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Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc.

Donations by SMBC Group to Support the Response Against COVID-19

TOKYO, June 30, 2020 --- Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc. (President and Group CEO: Jun Ohta; our corporate group will hereinafter be referred to as “SMBC Group”) and all of its employees express their heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathies to the people who have suffered losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic. SMBC Group prays for the speedy recovery of those who have fallen ill with COVID-19 and hope that we can begin our journey back to normality in the very near future.

As announced in the press release "SMBC Group's response to COVID-19" dated May 1, 2020, SMBC Group places the utmost importance on ensuring the health and safety of our customers and employees. At the same time, we are engaging in group-wide efforts to support our customers through uninterrupted financial services and contribute to medical research, medical institutions and their affiliated bodies, and the rest of society.

As part of our efforts to contribute to local communities and society as announced in the May press release, we are pleased to announce additional recipients of donations from SMBC Group.

Contributing to Local Communities and Society**(1) Donation and Support**

SMBC Group, on behalf of SMBC Group companies and its employees (*1), will donate a total of 1.5 billion yen to support efforts against COVID-19. With the COVID-19 pandemic continuing to wreak havoc across the world, the following donations will be made to support organizations in their global efforts to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 and develop medicines to treat the virus.

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In and outside of Japan, governments and players from the private sector are accelerating collaborations to develop a vaccine in response to society's strong expectation for a vaccine or treatment method to be developed so that COVID-19 can be brought under control and regular economic activities restarted. As part of efforts to support the development of vaccines to combat new viruses, including COVID-19, SMBC Group will donate 1 million euro to the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (*2). CEPI is a global partnership between public, private, philanthropic, and civil society organizations, and its mission is to stimulate and accelerate the development of vaccines against emerging infectious diseases and enable access to these vaccines for people during outbreaks. Through this contribution, SMBC Group will carry-out its responsibility as a global financial group to contribute to coordinated, international efforts to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic by supporting the development of a vaccine.

(2) Donation and Support with our Customers

In addition to the group-based donation, through the SMBC at HOME Project individual and corporate customers of Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation can make donations to organizations and individuals who are working to prevent the COVID-19 pandemic from inflicting further loss upon our lives by using SMBC's internet banking service. JPY 25 is contributed to the donation pool for each customer who conducts a subject transaction, and a maximum donation of JPY 100 million will be divided among The Nippon Foundation, Tokyo, Osaka, Hyogo, and Kobe.

(3) Donation and Support with our Employees

As a framework through which SMBC Group employees could contribute to society, donations were solicited from employees with SMBC Group matching those donations. As a result, a total of JPY 15 million will be donated to 13 entities, including non-profit organizations. The donation will be used to provide food assistance to families affected by COVID-19 and fund the purchase of equipment required for children to receive online education. The recipients of the donation were selected based on the donation's social impact and outcome by a screening committee comprised of SMBC Group employees.

SMBC Group will continue to fulfill its social responsibility as a global financial group by further accelerating multifaceted and flexible initiatives to support efforts to bring COVID-19 under control and contribute to society's recovery from the virus so that not only our customers, but society as a whole, can lead safe, healthy lives.

Future initiatives targeting COVID-19 will be announced through press releases and other means. For details, please refer to SMBC Group's website (https://www.smfg.co.jp/english/covid_19/) which is dedicated to the group's COVID-19 related actions.

(*1) SMBC Group Companies: Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group Inc., Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, SMBC Trust Bank Ltd., Sumitomo Mitsui Finance and Leasing Co. Ltd., SMBC Nikko Securities Inc., Sumitomo Mitsui Card Co. Ltd., Cedyne Financial Corporation, SMBC Consumer Finance Co. Ltd., The Japan Research Institute Ltd., Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management Co. Ltd., etc.

(*2) Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI)

CEPI is a global partnership between public, private, philanthropic, and civil society organizations launched in Davos in January 2017 to facilitate the development of epidemic vaccines. CEPI's mission is to stimulate and accelerate the development of vaccines against emerging infectious diseases and enable access to these vaccines for people during outbreaks. CEPI receives financial support from sovereign governments, private corporations, philanthropic foundations and individuals. The Government of Japan is a coalition partner, providing significant financial contributions to support CEPI's mission.