Fiscal 2004: Major Initiatives and Financial Products

Note: Bold=new product updates; Green=corporate strategy initiatives

May	Arranged international syndicated loan to finance a major redevelopment project in Indonesia Participated in the Trade Finance Facilitation Program (TFFP) sponsored by the Asian Development Bank Conducted Web Passbook advertising campaign Launched the Branch Navi Service, an Internet-based appointment service for bank branches
June	Opened SMBC Shinagawa Consulting Plaza Started marketing Japan Sovereign Open Fund Arranged syndicated loan to provide non-recourse financing for the Tokyo Mid-Town Project (redevelopment of the former Defense Agency site in Roppongi, Tokyo) Agreed to form a strategic alliance with Promise Co., Ltd.
July	Commenced expansion of the SMBC Consulting Plaza network Provided project financing for Tokyo Waterfront Recycle & Electric Generating Project, which utilizes industrial waste as fuel Provided financing for two large PFIs—housing development projects for civil servants in Nagoya
August	Launched e-mail Notification Service
September	Established tie-ups with four universities to promote industry-academia cooperation Signed a business alliance agreement with Promise Co., Ltd. Commenced marketing of GS (Goldman Sachs) High-yield Bond Fund
October	Opened SMBC Futakotamagawa Consulting Plaza Introduced cash card service with adjustable withdrawal ceiling Established Consumer Finance Department Commenced marketing Reciente, an insurance annuity Started providing special business loans to corporate customers to aid their recovery from damages caused by the Niigata earthquake on October 23, 2004
November	Converted At-Loan Co., Ltd. into a wholly owned subsidiary Started developing plans for a joint venture business centered on At-Loan Co., Ltd. Started offering special low-interest housing loans to victims of the Niigata earthquake Began marketing medical institution bonds Made partial repayment of public fund (preferred stocks) and repurchased own shares
December	Established Securities Marketing Department and entered the securities intermediary business Launched a campaign offering housing loans with fixed interest (for the entire loan-repayment period) Started marketing Business Select CLO Loans (guaranteed by Japan Finance Corporation for Small and Medium Enterprise) Opened Hanoi Representative Office Opened Hangzhou Branch