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SMBC Nikko Securities Inc.

Climate Bonds Initiative

SMBC Nikko Securities joins Climate Bonds Partners Programme

SMBC Nikko Securities Inc. (Yoshihiko Shimizu, President and CEO) announced today that it has joined the Climate Bonds Partners Programme[※] run by the Climate Bonds Initiative(CBI).

The goal of the program is to develop sustainable green bond markets that contribute to building a climate resilient and low-carbon economy, and for that goal, Climate Bonds Partners support the activities of investors and stakeholders as well as education projects.

With an aim to further support actions for SDGs and against climate change, SMBC Nikko became a CBI Partner, which will deepen ties between SMBC Nikko and CBI and SMBC Nikko will strongly support issuance of and investments in green bonds .

SMBC Nikko has so far established “SDGs Finance”, a department dedicated to SDGs, in order to address environmental and social issues through its business in financial and capital markets. SMBC Nikko has been proactively promoting ESG initiatives and is the only securities company that participated in, as a bookrunner, all Climate Bonds Certified green bonds issued or planned to be issued in Japan, to be specific, sustainability bonds issued by Japan Railway Construction, Transport and Technology Agency, green bonds issued by Meidensha Corporation and green bonds planned by Tohoku Electric Power Co.

※ The Climate Bonds Initiative is a London-based international non-governmental organization that promotes large-scale investments for the transition to a low carbon economy. Its main activities include creating the Climate Bonds Standard which is an individual standard for green bonds and providing CBI Certification which verifies qualification of the bonds toward the standard. In Japan, sustainability bonds issued by Japan Railway Construction, Transport and Technology Agency and green bonds issued by Meidensha Corporation in July were Certified by CBI.

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