

## SENKO Recipient of Two Special Awards in the "24<sup>th</sup> Logistics Environment Award"

- Strengthening initiatives for rolling out A-double trucks and EV trucks -

SENKO Co., Ltd. (Head office: Kita-ku, Osaka; President: Kenji Sugimoto; "SENKO") and Tokyo Nohin Daiko Co., Ltd. (Head office: Ichikawa City, Chiba Prefecture; President: Hisashi Ogusa; "Tokyo Nohin Daiko") have received two special awards of the "24<sup>th</sup> Logistics Environment Award" from the Japan Association for Logistics and Transport (Chairman: Junichiro Ikeda).

<Awards ceremony held on June 27>



Left photo. From left: SENKO Material Logistics Sales Headquarters, Housing Logistics Sales Division Manager Takao Katamoto, Japan Association for Logistics and Transport Chairman Junichiro Ikeda ("Chairman Ikeda"), Asahi Kasei Homes Logistics Department Manager Toru Hashi, Fujitec Senior Executive Officer and General Manager of Production Hiroshi Maruyama

Right photo. From left: Chairman Ikeda, Tokyo Nohin Daiko Co., Ltd. President and Representative Director Hisashi Ogusa

These awards were established in June 2000, and are given to organizations or companies that contributed to the development of the logistics industry by implementing superior environmental conservation or awareness activities, or developing innovative technologies.

SENKO and Tokyo Nohin Daiko were recognized for two awards. The details of each award are as follows.

(1) Introduction of dolly-type A-double trucks to promote decarbonization and laborsaving for long-distance transportation

SENKO reached an agreement for new modal shift operating proposals using dolly-type A-double trucks developed with the cooperation of Asahi Kasei Homes Corporation (Head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President: Fumitoshi Kawabata) and Fujitec Co., Ltd. (Head office: Hikone City, Shiga Prefecture; President: Masayoshi Harada), and began operation of "A-double trucks" between the Kansai and Kanto regions featuring joint mainline transportation and relay transportation for two cargo shippers in March

2022.

Under this transportation system, cargo loaded separately onto two large trucks are coupled together as an A-double trucks departs from SENKO logistics sites in Kansai (Amagasaki City) and Kanto (Atsugi City). A single driver transports each truck over a long distance on expressways and other routes to a parking area with an A-double truck docking station (Hamamatsu Inasa IC), where the single drivers change trucks and drive them back to hubs where the trailers are uncoupled again (Amagasaki City and Atsugi City for this system).

The cargo is then separated into the large truck (front truck section) and semi-trailer (towed trailer section), and driven to separate delivery destinations. This system provides double the benefits, as it helps to reduce driver working time as well as cut down on the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

### (2) Reducing exhaust gas emissions with the introduction of EV trucks

Truck transportation accounts for the largest amount of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of Tokyo Nohin Daiko's business activities, so the company focused on replacing all trucks to ones that meet Chiba Prefecture's "diesel exhaust gas emissions regulations."

Partnering with cargo owners seeking initiatives related to environmental activities, and replacing diesel trucks with EV trucks to facilitate the switchover to EV trucks used for deliveries from warehouses in Chiba Prefecture to customer stores throughout Tokyo, the company is contributing to a reduction in the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. The introduced EV trucks feature hangar-rack bodies, which helps prevent wrinkles in clothes and other cargo shipped in cardboard packaging and maintaining a high-quality delivery service. The use of delivery methods that reduce the amount of generated waste, such as avoiding the use of packaging other than plastic film, was also recognized as an environmentally friendly approach to logistics.

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