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Winning the Minister of the Environment Awards (Silver Prize) in the 5th ESG Finance Awards Japan hosted by the Ministry of the Environment

Daiwa Securities Group Inc. today announced that its subsidiary, Daiwa Securities Co., Ltd., has won the Minister of the Environment Awards (Silver Prize) in the financial services category (securities category) of the 5th ESG Finance Awards Japan (hereinafter, “the Awards”) hosted by the Ministry of the Environment. It is our first winning in the Awards.

The Awards were established by the Ministry of the Environment in 2019 to promote and expand ESG finance. The purpose of the Awards is to evaluate and award financial institutions and organizations that actively engage in ESG finance, as well as companies that engage in environmentally sustainable management, and to share the results widely with society.

For the 5th time held, Daiwa Securities Co., Ltd. won the Silver Prize in recognition of the following efforts.

- Contributing to the expansion of the ESG finance market through initiatives such as developing impact start-up companies, supporting the issuance of university SDGs bonds that incorporate research about green technology into the impact description, and Japan's Climate Transition Bond, which is the world's first transition government bond.
- Actively encouraging issuers to incorporate Scope 3*1 into the perspective of setting goals and formulating strategies when engaging in sustainability-linked bonds and transition bonds.



Daiwa Securities Group Inc. was also selected as an “Environmentally Sustainable Company” in the Environmentally Sustainable Company Category of the Award for three consecutive years and a “Progressive Company on Environmental Disclosure”, which was newly established this year.



This is the first time for a Japanese securities company to receive awards in multiple categories at the same time.

*1 Scope 3 is one of the classifications used by companies to calculate greenhouse gas emissions in their supply chains. It refers to indirect greenhouse gas emissions (emissions by other companies related to the activities of the business) other than direct emissions by the business itself (Scope 1) and indirect emissions from the use of electricity, heat, and steam supplied by other companies (Scope 2).

*2 The “Environmentally Sustainable Company” is selected among the companies whose disclosure level meets certain standards.

*3 The “Progressive Company on Environmental Disclosure” is selected among the companies that have been continuously applying and whose disclosures have improved and are expected to develop further.

Daiwa Securities Group aims to realize the SDGs by creating a sustainable capital cycle with the core concept of “From savings to SDGs” in its management vision “Vision 2030”. Working together with our stakeholders, we strive to strengthen our medium- to long-term corporate value and create a sustainable and prosperous society through SDGs and ESG initiatives.

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(Reference) Daiwa Securities Group’s Sustainability initiatives

https://www.daiwa-grp.jp/english/sustainability/?cid=ad_eir_ensdgspress