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Over the years since Dunlop U.K. established Japan's first modern rubber factory in October 1909, the Sumitomo Rubber Group has realized a number of "Japan's first" achievements, including the production of automobile tires and golf balls, as well as the development of radial tubeless tires, contributing the advancement of the modern Japanese rubber industry. Today, through operations covering three business segments—Tire, Sports and Industrial and Other Products—the Group is pursuing expansion on a global scale.

