

【NEWS RELEASE】

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Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group

Enhancement of Philanthropy Advisory Services

TOKYO, February 14, 2025 - Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc. (President and Group CEO: Toru Nakashima, hereinafter the Group is collectively referred to as “SMBC Group”) launched Philanthropy Advisory Services in November 2024, with the aim of supporting the realization of customers' aspirations and execution of donations aimed at contributing to society and solving social issues. We are pleased to announce that, in order to further support those customer needs, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (President and CEO: Akihiro Fukutome, hereinafter “SMBC”) and SMBC Trust Bank Ltd. (President: Kotaro Hagiwara) have launched Grantee Introduction Services.

Grantee Introduction Services aim to increase fund flows for activities that address and solve social issues and thus deliver a more sustainable society. A new service as a financial institution, we connect customers, primarily affluent individuals with a high interest in such activities, with NPOs, public interest corporations, and educational institutions that support the foundation of education in Japan. SMBC Nikko Securities Inc. (President and CEO: Shuji Yoshioka) is also in the process of introducing the services in due course.

Furthermore, we are pleased to inform that the SMBC Group Foundation (Chairperson: Takeshi Kunibe, hereinafter “SMBC Group Foundation”), established as one of the grant recipients in the Grantee Introduction Services, has received a recommendation of certification from the Public Interest Certification Committee of the Cabinet Office. Based on this recommendation, the Cabinet Office is expected to issue a certification, allowing the SMBC Group Foundation to commence activities as a public interest incorporated foundation from April. By utilizing this foundation, we aim to offer customers an alternative to the burden of establishing and managing their own foundation, while also realizing the establishment and management of tailor-made, donor-advised funds that align with the individual aspirations of donors, thereby supporting customers' activities aimed at addressing and solving social issues.

[Foundation Summary]

Name: SMBC Group Foundation (General Incorporated Foundation)

(Scheduled to operate as SMBC Group Foundation, a Public Interest Incorporated Foundation, From April 2025)

Location: 1-1-2 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

Chairperson: Takeshi Kunibe (Chairperson of the Board, Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc.)

Business Activities: Grant-making activities to organizations engaged in social contribution and social issue resolution

* Philanthropy

Efforts in which individuals or organizations employ private funds and / or time to address and aim to solve social issues and support those in need.

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