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Nippon Life Insurance Company

Nippon Life Announces Investment in Sustainable Cities Bond Issued  
by the Inter-American Development Bank  
- Supporting areas harmed by COVID-19 -

Nippon Life Insurance Company (President: Hiroshi Shimizu, hereinafter "Nippon Life") today announced it has invested AUD140 million (approximately JPY10.4 billion) in Sustainable Cities Bond issued by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). This is the first Sustainable Cities Bond issued by the IDB and Nippon Life's first investment in such bonds.

The IDB is a multilateral development bank founded in 1959, comprised of 48 member countries, including Japan and European nations in addition to countries in the Americas. The IDB aims to improve lives in Latin America and the Caribbean by supporting sustainable initiatives to reduce poverty and inequality to achieve the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Sustainable Cities Bond is a bond used for the purpose of sustainable urban development and funds procured are used to contribute to achieving SDG#11 of Sustainable Cities and Communities in Latin America and the Caribbean by improving urban residential environments and water and sewer services, easing overcrowded living environments which is important from a public hygiene perspective, correcting gender inequality through measures supporting housing for women, and building low-carbon housing\* for low-income earners. Nippon Life expects investment in this Sustainable Cities Bond to secure stable earnings and for the investment funds to aid in formation of a sustainable society and support regions that have faced the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

\* Housing that suppresses emissions of carbon dioxide

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 businesses. Its investment in Sustainable Cities Bond has been positioned as one means of contributing to achieving the SDGs.

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 formation of a sustainable society.

< Overview of the Sustainable Cities Bond >

Name	Sustainable Cities Bond
Issuer	Inter-American Development Bond (IDB)
Investment Amount	AUD 140 million (approximately JPY 10.4 billion)

<IDB Initiatives to Achieve the SDGs>

■ Neighborhood Upgrading in Uruguay

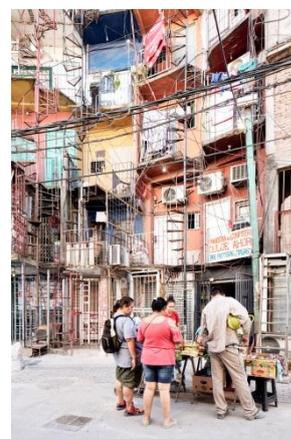
The IDB has been supporting Uruguay since 2008 to improve the quality of urban living environments and lifestyles of urban residents, and funding a housing acquisition project for women to support correcting gender inequality. Up until now, the IDB has loaned USD200 million and contributed to improving lifestyles for approximately 11,000 households. Going forward, it plans to start work on such projects as increasing greenery to combat the heat island effect and building energy-efficient housing.



(Photo: IDB)

■ Clean Energy for Low-Income Housing in Argentina

Argentina is facing problems such as high energy consumption in residential areas and major urban housing shortages due to the rapid expansion of its cities. Taking this situation into account, the IDB is funding a project for low-income earners that aims to improve lifestyles and reduce greenhouse gases by providing highly efficient, low-carbon housing using renewable energies and supporting regulatory and technical guidelines for the design, construction, and operation of that housing.



(Photo: IDB)

< SDGs Deeply Related to this Project >

**Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities**

Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

