

Nikko Chemicals Co., Ltd.

A portion of sales from the “NIKKOL Cafe Series” cosmetic ingredients upcycled from used coffee grounds is donated to charity.

Delivering 5,000 coffee seedlings to farmers in Laos to promote the growth of a sustainable coffee industry.

Tokyo, October 2025 - Nikko Chemicals Co., Ltd. has donated a portion of fiscal year 2024 sales from its “NIKKOL Cafe Series,” a line of cosmetic ingredients upcycled from used coffee grounds, to coffee growers in Itou Village, Champasak Province, Laos, through the Japan International Labour Foundation (JILAF). Thanks to this donation, 5,000 coffee seedlings have been cultivated from seeds and planted at local farms.



■ **Background and Objectives**

For many years, Nikko Chemicals has regarded sustainability as a core management priority and has carried out its business activities with this commitment in mind. The “NIKKOL Cafe Series” utilizes spent coffee grounds to create upcycled cosmetic ingredients. This initiative was made possible through the cooperation of JILAF, reflecting our commitment to promoting resource recycling and giving back to coffee-producing regions around the world. In recent years, Laos has gained attention as a producer of high-quality coffee beans. This initiative supports coffee growers in Itou Village, Champasak Province, in southern Laos, with the aim of contributing to the future development of a sustainable coffee industry in the country.

■ Overview of Support

Support details: Donation of 5,000 coffee seedlings

- A portion of fiscal 2024 sales from the “NIKKOL Cafe Series” was donated.

Donation recipients: Coffee growers in Itou Village, Champasak Province, Laos

Partner organization: Japan International Labour Foundation (JILAF)

- Through JILAF, seedlings were grown locally from seeds and have now been planted across the farms.

■ About the NIKKOL Cafe Series

The “NIKKOL Cafe Series” includes two products: “NIKKOL Cafe scrub UC,” a cosmetic scrub made from sterilized, dried, and finely ground used coffee grounds, and “NIKKOL Cafe extract oil UC,” an oil-based cosmetic ingredient containing active components extracted using proprietary technology. These products can be used in a wide variety of applications, including skin care and hair care. Furthermore, this series was developed under our top-level sustainability policy, the “NIKKOL ECO*1-Friendly Policy and Product Definition.” The “NIKKOL Cafe Series” is currently used in several cosmetic products in Japan.

■ Future Prospects

Building on this initiative as a first step, we will continue to support coffee farmers and the coffee industry in Laos. Our goal is to help create a sustainable future by returning a portion of the profits generated through product sales to society and contributing to the betterment of life for all those involved.

*1 “ECO” comprises the first letters of “Ethical” (ethical business activities), “Climate” (climate change countermeasures), and “Origin” (utilization of sustainable resources), each of which is based on the following concepts as written below.

Ethical (Ethical business activities)

The NIKKOL GROUP works to realize business activities that are in line with responsible procurement

of raw materials and social diversity. Keeping in mind the goals of an ethical and sustainable society, the Group will endeavor to achieve a fair and just society.

Climate (Climate change measures)

The NIKKOL GROUP aims to contribute to the prevention of global warming and climate change. The company will strive to reduce CO2 emissions and waste through initiatives addressing environmental issues, and the Group will ensure strict compliance with environment-related laws and regulations.

Origin (Utilization of sustainable resources)

By utilizing sustainable resources, the NIKKOL GROUP aspires to realize a recycling society. We will further implement biotechnology and renewable raw materials and are undertaking technological and product development.

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