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Chiba Bank Announces Participation in the Task Force on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD) Forum

February 20, 2023 - The Chiba Bank (President: Tsutomu Yonemoto) (“Chiba Bank” or “the Bank”) is pleased to announce its participation in the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD) Forum in support of the TNFD’s initiatives.

The TNFD is an international initiative officially launched in June 2021 by the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the British environmental NGO Global Canopy, and the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) which aims to develop and deliver a broad framework for information disclosures related to natural resources and biodiversity. The TNFD’s aim is to support a shift in financial flows toward "nature positive outcomes" through corporate nature-related information disclosures and the TNFD Forum is a stakeholder organization designed to support the TNFD’s recommendations for such disclosures.

The Bank has identified "Environmental Protection" as a Key Issue (ESG Materiality) for the Chiba Bank Group and believes that environmental protection is a major prerequisite for realizing a sustainable society. While Chiba Prefecture, the Bank’s main operating base, is a region with developing commercial and industrial sectors, it is also an area endowed with a rich and diverse natural environment, including lush green hills and diverse coastlines, and where a variety of animals and plants live and grow.

By participating in the TNFD Forum, Chiba Bank will contribute to the establishment of a framework for disclosing nature-related financial information while striving to realize a sustainable society by actively developing conservation initiatives focused on the natural resources and biodiversity of Chiba Prefecture and beyond.