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SMBC ASIA PACIFIC DIVISION LAUNCHES “TOGETHER WITH YOU FUND” AS PART OF “SMBC x TOMORROW” INITIATIVE

October 13, 2020 --- Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (“SMBC”) Asia Pacific Division announced today the launch of the “SMBC Together with You Fund” (“fund”), which will see up to USD 1.7 million in charitable contributions regionally as an immediate response to support people and businesses during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Through our work with charity organization partners across the region, the fund will be devoted in the form of both monetary and resource donations, mainly to:

- **Protect lives via medical system** – Provision of over 20,000 Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) sets, 97,500 mask and gloves to frontline and foreign workers, as well as monetary support to boost vaccine development and test kit production.
- **Improve education quality** – Empowering more than 10,000 underprivileged students with knowledge through education, with the provision of laptops for access to online education.
- **Enable access to safe drinking water** – Installation of Solar Powered Pumping & Filtration system to help over 5,000 persons across Thailand, Vietnam, Philippines, Myanmar and Cambodia to access clean and safe drinking water.
- **Support affected communities** – Over 80 service agencies engaged to effectively reach out and offer help to people in need, and provide over 100,000 meals to low income families.

In relation to SMBC’s efforts to give back to the society, Mr. Chow Ying Hoong, Co-Head of SMBC Asia Pacific Division commented: “We hope to contribute to the community in a positive manner, and through the fund, make a difference to the lives of people who have been hit by the crisis.”

“SMBC aims to build a society in which everyone can enjoy economic prosperity and well-being, and positively impacting the communities where our customers and employees live and work is key to us,” Mr. Kageyama Yoshiyaki, Co-Head of SMBC Asia Pacific Division emphasized.

The “SMBC x Tomorrow” campaign was launched this year in 2020, as part of the Bank’s commitment and intensified focus on sustainability. Through the campaign which houses initiatives under four key categories – (1) Sustainability, (2) Corporate Social Responsibility, (3) Technology and Innovation, as well as (4) the abovementioned fund dedicated for Crisis Relief Efforts, SMBC seeks to create a more sustainable future for our stakeholders and the next generation.

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About SMBC Asia Pacific Division

Headquartered in Tokyo, SMBC is a leading global financial institution and a core member of the Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group (SMBC Group). SMBC is one of the largest Japanese banks by assets, with strong credit ratings across the globe. We work across SMBC Group to offer personal, corporate and investment banking services to our network that extends across 40 countries and regions, 16 of which are in Asia.

The Bank’s Asia Pacific regional headquarters is based in Singapore – established in 2008 to expand our presence in the region as we seek to rise in Asia, with Asia. We are driven by our commitment to lead the way in providing value to our customers and the markets in which we operate.

For more information on SMBC Asia Pacific Division, please visit www.smbc.co.jp/asia/.

About “SMBC x Tomorrow” initiatives

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