

Suntory Beverage & Food's Globalization and Sustainability

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Board Rooms 320 & 330, Geffen Hall, Columbia Business School



Featuring:

Makiko Ono, President and CEO, Suntory Beverage & Food Limited

Moderator:

David E. Weinstein, Director, CJEB; Carl S. Shoup Professor of the Japanese Economy, Columbia University

Notes: This event was limited to Columbia University community members and CJEB affiliates. This seminar was part of CJEB's [Japanese Management Leadership Program](#).

Since joining Suntory, Ms. Ono has spent her 40-year career in a variety of roles spanning business development, marketing, human resources, sustainability, and general management inside and outside Japan. In March 2023, she became the first female CEO within the Suntory Group, which also made her the first female CEO of a listed Japanese company with a market cap of more than 1 trillion yen. During the event, Ms. Ono discussed the history of Suntory Beverage & Food Limited (SBF) and the company's strategy for future growth. She elaborated on how diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) impact SBF's business and explained why DEI matters. She also delved into SBF's sustainability initiatives.