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# Safe Drinking Water with AGC's Ion Exchange Membrane



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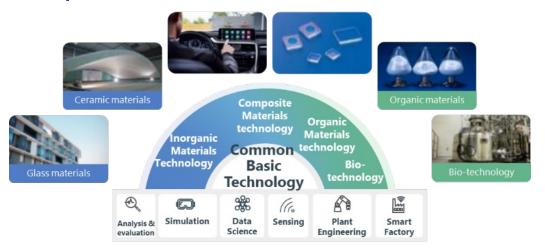
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### **About AGC**



#### **AGC's products**



#### **AGC Group Vision "Look Beyond"**



#### **Five Social Values AGC Creates**









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## **Urban Water Scarcity**



 About 20% of the increase in global water scarcity this century is expected to be due to global warming

Fig. 1: Current urban water scarcity.

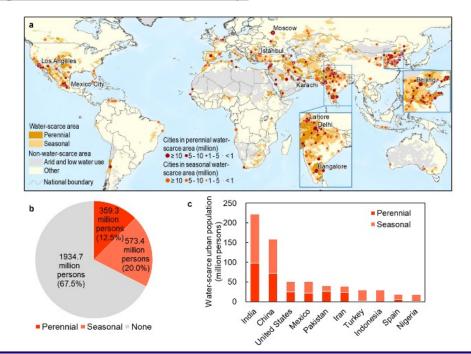
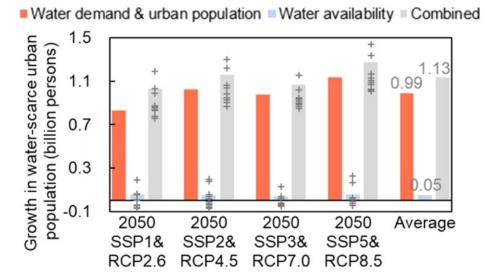


Fig. 2: The effects of different factors on growth in global urban population exposed to water scarcity from 2016 to 2050.



Future global urban water scarcity and potential solutions | Nature Communications

### Electrodialysis purification system using AGC's ion exchange membranes AGC

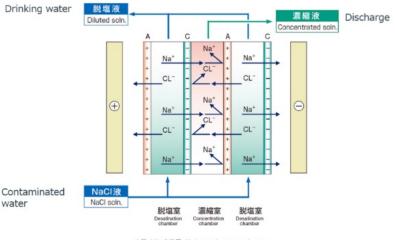
- Purification of groundwater contaminated with nitrates, etc., for use as irrigation and drinking water
- High water collection ratio and low power consumption by eliminating the high-pressure pump

### Ion exchange membrane - AGC's product



#### **Example of electrodialyzer**

#### **Cross section of electrodialysis tank**



A:陰イオン交換膜 / Anion exchange membrane

# **Commercialization Project with JICA**



- SELEMION-equipped water purification selected as JICA project
- SDGs also to be contributed through generating purified water







Water purification system manufactured by partner company

#### SDGs to be contributed



People filling bottles with purified water from the demonstration plant

# Comparison



 Solar can be used to power the equipment with SELEMION - can be used in countries/regions where grid power is lacking or unstable.

	Initial Cost	Running Cost	Power/ Voltage	Water Collection %	other
RO	Low	Relatively low	High	Low	Can handle large volumes
Evaporation	Low	High	High	Relatively high	Complex operation
Ion Exchange (Resin)	Low	Relatively low	High	Low (unknown)	High chemicals and effluent Easy operation Require space
Ion Exchange (ED) SELEMION	High	Relatively low	Relatively low	High	Adjustable desalination

# **Challenges on Commercialization**



- ✓ Adaptation as new technologies
- ✓ Appeal through policy
- ✓ Provide financial support to relevant stakeholders
- ✓ Promote using international funds

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✓ Reduce equipment manufacturing costs

## Various AGC's Technologies



### **Adaptation**

- Fluorine film for agriculture with high durability and high light transmission
- IR- and UV-cut automotive glass
- Improved comfort and health conscious through disasterresistant and energy-saving glass

### **Mitigation**

- Energy-saving glass, retrofit energy-saving glass, BIPV
- Ion-exchange membranes
- Low GWP refrigerants
- CFC destruction technology
- Energy-saving glass melting technology, etc.

BIPV in Dulwich University, Singapore

### AGC Group's Brand Statement

Never take the easy way out, but confront difficulties Trust is the best way to inspire people Strive to develop technologies that will change the world A sense of mission leads us to advance

For more than a century, AGC has been guided by these founding spirits. Our unique materials, solutions and reliable partnerships have facilitated leading innovations across diverse industries and markets.

Today, by working with others to combine knowledge and advanced technology, we help make ever greater achievements possible, and bring bolder ideas to life

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