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The Norinchukin Bank

The Norinchukin Trust & Banking Co., Ltd.

## Conclusion of a Social Loan Contract with NIPRO

The Norinchukin Bank (President and CEO: Kazuto Oku; hereinafter “the Bank”), in partnership with 4 member organizations of the Prefectural Banking Federations of Agricultural Cooperatives (hereinafter “JA Shinnoren”), has concluded a contract for a syndicated social loan (hereinafter “SSL”) to NIPRO CORPORATION (President: Yoshihiko Sano; hereinafter “NIPRO”). The SSL is arranged by The Norinchukin Trust & Banking Co., Ltd. (President and Representative Director: Satoru Toyoda; hereinafter “Norinchukin Trust & Banking”) and the syndicate consists of JA Shinnoren and the Bank.

A social loan is a loan issued to fund projects aimed at addressing social problems. The SSL will be allocated to social projects as outlined in NIPRO’s Social Finance Framework (hereinafter “the Framework”), established in September 2021 (revised in August 2023). The Bank expects that NIPRO’s social projects will provide benefits such as stable supplies of safe and reliable medical products and equipment, enhanced life-saving capabilities, and improved quality of life for patients. For healthcare providers, the SSL is expected to lead to reductions in medical accidents and improvements in work environments.

NIPRO, as a “truly global comprehensive medical manufacturer,” states its management philosophy (mission statement) as follows: “In looking toward our future as a truly global comprehensive medical manufacturer, we believe our current and future responsibility to society is to develop innovative, value-added products and technologies that improve patient outcomes and healthcare worldwide.” The company committed to sustainable management by providing high quality and reliable medical products and equipment.

The Bank declares the following as its Purpose: “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.” The Bank is pursuing a roadmap toward sustainable management for the entire Norinchukin Bank Group. In its Medium/Long-term Goals announced in May 2021, the Bank set a target of ¥10 trillion in cumulative new lending in the sustainable finance category by FY2030. Through its funding of the SSL, the Bank is supporting efforts to finance real solutions to social issues, such as the achievement of NIPRO’s goal of universal health coverage.

NIPRO has obtained a second opinion from Rating and Investment Information, Inc. (R&I) on the compliance of the Framework with the 2023 Social Bond Principles formulated by the International Capital Market Association.

## Overview of the SSL

■Method of formation	Syndicated loan
■Date of implementation	July 31, 2024
■Funding period	5 years
■Amount of funding	¥5 billion
■Members of syndicate	JA Ibaraki Shinnoren JA Tokushima Shinnoren The Norinchukin Bank JA Hyogo Shinnoren JA Fukui Shinnoren
■Agent	The Norinchukin Bank
■Arranger	Norinchukin Trust & Banking

## Reference links

NIPRO

<https://www.nipro.co.jp/>

NIPRO's initiatives on sustainability

<https://www.nipro.co.jp/sustainability/>

Overview of the Framework

[https://www.nipro.co.jp/assets/document/newsrelease/230831\\_framework.pdf](https://www.nipro.co.jp/assets/document/newsrelease/230831_framework.pdf)

Second opinion from R&I

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