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Daiwa Securities Group Inc.

ADB to issue its first Green Bond Uridashi in the Japanese market

~Supporting mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions and adaptation to consequences of climate change through investment in order to achieve sustainable economic growth in Asia and the Pacific~

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Daiwa Securities Group Inc. announced today ADB's planned issuance of its first Green Bond Uridashi in the Japanese market to finance its continuous work in addressing the mitigation of climate change in Asia and the Pacific. The issuance will be arranged and distributed by Daiwa Securities Co.Ltd. to Japanese retail and institutional investors in May 2017.

ADB will hold its 50th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors on 4-7 May 2017 in Yokohama, Japan. In advance of the meeting, ADB and Daiwa Securities Group are co-organizing an investment forum on 28 April 2017 which will look at ADB's efforts and financial role in tackling current challenges as well as topics on Asia's economic growth and environmental issues.

ADB plays an important role in leading the region to a low-carbon and climate-resilient future through financing and introduction of innovative technologies. In line with Strategy 2020, ADB is integrating climate change into its planning and investment to ensure continued economic growth and a sustainable future for all in Asia and the Pacific. ADB plans to double its annual climate financing to US\$6billion by 2020, up from \$3 billion in 2015. ADB's spending on tackling climate change will rise to around 30% of its overall financing by the end of this decade. Out of the \$6 billion, \$4 billion will be dedicated to mitigation through scaling up support for renewable energy, energy efficiency, sustainable transport, and building smart cities, while \$2 billion will be for adaptation through more resilient infrastructure, climate-smart agriculture, and better preparation for climate-related disasters.

Green bond net proceeds are allocated within ADB's treasury to a special sub-portfolio that is linked to ADB's lending operation to eligible projects. So long as the Green Bonds are outstanding, the balance of the sub-portfolio will be reduced at the end of each quarter by amounts matching disbursements made during the quarter in respect of eligible projects. Pending such disbursements, the sub-portfolio will be invested in liquid instruments, consistent with ADB's liquidity policy.



Green Bonds are an example of Daiwa Securities Group's ongoing Impact Investment initiative. Under this initiative, Daiwa Securities Group actively pursues its commitment to social responsibility by seeking out investments that achieve social impact.

■ Asian Development Bank (ADB)

ADB, based in Manila, is dedicated to reducing poverty in Asia and the Pacific through inclusive economic growth, environmentally sustainable growth, and regional integration. Established in 1966, ADB in December 2016 marked 50 years of development partnership in Asia. It is owned by 67 members—48 from the region.

■ About the Daiwa Securities Group

Daiwa Securities Group Inc., founded in 1902, is one of the largest independent and comprehensive securities company in Japan. The Group contributes to the development of society and economy by providing a broad range of financial services worldwide through its global network. The Group's core business includes brokerage, investment banking, asset management, investment, and technology services. Additionally, the Group entered into banking business in 2011. In April 2012, Daiwa Securities, the retail arm of the Group, merged with Daiwa Securities Capital Markets, the wholesale arm.

Operational base of the Group spreads around the world, including Japan, the United States, Europe, and Asia-Oceania.

The Group employs near 15,000 personnel worldwide, and its customer asset under custody is approximately JPY53.5trillion. (All figures are as of the end of Dec. 2016)

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