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Nippon Life Insurance Company

Nippon Life Announces Investment in Green Bond Issued by World Bank

- Supporting the transition of developing countries to a low-carbon society -

Nippon Life Insurance Company (President: Hiroshi Shimizu, hereinafter "Nippon Life") today announced it has invested NZD 141 million (approximately JPY 11.0 billion) in a Green Bond ("the Bond") issued by the World Bank (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, hereinafter "World Bank").

The World Bank, which was established in 1944, is the oldest institution among the World Bank Group and the world's largest single international development financial institution.

In June 2021, the World Bank Group announced its new Climate Change Action Plan ("the new plan") for 2021-2025, which includes a commitment to increase the percentage of the World Bank Group's total amount of aid to funds for climate change measures to an average of 35% over five years.

International momentum for the implementation of climate change measures is increasing ahead of COP26, which is scheduled to be held in November 2021. A joint statement on climate change measures was released at the G7 Finance Ministers' Meeting in June, once again emphasizing the importance of support by multilateral development banks, including the World Bank Group, and mobilization of more climate finance including by the private sector.

This is the first time for Nippon Life to invest in a bond issued under the World Bank Group's new plan, and the first time to invest in a bond intended to be used mainly for climate funds, as a way to show collective support for the flow of climate finance from developed countries to developing countries in line with the goals of the Paris Agreement.

Nippon Life actively engages in ESG investments and loans to contribute to solving environmental and social issues from the perspective of coexisting with the environment, communities and society, and sharing stable growth with economies and business. Nippon Life has positioned the investment in the Bond as contributing to solving social and environmental issues.

Nippon Life will continue advancing ESG investments and loans, taking into account matters of a social and public nature and investment returns, to better serve the interests of policyholders and contribute to the realization of a sustainable society.

<World Bank Green Bond>

The World Bank has issued over 185 green bonds in 23 currencies, totaling the equivalent of nearly USD 16 billion since the inaugural green bond was issued in 2008. World Bank Green Bonds support the financing of projects in member countries that meet specific criteria for low carbon and climate resilient growth, seeking to mitigate climate change or help affected people adapt to it. The types of eligible projects include renewable energy installations, energy efficiency projects, and new technologies in waste management and agriculture that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help finance the transition to a low carbon economy. The bonds also support the financing of forest and watershed management and infrastructure projects that prevent climate-related flood damage and build climate resilience.

<SDGs Closely Related to this Investment>

Goal 13: Climate Action

Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

