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Investment in First “Biodiversity and Nature Bond” Issued by the Asian Development Bank - Supporting Projects Aimed at the Nature-Based Solutions in the Asia-Pacific Region -

The Dai-ichi Life Insurance Company, Limited (the “Company”; President and Representative Director: Toshiaki Sumino) hereby announces that it has invested in the full amount of Biodiversity and Nature Bond (AUD 150 million) issued by the Asian Development Bank (“ADB”). This is the first theme bond issued by ADB focusing on protecting biodiversity and nature.

Adaptation to climate change is a globally important issue, and therefore the protection of biodiversity and nature, both of which are essential carbon sinks providing nature-based solutions to climate change, have been drawing increasing attention. On the other hand, ADB—which provides financial support for many projects leading to the resolution of social issues in the Asia-Pacific region—estimates that approx. USD 711 billion per year, more than quadrupled from the current amount, is needed to mitigate biodiversity loss and limit climate change around the world and therefore such funding is expected to be expanded to resolve these issues. In response to this situation, to accelerate its efforts to protect biodiversity and nature in the Asia-Pacific region, ADB recently announced the launch of its new program for Biodiversity and Nature Bond at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 16)¹. This bond is being issued for the first time ever in line with this program.

Funds raised by the Biodiversity and Nature Bond will be allocated to projects aimed at the nature-based solutions² such as the project for reconstruction of water structures with heritage value incorporating nature-based solutions to improve climate resilience in India, as well as the project improving ecological systems and rehabilitation of environmental infrastructures, such as wetlands and detention basins, in China.

By investing in this bond, the Company will provide financial support to ADB, which is committed to achieving a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific. In addition, through ongoing monitoring of the progress of projects, the Company expects significant contributions to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the field of biodiversity and nature protection, etc.







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As a responsible institutional investor, the Company will continue to actively engage in ESG investment to realize a sustainable society as well as to improve its investment returns through sophisticated and diverse investment methods.

¹ The conference is being held in Cali, Colombia, from October 21 to November 1, 2024, with the theme "Peace with Nature."

² Utilizing the functions of nature to resolve social issues such as infrastructure development. It enables natural ecosystems to be protected, managed, and restored, benefiting both biodiversity and human societies, while promoting and community growth.

[Summary of the Bond]

Issuer	Asian Development Bank (S&P rating: AAA, Moody's rating: Aaa)			
Issue Amount	AUD 150 million			
Company's Investment Amount	AUD 150 million			
Redemption Period	10 years			
Main Applicable SDGs				

<<Reference>> Examples of Investment in SDG-Focused Bonds Issued by Multilateral Development Banks

Issuer	Name of Bond	Release Date	URL
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)	Environmental Sustainability Bond	June 26, 2019	https://www.dai-ichi-life.co.jp/english/news_release/2019/pdf/index_005.pdf
	Climate Resilience Bond	July 20, 2021	https://www.dai-ichi-life.co.jp/english/news_release/2021/pdf/index_004.pdf
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)	Green Bond	June 26, 2019	https://www.dai-ichi-life.co.jp/english/news_release/2019/pdf/index_006.pdf
	Sustainable Development Bond	July 30, 2019	https://www.dai-ichi-life.co.jp/english/news_release/2019/pdf/index_010.pdf
	Sustainable Development Bond	Nov. 28, 2019	https://www.dai-ichi-life.co.jp/english/news_release/2019/pdf/index_019.pdf
	Sustainable Development Bond	May 1, 2020	https://www.dai-ichi-life.co.jp/english/news_release/2020/pdf/index_002.pdf
	Children's Bond	March 4, 2021	https://www.dai-ichi-life.co.jp/english/news_release/2020/pdf/index_026.pdf
	Green Bond	Sept. 30, 2021	https://www.dai-ichi-life.co.jp/english/news_release/2021/pdf/index_009.pdf
	Sustainable Development Bond	April 26, 2022	https://www.dai-ichi-life.co.jp/english/news_release/2022/pdf/index_002.pdf
Asian Development Bank	Health Bond	April 22, 2020	https://www.dai-ichi-life.co.jp/english/news_release/2020/pdf/index_001.pdf
	Health Bond	Feb. 1, 2021	https://www.dai-ichi-life.co.jp/english/news_release/2020/pdf/index_018.pdf
	Education Bond	Feb. 9, 2021	https://www.dai-ichi-life.co.jp/english/news_release/2020/pdf/index_019.pdf
	Blue Bond	Sept. 10, 2021	https://www.dai-ichi-life.co.jp/english/news_release/2021/pdf/index_006.pdf
International Finance Facility for Immunisation (IFFIm)	Vaccine Bond	July 18, 2019	https://www.dai-ichi-life.co.jp/english/news_release/2019/pdf/index_009.pdf
	Vaccine Bond	June 29, 2020	https://www.dai-ichi-life.co.jp/english/news_release/2020/pdf/index_007.pdf