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## Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Business Collaboration with Banque Centrale Populaire

TOKYO, August 27, 2019 --- Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC, President and CEO: Makoto Takashima) announces that it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Banque Centrale Populaire (BCP) regarding business collaboration on August 27, 2019, during the 7<sup>th</sup> Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD7).

Established in 1926, BCP is one of Morocco's leading private financial institutions, providing a wide range of financial services across its banking network.

The signing of this MOU is aimed at promoting mutual collaboration by leveraging each institution's respective networks and expand support for creating trade and investment opportunities between Japan and Africa.

Through cooperation with BCP, SMBC will enhance its support for Africa-related businesses and contribute to sustainable economic growth in the region.

## **Overview of Banque Centrale Populaire**

Established : 1926 Location of Head Office : Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco