

The Assurance/Registration Scheme of Sustainability Reports, etc.

The Assurance/Registration Scheme of Sustainability Reports, etc. allows the use of the Sustainability Report Registration Marks established by The Japanese Association of Assurance Organizations for Sustainability Information (J-SUS) to the management of companies that have prepared sustainability reports, etc. (collectively, "reports, etc.") assured by J-SUS-accredited assurance bodies to meet the J-SUS standards for reliability. This scheme was launched in 2006 as the Assurance/Registration Scheme of Environmental Reports, etc.

Four types of the Registration Marks for assurance and registration are available, depending on the scope of reporting and the subject of the assurance. Upon completion of the registration procedures stipulated by J-SUS, the reports, etc. will be posted on the J-SUS' website (<https://www.jsus.org>).

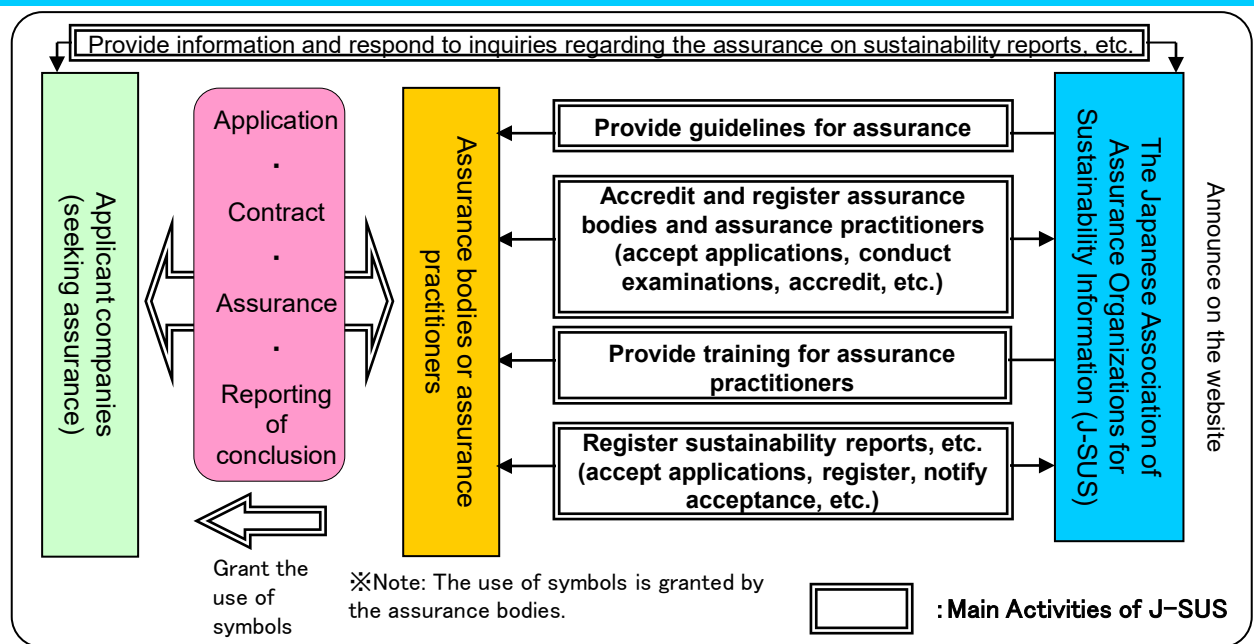
◆The Registration Marks for assurance and registration◆



Contact for application

Under this scheme, all application procedures for registration of reports, etc. to J-SUS are handled by the assurance bodies. The information on the assurance bodies is available on the J-SUS website (<https://www.jsus.org>). Please contact the assurance body if you wish to participate in this scheme.

Overview of the Assurance/Registration Scheme of Sustainability Reports, etc.



Advantages of Participating in the Assurance/Registration Scheme of Sustainability Reports, etc.

- A report, etc. that has been granted the Registration Mark is regarded as a report, etc. that meets the J-SUS' standards for reliability, enabling users of the report, etc. to easily understand it is highly reliable.
- With interest in corporate social responsibility growing, efforts and attitudes of companies to present reliable sustainability information to users of reports etc. are expected to be highly evaluated in various areas, including overseas investors and rating agencies.
- Undergoing an external review is expected to raise awareness of sustainability information within a company, improve its data-based management, as well as provide a more accurate understanding of risks.

J-SUS-accredited assurance bodies' symbol (commonly known as the J-SUS Symbol)



In addition to the Registration Marks, the J-SUS-accredited assurance bodies' symbol (commonly known as the J-SUS Symbol) can also be used in sustainability reports, etc. including web versions. The J-SUS Symbol certifies that a document has been assured by a J-SUS-accredited assurance body. For details on how to use and apply the J-SUS Symbol, please contact the respective assurance body.

The Japanese Association of Assurance Organizations for Sustainability Information

◆The background of foundation and purpose◆

The Japanese Association of Assurance Organizations for Environmental Information, the predecessor of J-SUS, was founded on June 15, 2005 to set assurance methodology for environmental reports, etc., to ensure fairness, transparency, independence and reliability of the assurance, as well as to realize efficient and effective assurance, thereby contributing to improving the reliability of environmental reports, etc., in consideration of “Law concerning the Promotion of Business Activities with Environmental Consideration by Specified Corporations, etc., by Facilitating Access to Environmental Information, and Other Measures (April 1, 2005).”

In order to gain more trust from society and fulfill our social responsibility, as well as to respond to the needs of society, the Japanese Association of Assurance Organizations for Sustainability Information, an intermediary corporation, was established (date of registration of establishment: August 15, 2007; date of change to general corporation: December 1, 2009).

◆Main Activities of J-SUS◆

(1) Accreditation and registration of assurance bodies and practitioners

We engage in work related to accreditation/registration, ethics, and quality control of assurance bodies, as well as accreditation/registration and ethics of assurance practitioners.

(2) Providing guidelines for assurance

We provide guidelines necessary for impartial and precise assurance of sustainability reports, etc.

(3) Registration of sustainability reports, etc.

We assign the Registration Marks as a proof of having been assured by an assurance body and register sustainability reports, etc. to which the Registration Marks are assigned.

(4) Training for assurance practitioners

We provide training to acquire the knowledge necessary for assurance of sustainability reports and other documents.

(5) Providing information of the assurance of environmental sustainability reports, etc.

We conduct public relations activities and promote and raise awareness of assurance for sustainability reports and other documents. As part of these activities, we co-sponsored the Environmental Communication Awards (sponsored by the Ministry of the Environment and the Global Environmental Forum) since FY2009, and awarded the Prizes for Reliable Reporting (the Japanese Association of Assurance Organizations for Sustainability Information Chairperson's Prize).

(6) Other operations necessary to achieve our goals

◆affiliates◆

- KPMG AZSA Sustainability Co.,Ltd.
- Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC
- Deloitte Tohmatsu Sustainability Co., Ltd.
- JIC Quality Assurance Ltd. (JICQA)
- Japan Quality Assurance Organization
- PricewaterhouseCoopers Sustainability LLC

(As of November 2020: six organizations)

◆Contact information◆

If you have any questions concerning the System of the Assurance and Registration of Sustainability reports etc. or the association, please contact us below.

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Organizations for Sustainability Information

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