Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ and the Asian Development Bank Sign Agreement to Promote Trade Finance

Tokyo, February 23, 2009—Today, The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd. (BTMU) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have reached an agreement under the ADB's Trade Finance Facilitation Program (TFFP) with the aim of promoting trade among developing Asian nations.

Under this agreement, as one element of the TFFP Partial Credit Guarantee, the ADB and BTMU will share the risk of trade financing instruments and other letters of credit issued by Asian regional banks selected by the ADB. This will increase BTMU's risk-taking capacity with respect to developing Asian countries and regional banks, facilitating the trade financing needs of exporting and importing customers.

"Trade is a crucial element in economic development and providing increased access to trade financing will allow exporters and importers in underserved parts of the region to expand their trading activities," said Philip Erquiaga, Director General in the ADB's Private Sector Operations Department. "Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ has now become one of our major partners in supporting that."

Looking ahead, BTMU will endeavor to actively promote trade in the Asian region by bolstering support for Japanese and international customers doing business with developing Asian countries.

Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, a subsidiary of Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, is Japan's leading bank with over 800 branches in Japan, 40 million retail customers and over 400,000 corporate customers. BTMU also has offices in more than 40 countries worldwide spanning Asia, the Americas, Europe, the Middle East and Africa, while BTMU's subsidiary, Union Bank, N.A. (formerly Union bank of California), has over 300 branches, mainly in California.