The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd.

## BTMU Signs Collaboration Agreement with The Australian Trade and Investment Commission

The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd. (BTMU) (President: Takashi Oyamada) has signed a Collaboration Agreement (CA) with The Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade) to further promote trade and foreign investment between Japan and the Commonwealth of Australia.

Austrade is the Australian Government entity established in 1986 which is responsible for enhancing trade flow from Australia and promoting foreign direct investment into Australia. It assists Australian government organizations, companies, educational institutions and tourism operators to develop international markets, promote international education, win productive direct foreign investment, and strengthen Australia's tourism industry.

Australia and Japan have a longstanding economic and cultural relationship, strengthened most recently by the coming into force of the Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement in January 2015. The Australian economy has demonstrated sustainable economic growth based on strengths in natural resources, energy, and agriculture. Australia is also attracting global attention in the Healthcare and Retail sectors on the back of its high purchasing power.

BTMU's full banking branch operations in Australia commenced in 1985, and BTMU has supported many global corporates in their investments and growth in Australia. Taking advantage of the CA with Austrade, in addition to Memoranda of Understanding which BTMU has signed with several of the Australian state governments, BTMU will provide strong support to enhance investment by supplying advice and business information about the Australian economy and prominent infrastructure projects to its customers who are exploring and expanding their business opportunities in Australia.