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Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation**Opening of Community Space for Children “Atelier Banrai -TOYONAKA-”**

Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc. (President and Group CEO: Toru Nakashima; hereinafter, together with its group companies, “SMBC Group”) and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (President and CEO: Akihiro Fukutome; hereinafter “SMBC”) will open “Atelier Banrai -TOYONAKA-” in the SMBC Toyonaka Ekimae Building in Toyonaka City, Osaka, as a place where children can learn and explore through experiences.

1. Background and Purpose

Since FY2023, SMBC Group has positioned “Creating Social Value” as one of the pillars of its management and has been working to reduce disparities in educational and experiential opportunities for children.

Changes in the environment surrounding children, evolving family structures resulting from the declining birthrate and aging population and weakening community ties have reduced opportunities for children to have places where they feel belonging to and access to meaningful experiences.

To help address these social challenges, SMBC Group launched “Atelier Banrai -ITABASHI-” in April 2025, transforming underutilized assets into as a place for children, and a cumulative total of more than 6,500 children have participated in programs delivered at the facility, gaining access to a variety of experiential programs through collaboration with over 40 companies and organizations. Building on insights gained through this initiative, SMBC Group will open a new facility “Atelier Banrai -TOYONAKA-”.

2. Facility Name: “Atelier Banrai”

The name “Atelier Banrai” combines “Atelier,” meaning a workshop that serves as a base for creativity, with “Banrai,” a word inspired by both the Japanese phrase “Senkyaku Banrai,” representing a place open to all children, and “Bank of Life,” a bank in which experiences are accumulated as assets. The name embodies the hope that the facility will be a place where creativity and curiosity intersect and where a new sense of self can be nurtured.

3. Facility Overview

The facility will deliver opportunities to broaden children’s interests and curiosity through programs developed in collaboration with Kansai (western Japan) based companies and nature-based experiences utilizing the rooftop garden.

It will feature a library space with approximately 4,000 books, provide a welcoming after-school place for children, and offer experiential programs and community-based children’s cafeteria events.

The facility will also serve as a hub where adults working to address social issues fostering connection, collaboration, and co-creation contributing to the resolution of social challenges.

Overview of “Atelier Banrai -TOYONAKA-”

Facility Name	Atelier Banrai -TOYONAKA-
Scheduled Opening	April 2027
Location	1-2-57, Honmachi, Toyonaka City, Osaka Prefecture (Toyonaka Ekimae Building)
Opening Hours	In principle, after school on weekdays. Details will be announced on the website around March 2027. https://www.smfg.co.jp/sustainability/atelier/

Facility logo (Trademark application pending)



Facility image



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