Greetings

Thank you for your continuing interest in our magazine.

In 2018, VALQUA initiated the 8th medium-term management plan NVS8. As with NVS7, this new plan will continue to focus on activities to offer total solutions in the Seal Engineering Services.. Through such activities, as an H & S company we will maximize customer value, and through the new plan we will use innovations based on H & S. This will help us create new solutions that drive solid and sustainable growth in global markets. To reflect this intention, we removed the two words "Japan" and "Industry" from our company name "Nippon Valqua Industries, Ltd." and renamed the company "VALQUA, LTD." .

VALQUA is striving to be innovative in global markets which continue to evolve rapidly. To achieve this goal, we are expanding our technical development. We also strive to deliver the results of our technological development as early as possible to respond to demands from all customers. We aim to create new solutions which are valuable for customers through actively introducing methods such as open innovation, and combining accumulated technological know-how with leading technologies, thus satisfying our customers' needs as a true H & S company. This is our overall technical development goal, and we will pursue ingenuity to achieve it.

From this issue, *Valqua Technology News* consists of three parts: 1) Customer solutions, 2) Technical papers, and 3) Product introductions. The VALQUA group will develop new products based on sophisticated technologies, evolve these new products through H & S, and offer customer solutions. With this new magazine structure, this issue introduces several cases of what kinds of achievements can actually be made. We hope it will clearly show the process of creating H & S solutions, through which the VALQUA Group contributes to customers' security and safety. We would also be pleased if readers find the issue to be a useful technological reference.

We hope that you will continue to enjoy Valqua Technology News along with VALQUA products and services.

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