

Nomura Leads Green Bond Offering for Gunma Bank

Tokyo, November 19, 2019—Nomura Securities Co., Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Nomura Holdings, Inc., today announced that it has priced a ten-year Green Bond¹ with an early redemption clause valued at 10 billion yen for The Gunma Bank. Nomura acted as bookrunner for the offering.

The GB Sustainability Policy 2030 was established in February 2019 to promote the efforts of the bank group to achieve the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), amid various critical environmental and social issues. The Declaration places priority on the preservation of the global environment towards the realization of a sustainable society and the creation of economic value.

The proceeds from the offering will be used to finance projects that meet such eligibility criteria as renewable energy, green private placement bonds, and energy efficiency.

The Nomura Group ESG Statement was published in January this year. The purpose of this statement is to further promote the realization of a sustainable environment and society by informing stakeholders about the firm's approach to ESG-related activities and its envisaged response to environmental and social risks.

The SDGs have gained widespread recognition in recent years. As part of this, green bonds aimed at addressing environmental issues, social bonds that target social outcomes, and sustainability bonds used for both social and green projects have been attracting attention globally.

By underwriting these types of bonds, Nomura aims to support the growth of the SDG bond market in Japan, and serve as a bridge between investors who want to contribute to society and projects with capital needs that aim to resolve social issues such as climate change. Nomura will also work to contribute to economic and sustainable social development and promote initiatives to achieve the SDGs.

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¹ Green Bonds are any type of bond instrument where the proceeds will be exclusively applied to finance eligible Green Projects. The Gunma Bank has obtained a second-party opinion regarding the compliance of this bond from the independent rating firm Sustainalytics, which confirmed that the issuance meets the criteria set out in the International Capital Market Association's "Green Bond Principles 2018" and the Green Bond Guidelines 2017 by the Ministry of the Environment of Japan. The bond has qualified for a subsidy under the Financial Support Programme for Green Bond Issuance 2019 by the Ministry of the Environment of Japan.