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Fuso Chemical Co., Ltd.

## **Investment in UMI No. 3 Fund**

We, as Fuso Chemical Co., Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as "FUSO") are pleased to announce that we have decided to invest in UMI No. 3 Investment Limited Partnership (hereinafter referred to as "UMI No. 3 Fund"), which is managed by Universal Materials Incubator Co., Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as "UMI"), a venture capital firm specializing in the materials and chemical industries. Our commitment to the UMI No. 3 Fund is 500 million yen.

UMI invests in new technologies and businesses in the fields of materials and chemicals that are owned by companies and research institutions that will become the foundation of future industries, based on its vision of "To strengthen Japan's technological capabilities by fostering outstanding material and chemical companies, and cultivate an industry structure that can compete in the global arena."

FUSO celebrated its 65th anniversary in June of this year, and over the years has developed its business as a global niche top company, aiming to create "gold medal products" in the materials and chemical markets. We will support the materials and chemical industries in collaboration with UMI through our investment in this fund. By playing a part in the platform that UMI is aiming to establish we hope to develop new businesses for our company.

For more information about UMI, please see <https://www.umi.co.jp/en/> .