

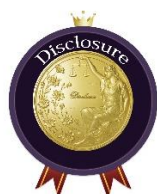
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Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc.

SMBC Group Received 2026 Award for Excellence in Corporate Disclosure from the Securities Analysts Association of Japan

TOKYO, October 9, 2026 --- Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc. (President and Group CEO: Toru Nakashima, hereinafter the Group is collectively referred to as “SMBC Group”) received “2026 Award for Excellence in Corporate Disclosure” in the banking category for the second consecutive year and sixth time overall by the Securities Analysts Association of Japan (SAAJ).



2026 Award for Excellence
in Corporate Disclosure
— Industries —

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This award has been presented with the goal of promoting and improving corporate information disclosure. Companies are evaluated by securities analysts of each sector based on the following five criteria:

1) management’s stance on investor relations, function of the company’s investor relations department, and the company’s basic stance on investor relations; 2) disclosure through investor meetings, interviews, and presentation materials; 3) fairness in disclosure; 4) disclosure related to ESG; and 5) voluntary disclosure based on the condition of each industry.

SMBC Group recognizes that appropriate disclosure of corporate and management information is the foundation of our efforts to realize one of the statements posted in “Our Mission”: “We aim to maximize our shareholders’ value through the continuous growth of our business.” We will aim to continuously enhance disclosure through investor meetings for both institutional and individual investors, conferences, one-on-one meetings, and other activities.

(Reference)

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