

## **BTMU (China) Connects to and Begins Services with CIPS**

**Tokyo, July 11, 2016** --- The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd. (BTMU) (President & CEO: Takashi Oyamada) is pleased to announce that its wholly owned subsidiary, Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ (China), Ltd. (BTMUC), has connected to and begun services with CIPS<sup>\*1</sup>, a new RMB settlement system launched by China's central bank.

\*1: Cross-Border Interbank Payment System, a financial infrastructure system for improving the efficiency of RMB-based trade and investment transactions.

CIPS is a settlement system launched by the People's Bank of China, China's central bank, with the aim of enhancing the globalization of the RMB. Compared with traditional settlement systems, CIPS operates on longer hours, covering European and African time zones. CIPS is more convenient than traditional settlement systems in securing direct settlements with mainland China. The RMB will be included in the SDR<sup>\*2</sup>, the international currency standard, in 2016, and is expected to continue to grow in importance.

\*2: SDR (Special Drawing Rights) are supplementary foreign exchange reserve assets defined and maintained by the IMF, which consist of major currencies like the US dollar, euro, Japanese yen, and the choice to include the RMB in it was made in 2015.

BTMU and BTMUC plan to provide settlement services relevant to both trade remittances and capital transactions as well as cross-border bond/securities transactions, in order to improve RMB cross-border settlement, which is growing in importance. By directly participating in CIPS, we are able to provide RMB settlement for customers worldwide and to meet their various needs.