

Sony Assurance Invests in Green Bonds

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Sony Assurance Inc. ("Sony Assurance"), a wholly owned non-life insurance subsidiary of Sony Financial Holdings Inc., invested in green bonds issued by Kaneka Corporation on September 12, 2019, in an effort to contribute to environmental improvement through its investment activities. This is the first time that Sony Assurance has invested in green bonds.

Sony Assurance has been actively engaged in activities related to environmental conservation and will continue to contribute to the achievement of a society that is also sustainable in terms of asset management through ESG investment.

Overview of Green Bonds

Bond name	Kaneka's 7th Series of Unsecured Bonds (green bonds)
Term	5 years
Issue amount	¥5.0 billion
Date of issue	September 12, 2019
Eligibility as a green bond	Rating and Investment Information, Inc. has released a second opinion declaring these bonds to be compliant with the 2018 <i>Green Bond Principles</i> and the <i>Green Bond Guidelines, 2017*</i> , issued by the Ministry of the Environment. It also awarded these bonds its highest green bond assessment rating, GA1.

* The *Green Bond Guidelines, 2017* were created by the Ministry of the Environment in March 2017, with the goal of further expanding green bond issuance and investment in Japan while considering the consistency of green bonds with the internationally recognized *Green Bond Principles*.

Note: This is an English-language summary of a Japanese announcement made by Sony Assurance on September 12, 2019. The summary was prepared by Sony Financial Holdings solely for convenience of non-Japanese readers.