

Social Contribution

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As a responsible corporate citizen, each SMFG company undertakes a wide range of activities to contribute to the welfare of society as a whole.

Social Welfare

Group companies organize and participate in a wide range of social welfare activities, and also support organizations devoted to such causes to help create a more benevolent society.

SMBC Volunteer Fund

The SMBC Volunteer Fund makes donations to volunteer organizations dedicated to providing assistance in the case of disasters and economic hardship. This fund is financed by SMBC employees who make a voluntary contribution of ¥100 per month. Donations



Cambodian children

were made to 11 organizations in fiscal 2002.

Major Donations by the Fund in Fiscal 2002

- Desks, chairs and educational materials for an elementary school in Cambodia
- Operating costs for a medical center in Haiti
- Funds to support the education of children of Afghan refugees

Donating Voided Postcards, Unused Stamps, etc.

SMBC encourages employees to donate voided or otherwise unusable postcards and unused telephone cards to volunteer groups. At Sumitomo Mitsui Card Company, Limited, employees are encouraged to donate used stamps and prepaid cards to volunteer groups.

International Cooperation

SMFG engages in a variety of international cooperation activities.

Supporting UNICEF

- ★ At SMBC, foreign coin collection boxes are placed at the entrances of all manned branches in Japan. Coins donated by customers are later sorted by currency and sent to UNICEF. SMBC also offers the *UNICEF Donation Account*, through which customers donate their net interest to UNICEF and a matching amount is donated by SMBC.
- ★ Through its *World Present* points service for members of the VISA Japan Association, Sumitomo Mitsui Card collects donations from VISA cardholders every year and presents them to the Japan Committee for UNICEF. Sumitomo Mitsui Card also issues cards incorporating donations to specified charities, such as the *UNICEF VISA Card* and the *Red Feather VISA Card* (offered in cooperation with the Central Community Chest of Japan). The Company makes its own donations to the working funds of all these organizations out of the revenues it receives from the card business.

Donation of Staff Uniforms

Sumitomo Mitsui Card recently discontinued the use of uniforms for its staff, and donated approximately 4,400 ensembles to the Tokyo-based volunteer organization Motherland Academy, which distributes them to needy people throughout the world. Countries receiving donations thus far include Liberia and Mali.

SMBC Global Foundation

The SMBC Global Foundation provides scholarships to university students in Asian countries such as Thailand, China, Indonesia, and Singapore.

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Through its education and international exchange programs, the SMBC Foundation aims to help nurture the human resources necessary to achieve sustainable development in developing countries. To this end, the foundation offers scholarships to students and provides subsidies to researchers and research institutions around the world undertaking projects related to developing countries.

Supporting Employees' Volunteer Activities

SMFG actively supports employees' participation in volunteer activities.

YUI—an SMBC Volunteer Organization

YUI, a volunteer organization at SMBC, engages in welfare activities aimed at promoting interaction between SMBC employees and the general public. In fiscal 2002 the organization started offering computer courses for people with impaired hearing. It also donates to various charitable causes the proceeds of bazaars and movie screenings organized by members.

Sign-Language Courses

SMBC offers sign-language courses to employees, thereby promoting communication with and enhanced understanding of persons with hearing disabilities.

Seminars for Experiencing Volunteer Activities

SMBC holds training sessions for its staff after working hours



Sign-language class

as well as on weekends and holidays. One such session enables participants to experience what it feels like to be visually impaired. SMBC also provides employees with information on various volunteer activities, and encourages their participation in such events.

Neighborhood Cleanup Programs

At SMBC Leasing Company, Limited, the staff at the Osaka headquarters make extensive efforts to beautify the surrounding area. Such efforts include a regular neighborhood cleanup conducted along Midosuji Street, a major thoroughfare. In August 2002, the company received a letter of thanks from the Director-General of the Kinki Regional Development Bureau, within the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport.