## **Establishment of Almaty Representative Office**

**Tokyo, June 27, 2008** --- The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd. (BTMU) will establish a representative office in Almaty, Kazakhstan, provided approvals are granted by the relevant authorities. The representative office is scheduled to commence operation by the end of the fiscal year in March 2008.

By establishing the representative office in the economic center of Kazakhstan, Almaty, BTMU will enhance its information collection capabilities in the region to meet the increasing interest of Japanese companies in Central Asia with its abundant fossil fuel and mineral resources.

Among other Central Asian countries, Kazakhstan with the world's second largest uranium reserves is, in particular, experiencing an increasing volume of projects involving Japanese companies including fuel development for nuclear power plants. The relationship between Kazakhstan and Japan has grown closer in recent years as the two countries have begun discussion on the conclusion of a nuclear energy cooperation pact and a tax treaty. BTMU has been gathering political and economic information relating to the five Central Asian countries of Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan through the Moscow representative office.

Through the establishment of the Almaty representative office, BTMU will strengthen information collection capabilities in Central Asia to offer enhanced financial services fulfilling the needs of its customers.