

AI Ethics Policy

The KOBELCO Group will develop, provide, and use AI systems (collectively, “AI Utilization”), including products equipped with AI and services that use AI to promote the safe and secure utilization of AI, based on the following ethical principles.

1. AI Utilization That Minimizes Harm to Stakeholders*

The KOBELCO Group uses AI as a tool to support human decision-making. When utilizing AI, we strive to avoid bias against stakeholders and to ensure the protection of privacy. Through AI Utilization, we work to support the sustainable development of society, advance our business activities, and maximize human potential.

2. Ensuring Security

The KOBELCO Group continuously works on security measures, such as appropriate data distribution and protection against unauthorized access, in connection with AI Utilization.

3. Safety

In developing and providing AI systems, the KOBELCO Group designs products with consideration for the safety of users’ lives, bodies, and property. We also strive to prevent the use of AI systems in ways that deviate from their intended purposes.

4. Transparency and Accountability

The KOBELCO Group designs AI systems to ensure verifiability of AI decisions and strives to fulfill accountability to users. We also work to build a framework that enables us to explain the appropriate use of AI systems.

Note: “Stakeholders” includes all organizations and individuals that are directly or indirectly involved with or affected by AI systems, in line with the broad definition used in the OECD Recommendation of the Council on Artificial Intelligence.

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