External Awards

Recognized as an Environmentally Sustainable Company at the 7th ESG Finance Awards Japan

JFE Holdings was selected as an Environmentally Sustainable Company* in the Environmentally Sustainable Companies Category in the 7th ESG Finance Awards Japan, presented by the Ministry of the Environment.

ESG Finance Awards Japan was founded to disseminate and expand ESG finance by commending and widely sharing the initiatives of institutional investors, financial institutions, intermediaries, and companies that have made an outstanding impact by proactively engaging in ESG finance as well as environmental and social projects. JFE Holdings received a special recognition at the second ESG Finance Awards Japan in FY2020 and was selected as an Environmentally Sustainable Company at the third, fourth, and sixth awards in FY2021, FY2022, and FY2024. It also received the Bronze Award as well as selection as an Environmentally Sustainable Company at the fifth awards in FY2023.

This year, we disclosed our newly formulated long-term vision JFE Vision 2035 and our initiatives on environmental sustainability under the Eighth Medium-term Business Plan, which is the growth strategy designed to achieve the vision. As part of this information, we highlighted our efforts to address climate change, including our financial impact assessment in the TCFD scenario analysis and our policy engagement, the transition to a circular economy, and our biodiversity conservation and nature-positive initiatives. We believe that recognition of these activities led to our selection.

*The Environment Sustainable Category provides investors and companies with concrete examples of businesses that incorporate significant environmental opportunities and risks into their management strategies to enhance corporate value and develop positive environmental benefits while creating that value. Those selected under the category as Environmentally Sustainable Companies meet specific standards for information disclosure.

Please see the following for further details.

> **JFE Group Selected as an Environmentally Sustainable Company at 7th ESG Finance Awards Japan (Japanese only)**
(https://www.jfe-holdings.co.jp/release/2026/0217/001864/)

World Steel Association 2026 Steel Sustainability Champions

JFE Steel was selected as the 2026 Steel Sustainability Champion by the World Steel Association.

Once a year, the association commends member companies for demonstrating leadership in developing a sustainable steel industry and society and achieving outstanding results in enhancing sustainability.

The JFE Group has been developing innovative technologies to mitigate environmental impact and published the JFE Group Environmental Vision for 2050. We inform stakeholders about our sustainability policies and achievements across a range of areas, including environment, human rights, health and safety, through publications such as the JFE Group Sustainability Report. These endeavors were recognized with the award for the sixth consecutive year.

Looking ahead, we plan to continue contributing to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by strengthening our sustainability management practices and working to help resolve environmental and other issues in society through business.

Please see the following for further details.

> **JFE Steel Recognized as 2026 Steel Sustainability Champion (Japanese only)**
(https://www.jfe-steel.co.jp/release/2026/04/260423.html)

Dissemination and Exchange of Environmental Information

Awards for Technologies and Product Development (FY2025)

	Prize / Award	Project	Sponsor
JFE Steel	FY2025 Climate Change Action Minister of the Environment Award	Development of alkali-activated material (AAM) concrete that reduces CO_2 emissions while efficiently using resources	Ministry of the Environment
	FY2025 Energy Conservation Grand Prize Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Grand Prize, Energy Conservation Best Practices Category	Energy conservation initiative through the development of highly thermally efficient, long-life radiant tube burners	Energy Conservation Center Japan
	60th Machinery Promotion Award Chairman's Prize	Robotic system capable of autonomously grinding out surface defects on steel pipes	Japan Society for the Promotion of Machine Industry
	3rd National Marine Restoration and Blue Infrastructure Awards Waterfront Vitalization and Environment Research Foundation Award	Project for creating a seaweed bed using recycled materials in areas around Shinto, Iwakuni City, Yamaguchi Prefecture (Koujiro Fisheries Cooperative, Iwakuni City, National Institute of Technology, Ube College, and JFE Steel)	Waterfront Vitalization and Environment Research Foundation
	FY2025 Otani Art Museum Award Award of Excellence	Development of Matt Dull (MD), a new stainless steel finish with a milky white color and matt luster that offers superior aesthetic qualities	Otani Art Museum Foundation
	72nd (FY2025) Okochi Memorial Technology Prize	Development of highly formable, high-strength alloyed hot-dip galvanized steel sheets that contribute to reducing automobile weight	Okochi Memorial Foundation
	10th Monodzukuri Nippon Grand Award Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Award	Development of sour-resistant line pipes that meet ultra-strict specifications by reducing center segregation and hardness in the outermost layer	Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry; Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism; Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare; Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
	FY2026 Commendation for Science and Technology by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Science and Technology Award (Development Category)	Development of a new formula for calculating crack tip opening displacement (CTOD), a measure of fracture toughness, that contributes to ISO international standards	Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
JFE Engineering	Cogeneration Award 2025 Technology Development Category Award for Excellence	Commercialization of a 45 vol% hydrogen co-firing gas engine cogeneration system with the same output as a 100% city gas-fired system	Advanced Cogeneration and Energy Utilization Center Japan



FY2025 Climate Change Action, Minister of the Environment Award



FY2025 Energy Conservation Grand Prize, Energy Conservation Best Practices Category: Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Award



60th Machinery Promotion Award, Chairman's Prize



3rd National Marine Restoration and Blue Infrastructure Awards, Waterfront Vitalization and Environment Research Foundation Award



FY2025 Otani Art Museum Award, Award of Excellence



72nd (FY2025) Okochi Memorial Technology Prize



10th Monodzukuri Nippon Grand Award, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Award



Cogeneration Award 2025, Award for Excellence in the Technology Development Category