

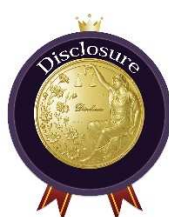
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Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc.

SMBC Group Receives 2020 Award for Excellence in Corporate Disclosure  
From the Securities Analysts Association of Japan

TOKYO, October 8, 2020 --- Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc. (President and Group CEO: Jun Ohta) received “2020 Award for Excellence in Corporate Disclosure” in the banking category for the second consecutive year and in the disclosure to individual investors category for the first time ever by the Securities Analysts Association of Japan (SAAJ).



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This award has been presented with the goal of promoting and improving corporate information disclosure. Companies are evaluated by securities analysts of each sector based on the following five criteria:

1) management’s stance on investor relations, function of the company’s investor relations department, and the company’s basic stance on investor relations; 2) disclosure through investor meetings, interviews, and presentation materials; 3) fairness in disclosure; 4) disclosure related to corporate governance; and 5) voluntary disclosure based on the condition of each industry.

In the disclosure to individual investors category, companies are evaluated based on the following three criteria: 1) investor meetings for individual investors; 2) disclosures on the website; 3) business reports, etc.

We recognize that appropriate disclosure of corporate and management information is the foundation of our efforts to realize one of the statements posted in “Our Mission”: “We aim to maximize our shareholders’ value through the continuous growth of our business.” We will aim to continuously enhance disclosure through investor meetings for both institutional and individual investors, conferences, one-on-one meetings, and other activities.

(Reference)

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