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Press Release

Daiwa Securities Group Inc.
Daiwa Asset Management Co. Ltd.

Received the “Tokyo Finance Award 2021” in recognition of “the spread of new investment aiming for Carbon-Zero”

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Attention

This document is an unofficial translation of a press release announced on January 18, 2022 by Daiwa Securities Group Inc. and Daiwa Asset Management Co. Ltd. The original press release is in Japanese.



Daiwa Asset Management Co. Ltd. (Headquarters: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, President: Koichi Matsushita, the "DAM"), an asset management company of Daiwa Securities Group (the "Daiwa Group"), received the "Green Finance Governor's Special Award in the ESG Investment subcategory" this year at the "Tokyo Finance Award 2021" sponsored by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government (the "TMG").

As one of the initiatives of the "International Financial City, Tokyo 2.0" concept, TMG is holding the "Tokyo Financial Award" to recognize financial companies that develop and provide epoch-making financial products and services that contribute to solving the needs and issues of the citizens of Tokyo, and the spread of ESG investment.

This time, DAM participated in the Tokyo Financial Award with both "CANDRIAM Decarbonization Technology Fund (nickname: Carbon ZERO)" ("this Fund") with the message of "Prevailing the innovative style of investment achieving a Carbon-neutral society" and the tree-planting project of "Forests for Tomorrow, Fostered Together" ("this Project"). Then three companies including DAM received the "ESG Investment subcategory" award as excellent business operators from the

viewpoint of the uniqueness and results of the efforts that are practicing the spread of ESG investment. Among three companies, DAM received the "Green Finance Governor's Special Award" as a most excellent company in green finance initiatives.

DAM launched this Fund on July 12, 2021 aiming to grow trust assets by investing in world-wide companies including Japan that provide solutions for the realization of a carbon-free society.

Now, the world set a common goal of zero carbon in order to avoid the imminent crisis and turned to the realization of a carbon-free society. This Fund is the first fund (*1) in Japan that aims for zero carbon as a fund by carefully selecting and investing in solution companies that contribute to the realization of a carbon-free society.

In addition, we have donated a part of the management fee of this Fund to the tree planting project "Present Tree" operated by the certified NPO Environmental Relations Research Institute, as the project of "Forests for Tomorrow". Efforts to plant trees through investment activities in this Fund, aiming to contribute to solve mid-long term environmental issues by watching the process of growing trees that have been planted and growing into natural forests together with investors, and continuing to support tree planting activities. (* 2)

This Fund and this Project are part of Daiwa Group's efforts (*3), and Daiwa Group will continue to aim to realize SDGs through the creation of a fund circulation of capital and to contribute to the development of the green finance market. Also, Daiwa Group will contribute to the creation of a sustainable and prosperous society.

(*1) Aim for zero carbon as a fund by calculating the CO2 emissions of the investee companies and contributing funds to the green project by an investment advisory company (CANDRIAM). (As of July 2021)

(*2) This is the project in which the donation amount is calculated according to the total net assets of this Fund, and the donation leads to tree planting.

(*3) In May 2021, Daiwa Group formulated and announced the management vision "Vision 2030," taking as its core concept "From savings to SDGs" and, through this Vision, Daiwa Group intends to realize the SDGs by creating a sustainable capital cycle. In August of the same year, the "Daiwa Securities Group Net Zero Carbon Declaration" was formulated and under these circumstances, towards the early achievement of a carbon-neutral society, Daiwa Group has commits to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions within our own operations* by 2030(Scope 1 and Scope 2), and net zero greenhouse gas emissions across our investment and loan portfolios, etc. by 2050 (Scope 3). (*to be calculated on a consolidated basis)

(Reference) Daiwa Securities Group's SDGs Initiatives: <https://www.daiwa-grp.jp/english/sdgs/>