputy Senior Vice President of Research & Development Division, and Director of Analytical Chemistry Department of Sawai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. April 2021 Senior Executive Officer of Sawai Group Holdings Co., Ltd. June 2023 Director, Senior Managing Executive Officer, and Senior Vice President of Research & Development Division of Sawai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (incumbent) June 2023 Director, Senior Managing Executive Officer of Sawai Group Holdings Co., Ltd. (incumbent)	April 1979 Registered as a lawyer at Osaka Bar Association Joined Kikkawa Sogo Law Offices (currently Kikkawa Law Offices) February 1987 Attorney registered in the State of New York, the U.S. January 1988 Partner of Kikkawa Law Offices (incumbent) April 2017 The President of Osaka Bar Association, the Vice President of Japan Federation of Bar Associations June 2019 Director of Sawai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. April 2021 Director of Sawai Group Holdings Co., Ltd. (incumbent)	July 1984 Staff Doctor at Osaka University Hospital January 2002 Staff Doctor at Osaka-tetsusyou Health Insurance Society (incumbent) January 2007 Obtained Certified Occupational Physician Qualification of Japan Medical Association June 2015 Director of Sawai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. April 2021 Director of Sawai Group Holdings Co., Ltd. (incumbent)	April 1982 Joined Mitsubishi Chemical Industries (currently Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation) June 2009 Board Director, Executive Officer, General Manager of Global Product Strategy Department of Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma Corporation April 2012 Board Director, Managing Executive Officer, Division Manager of Development Division of Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma Corporation June 2014 President & Representative Director, Chief Executive Officer of Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma Corporation June 2023 Director of Sawai Group Holdings Co., Ltd. (incumbent)	July 2008 Joined Sawai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. General Manager, Controller Department of Sawai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. April 2012 General Manager, General Affairs Department of Sawai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. June 2018 Full-time Audit & Supervisory Board Member of Sawai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. April 2021 Full-time Audit & Supervisory Board Member of Sawai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. April 2021 Full-time Audit & Supervisory Board Member of Sawai Group Holdings Co., Ltd. and Auditor of Sawai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (incumbent)	April 1991 Registered as an attorney Joined Kogoshi Takizawa Law Office (currently, Kobe-Kaito Law Office) April 1994 Partner of Kobe-Kaito Law Office (incumbent) June 2016 Audit & Supervisory Board Member of Sawai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. April 2020 President, Hyogo-ken Bar Association April 2021 Audit & Supervisory Board Member of Sawai Group Holdings Co., Ltd. (incumbent)	July 2013 Director, Co-ordination Division, Second Large Enterprise Examination Department, Osaka Regional Taxation Bureau July 2014 District Director, Higashi Yodogawa Tax Office July 2015 District Director, Himeji Tax Office August 2016 Established a certified tax accountant office, which he serves as representative of (incumbent) June 2017 Audit & Supervisory Board Member of Sawai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. April 2021 Audit & Supervisory Board Member of Sawai Group Holdings Co., Ltd. (incumbent)

^{*} Period April 1, 2022–March 31, 2023

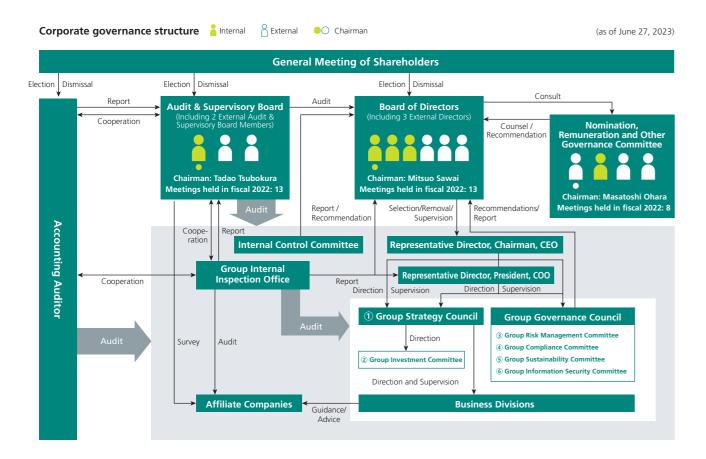
Skill matrix

	Reason considered important	Mitsuo Sawai	Toru Terashima	Shoji Yokota	Masatoshi Ohara	Nawomi Todo	Masayuki Mitsuka	Tadao Tsubokura	Takanobu Tomohiro	Junichi Hirano
Corporate management	Experience in making decisions in line with the corporate philosophy and being responsible for business is important for the Group's management decisions.	•					•			
Legal affairs / risk management	Balancing set rules and risk tolerance is important when attempting to maximize corporate value.				•				•	
Finance, accounting, tax affairs	These are important for accurately ascertaining and calculating the Group's corporate value and properly paying taxes.							•		•
Production and quality	Advanced quality and production management are important so that consumers can use the Group's products, etc. with peace of mind.		•							
Marketing and sales	Communicating the merits of products and services that the Group produces and provides and broadly gathering information on needs are important.	•								
Research, development, technologies	This is important to continue to provide high value-added products and services that the Group produces and meet the needs of society.		•	•			•			
Medicine and pharmaceuticals	Medicine and pharmaceuticals-related skills are important for the Group, which aims to become a general healthcare company related to life and health.		•	•		•	•			

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Corporate governance



	Chairman	Role/function	Meetings held in fiscal 2022
① Group Strategy Council	Representative Director and President (Group COO) Mitsuo Sawai	The Group Strategy Council deliberates on important matters to be submitted to the Board of Directors, discusses and decides the execution policy of matters resolved at the Board of Directors meetings, and analyzes business results and discusses the countermeasures.	11
② Group Investment Committee	Representative Director and Chairman (Group CEO) Mitsuo Sawai	The Group Investment Committee undertakes objective, rational, and careful deliberations when examining and making decisions regarding important investment projects and the annual investment budget.	8
③ Group Risk Management Committee	Representative Director and President (Group COO) Mitsuo Sawai	To reinforce the management of various risks that the Company and Group companies face, the Group Risk Management Committee oversees risk management and manages and evaluates progress in managing risks and works to continually improve risk management.	2
④ Group Compliance Committee	Representative Director and President (Group COO) Mitsuo Sawai	The Group Compliance Committee conducts education and enlightenment activities, etc. for officers and employees and strives to raise awareness of compliance throughout the Group.	4
⑤ Group Sustainability Committee	Representative Director and President (Group COO) Mitsuo Sawai	In addition to deliberating and deciding on the basic Group policy on sustainability, the Group Sustainability Committee builds and maintains a system to promote sustainability and undertakes various other activities, including supporting and receiving reports on the construction and maintenance of the promotion system at each Group company.	2
⑥ Group Information Security Committee	Representative Director and President (Group COO) Mitsuo Sawai	The Group Information Security Committee shares information on information security, examines and deliberates on responses to issues, and works to smoothly manage information security.	3

Governance system and reason for its adoption

Having directors with detailed knowledge of the prescription drug industry, the Group's core business, and the state of the Company being involved in running the business while maintaining high ethics and keeping an eye on the various parts of the Company is the best way to pursue management efficiency and legality. Furthermore, an Audit & Supervisory Board, in which external directors and Audit & Supervisory Board members supervise management, was adopted as it is considered the most appropriate, taking the size of the Company, the direction management is moving,

Governance system charts

Organizational design	Company with the Audit & Supervisory Board				
Board of Directors Chairman	Chairman				
Directors	6 (including 3 external directors)				
Term of directors	1 year				
Introduction of corporate officer system	Yes				
Board of Directors optional advisory committee	Nomination, Remuneration and Other Governance Committee				
Incentives for directors (excluding external directors)	Introduced performance-linked remuneration scheme Introduced stock options scheme				
Accounting auditor	KPMG AZSA LLC Japan				

and other issues into comprehensive consideration.

It is expected that external directors and external Audit & Supervisory Board members possess professional knowledge of such fields as law, taxes, accounting, and medical care and provide useful advice, make decisions, and audit and supervise from an independent perspective.

The Group Internal Inspection Office, which now has six staff to strengthen its capabilities, reported on the results of and plans for business audits based on a risk approach to the Board of Directors twice in fiscal 2022.



Corporate governance

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Main items

- Governance system
- Audit system
- Nomination, Remuneration and Other Governance Committee
- Group Strategy Council
- Group Governance Council
- Other committees
- History of measures to strengthen governance

Remuneration for directors and Audit & Supervisory Board members

Decisions concerning Director remuneration are reported to the Board of Directors upon deliberation of matters concerning Director remuneration at meetings of the Nomination, Remuneration and Other Governance Committee

Remuneration for Directors (excluding External Directors) consists of a base salary (fixed salary), bonus (performance- based remuneration), and stock options as a medium and long-term incentive. Base salary and bonuses are generally paid at a 3:1 ratio. Stock options generally account for at least 10% of total remuneration and are granted based on Director position and years of service, and in accordance with the separately determined internal regulations of the Company.

The remuneration limit for Directors is ¥670 million per year (of which, no more than ¥100 million is for External Directors). There is also a remuneration limit for Audit & Supervisory Board Members of ¥50 million per year. The

remuneration system, including for Director remuneration, will be reviewed every three years, in principle, based on a comprehensive accounting of market trends concerning Director remuneration, the Company's performance trends, and cost of living trends. To clarify management's responsibility for performance, in addition to all Directors returning their bonus for fiscal 2021, monthly remuneration for fiscal 2022 was cut as planned, but payment of performance-linked remuneration (bonus) was restarted in line with rules as fiscal 2022 earnings recovered.

Distribution of director remuneration fiscal 2022



Distribution of remuneration for directors and Audit & Supervisory Board members (A & SB members)

	Total remuneration	Total remun	Number of			
Classification	(Millions of yen)	Fixed salary	Performance-based remuneration	Stock options	eligible persons	
Directors (not including External Directors)	292	153	55	84	4	
A & SB Members (not including External A & SB Members)	17	17	_	_	1	
External Directors and A & SB Members	30	30	_	_	4	

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Evaluation of the effectiveness of the Board of Directors

The Company regularly analyzes and evaluates the effectiveness of the Board of Directors and strives to implement continual improvements. An evaluation of the effectiveness of the Board of Directors was conducted in fiscal 2022 as outlined below. Initiatives regarding the following three issues were launched in response to the finding of the previous year's evaluation.

Fiscal 2022 initiatives in response to the evaluation of the effectiveness of the Board of Directors for the previous fiscal year

- Examined external director candidates who possess management
- Examined increasing the number of external directors
- Created summary of the succession plan for CEO and other officers

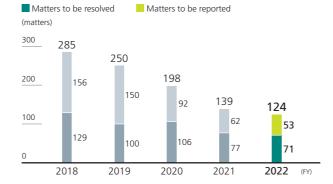
Improving the operation of the Board of Directors

The Company's Board of Directors implement ingenious measures so that deep deliberations focused on more important issues can be held regarding matters referred to the Board of Directors following deliberations by the Group Investment Committee and Group Strategy Council. Reports on the state of management at each group company are submitted to the Board of Directors in line with the Regulations on the Management of Affiliated Companies,

and efforts are made to balance Group company supervision and decision making speed by delegating authority so that Group companies can make decisions regarding matters up to a certain level of importance.

Main questions and opinions from external officers at fiscal 2022 Board of Directors meetings

- (Regarding Trust Pharmatech) What should be done about including the 400 employees who joined the Group from the former Kobayashi Kako?
- (Regarding basic policy on internal controls) How should we inform and educate employees about the quality policy and other items during
- (Regarding Group Governance Council report) I would like to see the number of female committee members increase a bit.
- (Regarding Group Sustainability Committee report) What orientation regarding human capital, which must be included in the fiscal 2022 securities reports, is going to be disclosed?
- (Regarding Risk Management Committee report) Has there actually been a review of risk countermeasures following the evaluation of the measures?



Analysis and evaluation of the Board of Directors' effectiveness in fiscal 2022

Implementation method

- Conducted self-evaluation using survey of Directors and Audit & Supervisory Board
- Regarding 14 principles and 23 supplementary principles stipulated in section 4 "Responsibilities of the Board" of the Corporate Governance Code, conducted evaluation using the level required of companies listed on the Prime Market as the standard
- Used the Company's provided by outside evaluation organization, too
- Deliberated on evaluation results at the May 23, 2023, Board of Directors meeting

Evaluation results

Main items that the Company meets the criteria for companies listed on the Prime Market

- Expand deliberation time, hold meetings at an appropriate frequency, distribute material in advance, etc.
- Collect and understand information through external board members Liaison Committee
- Receive reports by the Internal Inspection Office and various
- Hold frank and open discussions
- Have a functioning Nomination, Remuneration and Other Governance Comm
- Identify necessary skills for Board of Directors and ensure a balance of people with those skills
- Receive advice regarding diversity, including gender, from external directors
- Possess an environment in which it is possible to obtain required governance-related information

Main items that the Company failed to meet the criteria for companies listed on the Prime Market

- Have more than half of directors be external directors
- Hold extensive deliberations on management strategy and plans • Link outlook for human capital and human asset training to the management strategy
- Strengthen relationship with stakeholders

Policy on fiscal 2023 measures

We will work to improve the following three points while examining "how to achieve management conscious of cost of capital and stock price."

- (1) Expand deliberations related to management strategy and plans
- (2) Link outlook for human capital and human asset training to management strategy
- (3) Strengthen relationship with stakeholders

Board of Directors

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- Training policy for directors and Audit & Supervisory Board
- Supporting system for External Directors and/or Audit & Supervisory Board members
- Independence Standards for External Directors / Audit & Supervisory Board members
- Policy for Cross-shareholdings and Voting Standards

IR communication

The Representative Director and President, and the person in charge of information disclosure shall actively participate in dialogue with shareholders and investors, provide substantial information on management strategies, finances, etc., and strive for two-way constructive communication with shareholders and investors. In addition, the results of the dialogue shall be reported to the Board of Directors, etc., and the opinions of shareholders, etc., shall be actively utilized in the management of the Company.

The department responsible for IR handles requests for dialogue from shareholders and investors, and directors and senior managers play an active role when their schedules permit. The department responsible for IR also handles e-mail and phone inquiries orally or in writing.

Fiscal 2022 communication activities

Meetings with Japanese and overseas investors	154
Meetings with the media	59

Information security governance

The Group stresses information security governance in order to preserve and manage information assets. We undergo regular information security assessments by independent entities, and use those objective evaluations to develop a medium-term information security plan.

In fiscal 2022, in addition to switching to a zero trust network, we conducted e-learning for all employees (3 times), training on phishing attacks (2 times), and held a cybercrime lecture by an outside instructor for persons in charge of information security in each department. Furthermore, the Group IT Department obtains ISMS certification, objective proof that we properly conduct information security management and response.

Business ethics

Sawai Pharmaceutical

Domestic Sawai Group companies

For domestic Sawai Group companies, which includes Sawai Pharmaceutical, we strive to conduct proper corporate activities as a pharmaceutical company by complying with the letter and spirit of the Charter of Corporate Behavior, Compliance Program Guidelines, and Promotion Code for Prescription Drugs set out by the Japan Generic Medicines Association, as well as the Sawai Group Holdings Corporate Philosophy and Code of Conduct. Furthermore, even in terms of business with entities such as medical institutions. we have formulated guidelines based on the JGA's Guidelines on Transparency in Corporate Activities Business Relationships with Medical Institutions and disclose information on payments and funds provided to such entities on a dedicated webpage. We also disclose information for Medisa Shinyaku Inc. and Kaken Shoyaku Co., Ltd. on the

In fiscal 2022, we formulated an Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy, which is based on the Sawai Pharmaceutical Anti-Bribery and Corruption Guidelines and should be adhered to by all Group companies. One of the reasons we did this is because a lack of fair competition on account of misconduct, such as bribery or corruption, hinders continued development of a sound society and economy, and for the Group, which conducts such businesses related to people's lives and healthier lives, such as healthcare, "existence of a sound society and its sustainable development" are the foundation for that. It is precisely by maintaining a firm relationship of trust with all stakeholders, that we can achieve the sustainability for the Group. We formulated this precisely because of that.

Upsher-Smith

Overseas Sawai Group companies

At Upsher-Smith, efforts related to high quality standards and ethics over many years have been the key to its success, and this is thought to have led to the Company winning the trust of customers who purchase and use its products. The Company conducts business based on high ethical standards and a strict code of conduct.

Upsher-Smith also operates a compliance system program that it created itself and complies with all laws and regulations that apply to business. In addition to information on the Company's initiatives related to California's Transparency in Supply Chains Act and Sunshine Law (laws to increase transparency and requires that pharmaceutical companies, medical device manufacturers, and similar entities disclose information on payments to doctors and other issues), information on Upsher-Smith's compliance program and code of conduct are disclosed on its website.

Messages from external directors

Future issues of meeting stakeholders' needs and continuing to raise corporate value

> Masatoshi Ohara External Director



Leveraging my experience and knowledge as an attorney to provide advice and ask questions useful for management

As an external director who is an attorney, I try to leverage my experience and knowledge of numerous M&A deals to provide advice and ask questions useful for such issues as preventing legal risks and operations-related problems. I also try to ask questions and make comments related to whether the facts that Sawai's management and business execution are based on are appropriately understood, whether policies are set in line with established procedures, and whether the results are appropriately evaluated and used by management.

For example, regarding post-merger integration (PMI) with Trust Pharmatech, at the external board members Liaison Committee, which is composed of external directors and Audit & Supervisory Board members, I obtained information on measures and their implementation related to such issues as establishing systems and procedures and transforming employee awareness necessary to ensure product quality. At the Board of Directors meeting, I requested an explanation of and report on the subsequent state of those efforts from the responsible officer and provided my opinion.

Creating a personnel system necessary to meet the expectations of society

The Nomination, Remuneration and Other Governance Committee, which I serve as the chairman of, met eight times in fiscal 2022 and discussed such issues as the U.S. business, officer assessments, proposals related to future officers, revisions to remuneration rules, and succession plans for the CEO and other officers. We carefully set objective decision criteria and prepared reports regarding officer remuneration and personnel so that even stakeholders would consider them fair.

This fiscal year, we will take creative steps such as interviewing key officers so that even fairer decisions are made. It is particularly important to meet the expectations of society and for Sawai to unite to provide a stable supply of high-quality drugs. I will carefully examine such issues as the creation of systems necessary to achieve that and the required personnel, and work to report on this to the Board of Directors. As for officer personnel as of May 2023, because we have completed creating in-house systems, rules, and other items for the Company and Group companies, I reported on proposals related to officers for the generic drug business, Sawai's core business, who can strengthen and promote production, development, and safety in order to create a system to ensure a stable supply of safe, high-quality drugs demanded by society and thus further increase society's trust in the Group.

Governance system must function effectively

At Sawai, the external board members Liaison Committee periodically meets to not only receive Board of Directors meeting material in advance but also share information on items to add to the Board of Directors agenda, items deliberated and reported on at the Management Meeting, and other important items. Furthermore, while a lot of time at Board of Directors meetings is spent on reports from the various committees, there are also opportunities to ask questions.

As for communication with investors, external officers are provided with reports on the state of meetings with investors at least once a quarter. Previously, I attended an IR meeting with leading overseas investors, and had the opportunity to directly respond to questions.

It can be argued that the Company has already established governance system mechanisms, which include various rules and committees. As for future issues, my opinion is that it is important to continually raise and expand Sawai's corporate value and ensure the governance system effectively functions in order to meet the needs of all stakeholders, including healthcare professionals, shareholders, patients, and employees.

Keeping in mind the path Sawai should follow as the leading generic drug company

> Nawomi Todo External Director



Principle of not changing the stable supply of "Sawai quality"

I always keep in mind the questions of what Sawai should accomplish and what it can do.

First of all, I think that what Sawai should do is provide a stable supply of generic drugs that are of Sawai quality. To do that, Sawai quickly launched work to ensure a stable supply, which involved establishing Trust Pharmatech and building a solid dosage form facility at the Daini Kyushu Factory. The Company does not hesitate to make investments in thorough quality management and the delivery of reliable generic drugs. Sawai's philosophy is not to change that in the future.

Therefore, Sawai must not overlook greater cuts in National Health Insurance official drug prices. I have persistently called for the Company's greatest efforts to be focused on ensuring quality, not lowering costs. That is Sawai's responsibility as the leading generic drug company.

Eliminating unconscious bias

Establishing diversity and inclusion is the next task that Sawai should tackle. The S-Wing project was launched in order to create a corporate system in which employees of all genders can equally work with hope and pride. The project is based on Sawai's desire for "all genders to play an active role" and "all employees to play an active role."

Unconscious bias—that is, unconscious preconceptions and prejudices—are a major factor that hinders a company's growth. This type of unconscious bias, including that related to gender, must be eliminated in all areas, including the work environment.

For example, regarding job-based employment, in which appropriate personnel for jobs required by Sawai are hired, I am aware that it is necessary to keep this in mind when implementing future shifts of a certain size, but ideas such as "only a person with this skill can handle this project" or "this experience is required for the person in charge of this" are based on a certain-type of unconscious bias.

What it takes to become a company that has a clear vision for the future

I want to eliminate all unconscious bias, be there for employees, and discover their potential, and I will not spare any effort to do that. This is because this stance is sure to give rise to new trends, and this effort will result in Sawai creating and developing new businesses, such as those related to health management apps and supplements, as a general healthcare company not limited to generic drugs, and growing into a company that does its utmost for people's health.

I will strive to transform Sawai into a company with a clear vision of the future for stakeholders. By attending Board of Directors meetings, collaborating with Audit & Supervisory Board members and external directors, and meeting with project staff, I will vigorously fulfill my role to always check whether Sawai is moving in the right direction.