Nomura to Issue Stock Options (Stock Acquisition Rights)

Tokyo, April 26, 2013—Nomura Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") today announced that the Company will issue Stock Acquisition Rights ("SARs") in early June 2013.

The Exercise Price of the SARs will be one (1) yen per share and they will be granted to directors, executive officers and employees of the Company and its subsidiaries.

The SARs will be issued as deferred compensation to grantees and are restricted from being exercised for approximately one year up to five years from the issuance resolution date.

The number of SARs is estimated to be approximately 220 thousand units (22 million shares equivalent).

The number and detailed terms and conditions of the SARs will be determined at a meeting of the Company's Executive Management Board¹ scheduled for the middle of May 2013 and will be announced immediately thereafter.

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¹ The Executive Management Board consists of the Group CEO (Representative Executive Officer), the Group COO (Representative Executive Officer), Division CEOs, and any other executive officers nominated by the Group CEO, and via Board of Directors resolutions decides important business matters including the issuance of SARs. Moreover, the grant of SARs to directors and executive officers of the Company is in accordance with decisions made by the Compensation Committee.