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Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation

Partnership Agreement with EDO ALL UNITED to Connect Sports Enthusiasm to Solving Social Issue

TOKYO, March 17, 2026 --- Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (President & CEO: Akihiro Fukutome, hereinafter "SMBC"), a subsidiary of Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc. (President & Group CEO: Toru Nakashima, hereinafter "SMBC Group"), concludes a partnership agreement with EDO ALL UNITED (operated by Edo All United Corporation, Ltd., President & CEO: Ryohei Suzuki, hereinafter "EDO ALL UNITED"), which belongs to the Kanto Soccer League Division 1(*1), with the aim of implementing mechanisms that connect sports enthusiasm to solving social issue.

SMBC has been a sponsor of several sports activities, such as Nippon Professional Baseball Organization's "the Nippon Series" and others that share the mutual mindset as the SMBC Group's management philosophy and values. Furthermore, SMBC has contributed to a wide range of sports-related initiatives, including support for those who engage in sports, participation in corporate sports, and efforts to revitalize communities through sports.

Through these sports-related initiatives, SMBC reaffirms that sports have the power to attract diverse people and generate strong enthusiasm. In addition, this enthusiasm encourages people to take action beyond sports itself, ultimately contributing to solving social issues.

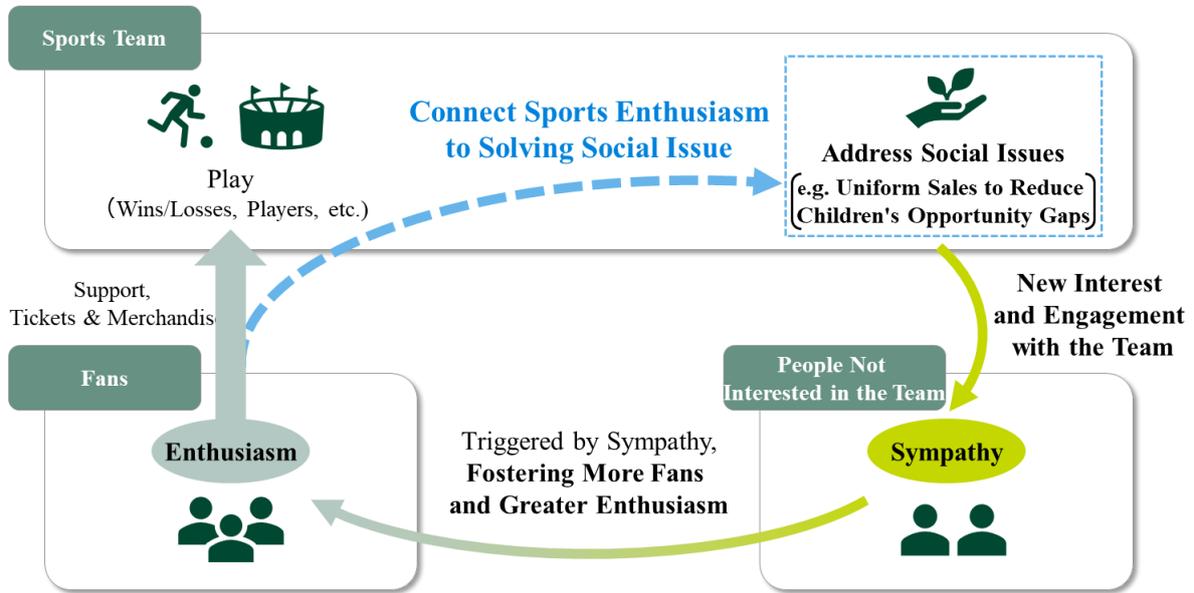
Based on this idea, SMBC continues to take on the challenge of creating mechanisms that allow enthusiastic fans' actions to naturally contribute to addressing social issues, including donating a portion of proceeds from merchandise sales to related initiatives. In addition, SMBC aims to generate a positive cycle in which these initiatives foster more fans and greater enthusiasm, which in turn contribute to solving social issues.

To create this cycle, SMBC will promote this initiative together with EDO ALL UNITED as the first partner supporting the concept.

EDO ALL UNITED is a soccer club founded in 2020 by Mr. Keisuke Honda. EDO ALL UNITED adopts a system that allows anyone to become an "owner" by paying a membership fee and participate in key decisions of the club, from making proposals to voting. A key feature of the club is its challenge to develop a new model of club operation in which fans participate in club management. Furthermore, the club has achieved notable success on the field, earning five promotions in its first

six seasons.

In addition, with the cooperation of Mr. Keisuke Honda, founder of EDO ALL UNITED and its current owner and general manager, in the SMBC Group's existing sports initiatives, SMBC will further accelerate its initiatives to create social value.



*1 Kanto Soccer League Division 1

One of the nine regional leagues in Japan, corresponding to the fifth tier of the Japanese football league system, following J1, J2, J3, and the Japan Football League (JFL)

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