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The Norinchukin Bank

Investment in the World Bank's "Sustainable Development Bond"

— An AUD 300 million investment to support the conservation of biodiversity in developing countries —



The Norinchukin Bank (the "Bank") announces that it has invested AUD 300 million in "Sustainable Development Bond" issued by the World Bank (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development).

The Bond has been issued with the aim of spreading awareness of the need to safeguard biodiversity. By contributing toward the realization of three of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals ("SDGs") proposed by the United Nations: SDG13(Climate Action), SDG14(Life below Water) and SDG15(Life on land) – the Bank's investment will, in collaboration with the World Bank, act as a catalyst for making the world aware of the importance of taking steps to achieve the SDGs.

In recent years, the need for efforts on "nature positive" to halt the loss of natural capital and biodiversity and put the Earth on the road to recovery, has become steadily stronger year by year on a global scale. The World Bank has supported the financing of sustainable development projects and programs in member countries across a range of sectors in line with its mission to end extreme poverty and promote shared prosperity. Biodiversity is the World Bank's strategic theme to achieve the two goals sustainably.

The Bank has set its purpose in 2021 that "Dedicated to sustaining all life. – Work together with our stakeholders to foster the AFF (agricultural, fishery and forestry) industries and to create a prosperous future for food and lifestyles, and thereby contribute to a sustainable global environment –." As a member of cooperative organizations supporting the agriculture, fishery and forestry industries, the Bank recognizes that its own business is built on natural capital and biodiversity. Thus, it has contributed toward the development of the disclosure framework led by the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD) as a taskforce member, as well as establishing and participating in the Finance Alliance for Nature Positive Solutions (FANPS)¹, which was created by four financial groups in Japan with the aim of promoting and supporting the

¹ The FANPS was launched on February 28, 2023 by four financial institutions: The Norinchukin Bank, Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc. (SMFG), MS&AD Insurance Group Holdings, Inc., and Development Bank of Japan, Inc. (DBJ).



transition to make companies' business activities nature-positive. In addition to these measures, by investing in this Sustainable Development Bonds, the Bank is aiming to collaborate with the World Bank to spread awareness of the importance of safeguarding biodiversity in developing countries.

The Bank aims to extend JPY 10 trillion in sustainable finance by fiscal year 2030 as in its medium- to long-term goals to achieve its purpose, through investments and loans that contribute to sustainability of the environment and the society including the AFF industries. The Bank will continue to make investments that contribute to solving various environmental and social issues in order to realize its vision of becoming “the leading bank that supports the agriculture, fishery and forestry industries, food production and consumption, and the daily lives of local communities.”

【Summary Terms of the Bonds】

Issuer	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
Amount of investment	AUD 300 million
Term	10 years

【Examples of Projects】

In the Cerrado biome in Brazil, an integrated landscape management approach has been adopted, and by providing support for habitat restoration and technology support for low-carbon agriculture, a total of 4,000 landowners and agricultural producers have been helped to adopt low-carbon agriculture.

In Turkey, a project has been implemented that makes effective use of nature to reduce poverty and community fragility in rural areas. The project involves the restoration of forest landscapes, job creation, provision of training in sustainable agriculture methods, and the building of disaster-resilient infrastructure to improve irrigation and the water supply.

* These projects are for case study purpose only and the proceeds of the bond is not limited only to the above project or project criteria.