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## **Setting CO2-reduction goal**

The Hokkoku Bank, Ltd. (President: Shuji Tsuemura) has set "climate change response, environmental protection" as a materiality related to ESG (an important issue that should be prioritized for the realization of sustainability management). In support of the TCFD (Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosure) proposal, we have set a CO<sub>2</sub>-reduction goal this time while strengthening our efforts for climate change. As a regional financial institution, The Hokkoku Bank will continue to contribute to the sustainable growth of local communities through efforts that contribute to solving ESG issues, including climate change response.

CO2-reduction goal for FY2030 will be ▲ 60% compared to FY2013.

CO2 emissions in FY2020 will be the effect of reducing power consumption centered on the relocation of the head office building in 2014, and the reconstruction of the server room of the office center in 2018, and the use of electricity as a result of the reduction in overtime work due to productivity improvement. By shortening the time and switching to EV / HV when replacing commercial vehicles, we have reduced the amount by about 37% compared to FY2013. In the future, we will strengthen our efforts to respond to climate change, such as store consolidation, store strategy with a view to realizing "ZEB" for rebuilding stores, construction considering recycling of building materials, and active introduction of ECO materials. I will continue to do it.