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To whom it may concern

Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Group, Inc.  
Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited.

**Notice regarding Launch of an Initiative on AI**  
**in Collaboration with NEC and Anthropic**

Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Group, Inc. (President & CEO: Kazuya Oyama) and Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited (President: Manatomo Yoneyama) announce that we will launch an initiative for the creation of values utilizing AI and the social implementation of safe and reliable AI in collaboration with NEC Corporation (hereinafter “NEC”), Anthropic PBC (hereinafter “Anthropic”), and other financial institutions. The alliance composed of NEC, Anthropic and multiple financial institutions aims to achieve human-AI co-creation where the entire society can enjoy benefits from AI with peace of mind, first in the financial sector where a high level of security and accuracy is required, by promoting the use and implementation of reliable AI.

Refer to the attached sheet for more details.

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## NEWS RELEASE

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NEC Corporation  
MS&AD Insurance Group Holdings, Inc.  
Sumitomo Life Insurance Company  
Daiwa Securities Group Inc.  
Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Group, Inc.  
Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited  
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc.  
Meiji Yasuda Life Insurance Company

**NEC, Anthropic and eight financial institutions will launch an initiative toward the creation of new value through AI in the financial sector and the social implementation of safe and reliable AI technologies**

NEC Corporation (hereinafter 'NEC'), Anthropic PBC (hereinafter 'Anthropic'), and eight financial institutions, including MS&AD Insurance Group Holdings, Inc., Sumitomo Life Insurance Company, Daiwa Securities Group Inc., Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Group, Inc., Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited, Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc., Meiji Yasuda Life Insurance Company will launch an initiative for the development of solutions utilizing AI and the creation of new value.

The alliance composed of NEC, Anthropic and multiple financial institutions, aims to achieve human-AI co-creation where the entire society can enjoy benefits from AI with peace of mind, by promoting the use and implementation of reliable AI in the financial sector where high levels of security and accuracy are required, as the first step.

**【Background】**

Given a rapid advancement of AI in recent years, companies should not shut their expertise and insights within themselves or their industries but share them with other industries and collaborate with those in other industries if they want to enhance resilience in the financial infrastructure, an indispensable element to protect the society from cyberattacks. NEC and Anthropic launched a strategic collaboration (\*1) in April 2026 to accelerate the utilization of AI in the Japanese enterprise sector and are now developing secure industry-specific AI solutions for the Japanese market and working on the integration of Claude into BluStellar Scenario (\* 2, 3). We engage in this initiative as

part of this collaboration with the aim of jointly developing solutions and creating new values by making maximum use of expertise and knowledge from each participating company and building a collaborative framework of xx entities beyond the boundary of industries.

### **【Major initiatives】**

#### **1. Improve the quality of financial services and increase added values**

We will further improve the quality of our financial services by introducing AI and continue examining a way to provide new added values to our customers and the same to improve user experiences further.

#### **2. Business Process Transformation and Productivity Improvement**

We will streamline our business operations, especially office work, and push forward reorganization by promoting the use of advanced AI technologies, thereby upgrading work styles and improving productivity to meet the needs of the AI era.

#### **3. Enhance cybersecurity measures and modernize IT systems**

We aim to strengthen our security environment through migration to the cloud and modernization of IT infrastructures, thereby enhancing security and resilience to cope with the threat of cyberattacks and changes in business environment in the future.

Going forward, each company will continue to expand the potential of using AI in Japan through cross-sectoral collaboration within a framework led by NEC and Anthropic. We will actively strive to create innovations in the financial sector and work on social challenges by deploying advanced AI technologies and services, with the aim of achieving human-AI co-creation.

#### **Comments from Chris Ciauri, Anthropic's Managing Director of International**

The top priority for Anthropic is to make Claude available to Japanese financial institutions, and we believe the best way to implement it is to collaborate with people and organizations that are familiar with the industry. We will promote the adoption of Claude in critical business fields by providing safe and reliable services and meeting demand from industry players through this collaboration with NEC and local financial institutions.

#### **Comments from Toshifumi Yoshizaki, NEC's Corporate Senior Executive Vice President and COO (Executive Officer)**

We are delighted to be able to launch this cross-industrial partnership and collaboration with the financial institutions that have endorsed this initiative, as well as with Anthropic, a company that

possesses cutting-edge AI technologies. We will extract the maximum potential of AI in the Japanese market through this initiative by combining the in-depth industry knowledge held by each financial institution with Anthropic's cutting-edge AI technologies and the insights and implementation capabilities of NEC's value creation model, 'BluStellar'. NEC will help Japanese financial institutions realize AI/IT transformation and maximize the value delivered to their customers through this initiative.

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(\*1) Press Releases: NEC Announces Strategic Collaboration with Anthropic Focused on Enterprise AI  
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(\*2) **NEC BluStellar**

NEC BluStellar is a value creation model that leverages its cutting-edge technologies, developed and refined through years of experience and proven cross-industry expertise. It aims to transform business models, address social challenges, resolve management issues, and lead users into the future.

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(\*3) BluStellar Scenario is an end-to-end approach that leverages cutting-edge technology to address client challenges. It delivers new value to its customers by combining consulting services and product offerings.

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