

Opening of Hanoi Representative Office in Vietnam

TOKYO, December 24, 2004 --- Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC, President and CEO: Yoshifumi Nishikawa) today announced the opening of Hanoi Representative Office as part of efforts to strengthen its office network in Vietnam. SMBC Hanoi Representative Office will start its operation on December 27, 2004, in Hanoi, the capital of Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Vietnam, among the ASEAN countries, has been showing remarkable growth in recent years and become even more attractive as an investment destination for Japan. SMBC already has a representative office in Ho Chi Minh City (Former Saigon City) in southern Vietnam, and the establishment of a new representative office in Hanoi located in northern Vietnam will enable SMBC to more effectively communicate and gather information on Vietnam and meet the needs of its customers.

Overview of Hanoi Representative Office

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