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Chiba Bank Announces Receipt of the "Minister of the Environment Award for Best Practices" at the "Principles for Financial Action for the 21st Century"

March 8, 2023 - The Chiba Bank (President: Tsutomu Yonemoto) ("Chiba Bank" or "the Bank") is pleased to announce that its "Efforts to evaluate business feasibility considering sustainable finance promotion and ESG factors" initiative has received the "Minister of the Environment Award for Best Practices" under the "Principles for Financial Action for the 21st Century".

The "Principles for Financial Action toward a Sustainable Society (7 Principles)", which are commonly referred to as the "Principles for Financial Action for the 21st Century", were formulated in October 2011 (and then revised in June 2022) under the leadership of the Ministry of the Environment. As of March 1, 2023, 306 financial institutions, including Chiba Bank, have signed on in support of these principles.

In order to further promote the signatories' efforts, starting in FY2014, a selection committee that includes external experts chooses from among their initiatives that are designed to contribute to the establishment of a sustainable society and bestows an award for "Best Practices (Minister of the Environment Award)".

As a partner to our customers and local communities, the Bank will continue to promote initiatives designed to address social and environmental issues, such as sustainable finance, and contribute to the realization of sustainable local communities.

【Award】

Title	Efforts to evaluate business feasibility considering sustainable finance promotion and ESG factors
Overview	<p>Promotion the following initiatives to support the sustainable management and decarbonization efforts of our business partners</p> <p>(1) Promotion of sustainable finance products based on company size</p> <p>The Bank promotes sustainable finance by providing a wide range of products such as the "Chiba Bank SDGs Leaders Loan", which is mainly intended for medium-sized companies, and the "Chiba Bank SDGs Friends Loan", which was designed for SMEs.</p> <p>(2) Implementation of business feasibility evaluation in consideration of ESG factors</p> <p>The Bank promotes close dialogue with its business partners and actively proposes solutions to address decarbonization, etc., by conducting business feasibility evaluations that utilize its independently-developed ESG evaluation sheet.</p>



Pictured: President Yonemoto and Mr. Akihiro Nishimura, Minister of the Environment, at the award ceremony on Mar 22, 2023