

The JFTC Reviewed the Proposed Joint Share Transfer by The Daishi Bank, Ltd. and The Hokuetsu Bank, Ltd.

(Tentative Translation)

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Japan Fair Trade Commission

Receiving notifications regarding the proposed joint share transfer by The Daishi Bank, Ltd. (JCN7110001000007) and The Hokuetsu Bank, Ltd. (JCN9110001023146), the Japan Fair Trade Commission (JFTC) reviewed the transaction and reached the conclusion that competition in any particular fields of trade is unlikely to be substantially restrained. Accordingly, the JFTC has given the notification to the parties respectively that it will not issue a cease and desist order, resulting in the completion of its review.

(※) JCN : Japan Corporate Number

#### I. Overview of the Transaction

The parties plan to engage in the joint share transfer.

#### II. Reviewing Process

- Receipt of the notification regarding the proposed transaction on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017(the start of the primary review)
- Request for reports, etc. by the JFTC on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (the start of the secondary review)
- Receipt of all requested reports, etc. on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (the due date for the prior notice was set on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018)
- Clearance notification on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

#### III. Conclusion

As a result of its review, the JFTC concludes that the proposed transaction would not substantially restrain competition in the particular fields of trade.

(Footnote)

The JFTC has been authorized to conduct reviews on whether plans of business combination including a joint share transfer may be substantially to restrain competition in particular fields of trade by following procedures prescribed in the Antimonopoly Act (hereinafter referred to as the “AMA”). When a notifying corporation submits a notification form to the JFTC and the JFTC receives it, the notifying corporation is prohibited from effecting the

planned business combination in question by the expiration of the 30-day waiting period from the date of receipt of the said notification. During the waiting period, concerning the business combination in question, the JFTC will either; (1) judge that the said business combination is not problematic in light of the AMA, or; (2) judge that more detailed review is necessary and request submission of the necessary reports, information or materials.

In the case of (1) above, to improve transparency of the review of business combination, the JFTC shall give notification to the effect that it will not issue a cease and desist order.

In the case of (2) above, the period when the JFTC may give notice of hearing of opinions shall be extended until 120 days after the date of receipt of the notification or 90 days after the date of receipt of all reports etc., whichever is later. In case the JFTC judges, within this extended period, that the business combination plan in question is not problematic in light of the AMA, it shall give notification to the effect that it will not issue a cease and desist order, same as the case of (1).