# Sustainable UX the Japanese Way: Merging Tradition with Innovation

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伝統に根ざした企業に、 どうやってサステナブルUXを取り入れるか?

# How do we bring sustainable UX into a company shaped by tradition

# work at a Japanese company, or are currently working in Japan?



### have you heard about Sustainable UX?



### applied Sustainable UX in projects



Intentional. Efficient. Durable.

Monozukuri

ものづくり

Mottainai

もったいない

Nemawashi

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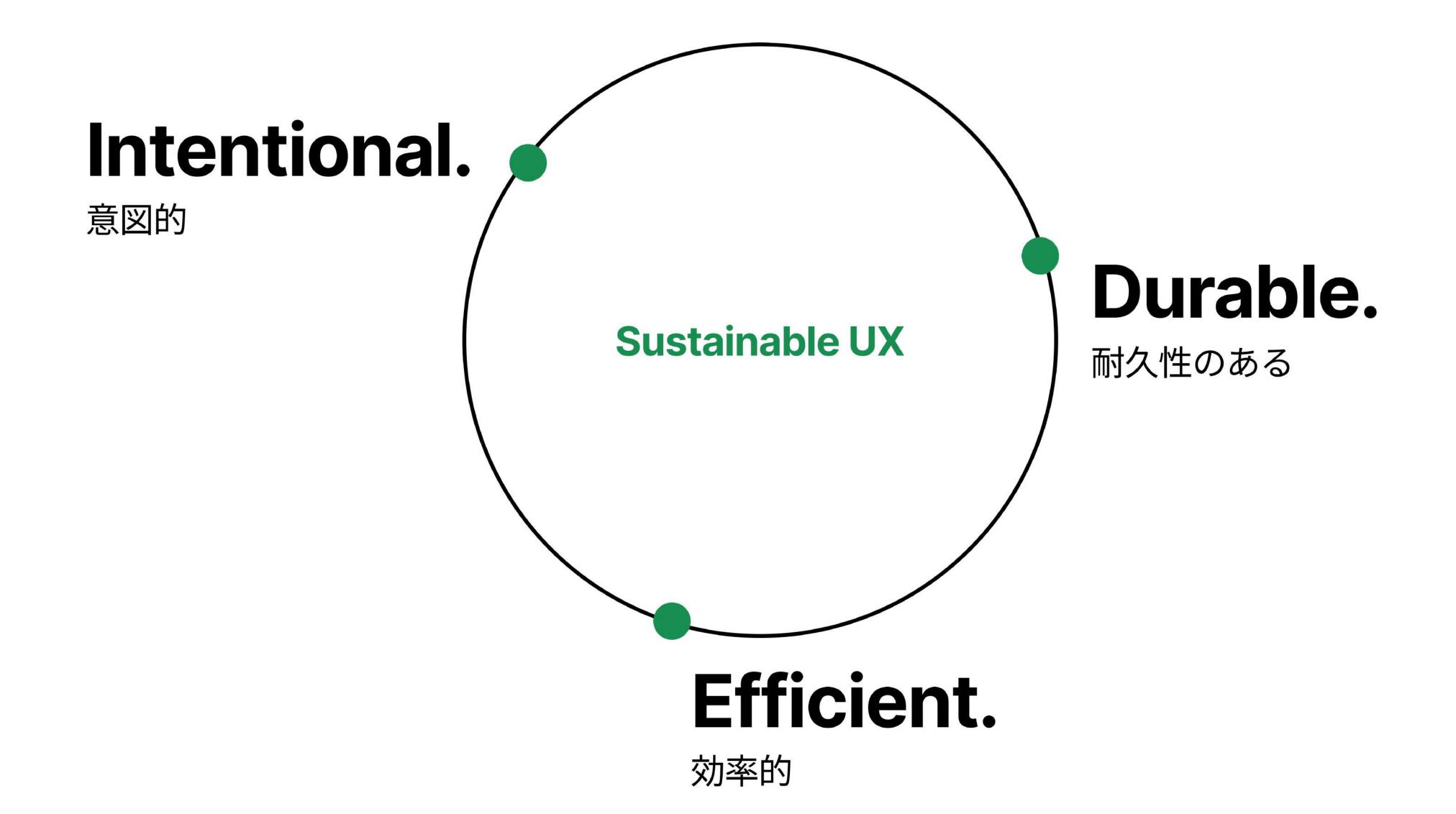


SMBC's Core IT Company.

JRI's Design Team

UXを「良いもの」にするだけでなく、 どう持続可能にするか?

### How do we make UX not just good... but sustainable?



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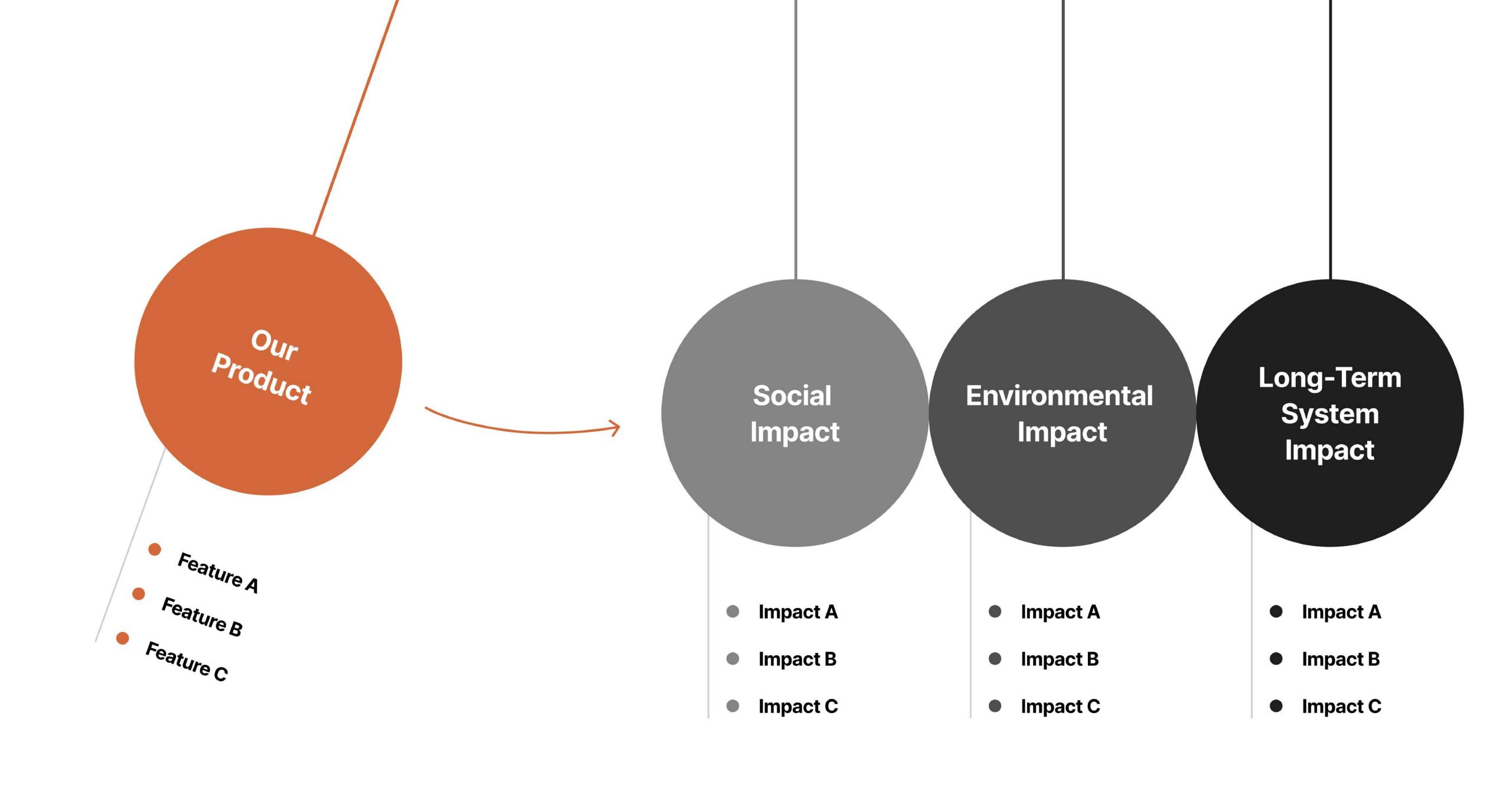


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私たちのデジタルプロダクトの定義や枠組みにまで広げていきましょう。

# let's extend that pride into how we define and frame our digital products.







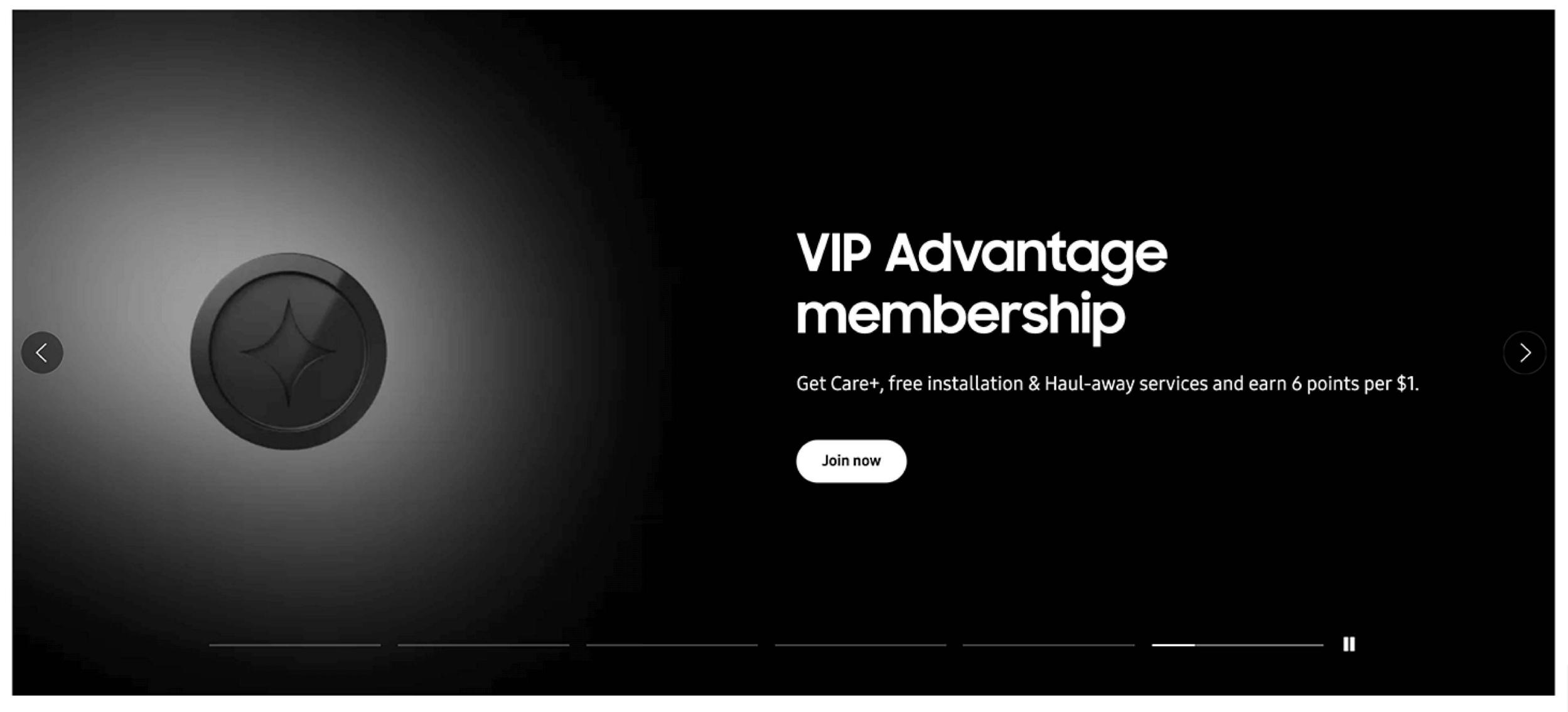
Energy.

巨大なエネルギー消費



Attention.

ユーザーの注意力を浪費する



デジタルの無駄を削減 = 速く・分かりやすく・軽く

### Audit our design & Cut digital waste

= Faster, clearer, lighter

サステナブルUXとは、私たちの持つ資源を尊重してデザインすること

### they began to see that sustainable UX is about designing with respect to our resources.



### Benefits of Nemawashi



#### **Smooth Decisions**

Avoid conflicts early, speed up meetings with pre-alignment.



#### **Better Quality Outcomes**

Gather diverse feedback, reduce risks, and improve accuracy.



#### **Stronger Unity & Execution**

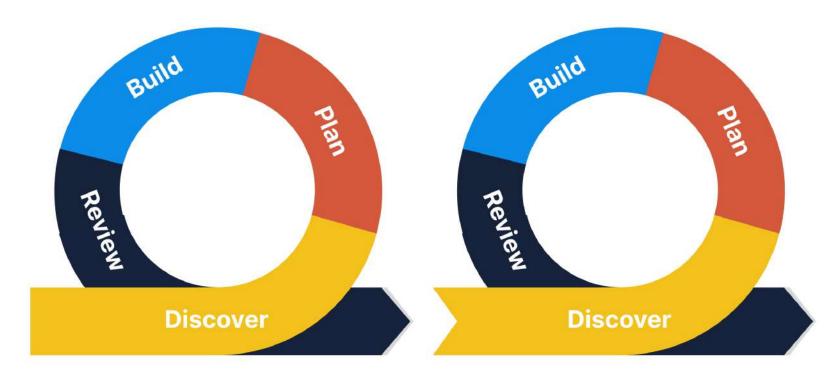
Build shared understanding, align stakeholders, and boost follow-through.

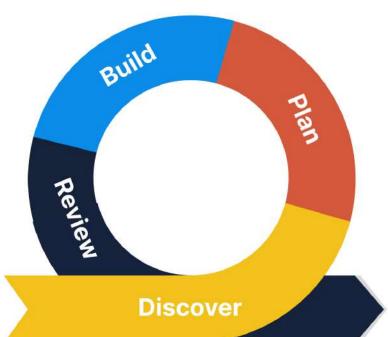


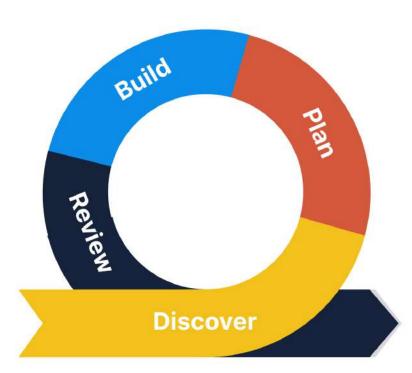
#### **Less Confusion & Trouble**

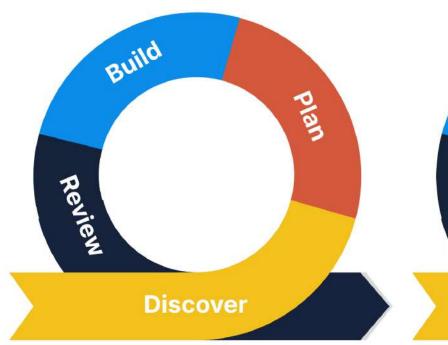
Minimize disruption during big changes and prevent later issues.

normal approach

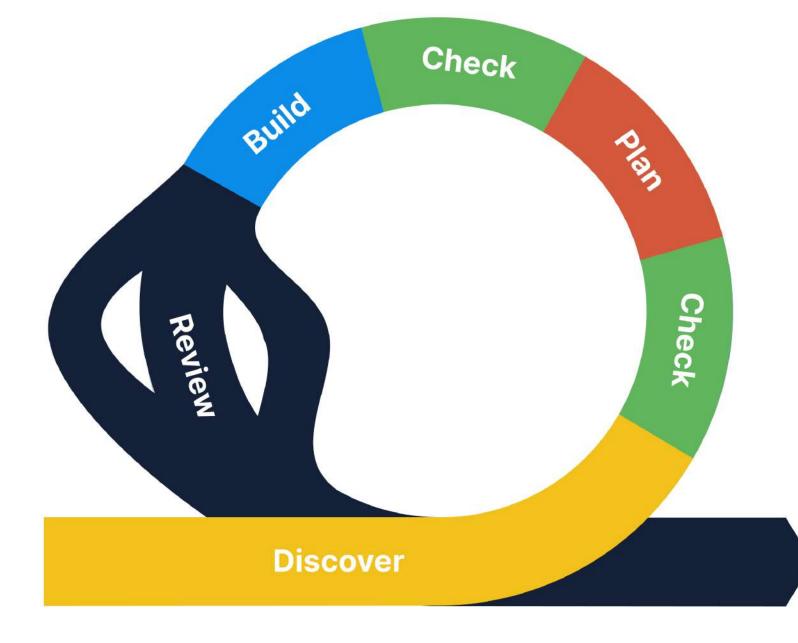


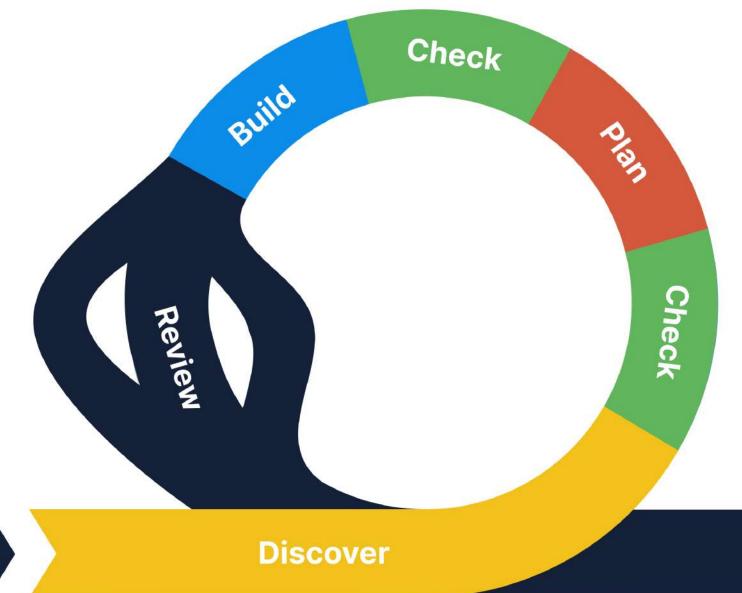


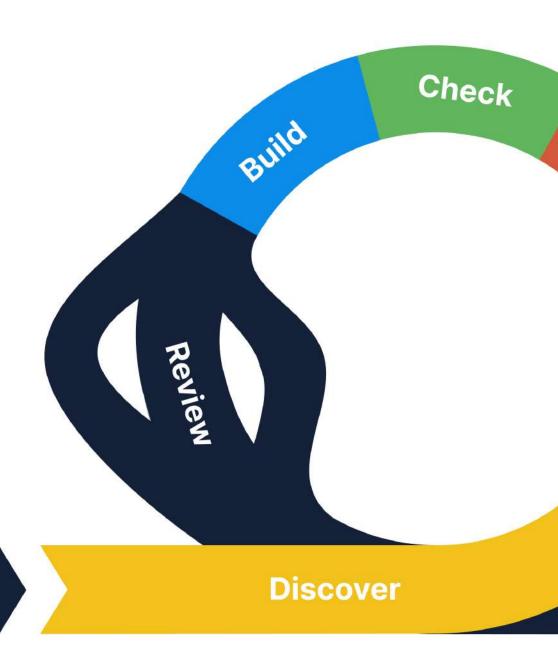












### we slow down not as a delay, but as a way to make decisions that endure and design that lasts

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craftsmanship,
pride in how we define
and frame our digital
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Cut digital waste to respect resources.

#### Nemawashi

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Slow down for durable decisions and long-lasting design.

伝統と共に歩み、その過程で生まれる意識の変化は長く続いていきます。

# Be able to work with traditions, and those shifts of mindset along the way will last.

# the cost of change will never be lower than it is today.

### Thank you.

ご清聴ありがとうございます。