

# Materiality 2 Achievement of a Circular Economy



**The Teijin Group will contribute to the establishing of a circular economy by extending product life spans and promoting the 3Rs (reduce, reuse, recycle).**



Until now society has evolved through the repeated mass production, mass consumption, and mass waste. The result, however, has been the depletion of resources and environmental pollution, which in turn have wreaked enormous damage on ecosystems. As a manufacturing company producing materials and other products, the Teijin Group has been striving to implement the 3Rs toward the realization of a recycle-oriented society, but we realize that even more effort is required. It is for this reason that we have identified “achievement of a circular economy” as a materiality.

A society in which a consumption-only economy continues is not a sustainable one. The Teijin Group wants to contribute toward the shift to a circular economy in which, just like the natural ecosystem cycle, resources continue to circulate, and the “throwaway” concept does not exist. We will, of course, endeavor to recycle resources in our production activities. But even more, we will promote the circularization of society by, for example, encouraging a material recycling based on local production for local consumption in which discharged resources are used as recycled products and returned to the market. In this way, we will also contribute toward solving the increasingly serious problem of marine plastics.