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## **JRI to Establish New Organization for International Strategy and Appoint a Chairman for the Organization**

Tokyo, September 27, 2010 --- Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc. (SMFG, President: Teisuke Kitayama) announced today that The Japan Research Institute, Limited (JRI, President and CEO: Yasuyuki Kimoto), a wholly-owned subsidiary of SMFG, will establish a new organization, JRI Institute for International Strategy, effective as of October 1, 2010, in order to enhance its capability to provide international strategy related information.

Hitoshi Tanaka, former Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, has been appointed as Chairman of the Institute, effective as of October 1, 2010.

### **Profile of Hitoshi Tanaka**

#### **Date of Birth:**

January 15, 1947, in Kyoto

#### **Education:**

Has a B.A. in law from Kyoto University and a B.A./M.A. in PPE from Oxford University

#### **Work Experience:**

Current: Senior Fellow at the Japan Center for International Exchange and visiting professor at the Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Tokyo (He will continue to hold these positions concurrently with his new position as Chairman of the Institute)

2002: Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs (resigned in 2005)

2001: Director-General, Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau

2000: Director-General, Economic Affairs Bureau

1998: Consul-General in San Francisco

1996: Deputy Director-General, North American Affairs Bureau

1993: Director, Policy Coordination Division, Foreign Policy Bureau

1969: Joined Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan