

Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation Announces
Support for Yoshimoto Tochtatemono Group's Revitalization

TOKYO, January 28, 2004: Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation ("SMBC") announced today that it has jointly submitted an application based on Clause 22 of the Industrial Revitalization Corporation Act together with Yoshimoto Tochtatemono Co., Ltd. and its subsidiary, Osaka Marubiru Co., Ltd., to the Industrial Revitalization Corporation of Japan ("IRCJ") for support in their revitalization, and received an approval notice from IRCJ regarding this support.

SMBC is expected to effect financial support to Yoshimoto Tochtatemono and Osaka Marubiru on the condition that other related parties shall approve the revitalization plan, and, as the main bank, will continue to support the companies together with the IRCJ, in order to realize the revitalization plan.

Outline of the Support:

1. Outline of Yoshimoto Tochtatemono Group

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| Trade Name: | Yoshimoto Tochtatemono Co.,Ltd. | Osaka Marubiru Co.,Ltd. |
| Location: | 3-2-9 Kawaramachi, Chuo-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka | 3-2-9 Kawaramachi, Chuo-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka |
| Representative: | Haruhiko Yoshimoto | Haruhiko Yoshimoto Haruyuki Yoshimoto |
| Capital: | Yen 255 million | Yen 400 million |
| Business: | Real estate leasing | Hotel operations |

2. Details of Planned Financial Support

Debt forgiveness Approximately Yen 3,100 million (total being applied for by the two companies)

Date During the first half of fiscal 2004