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JCR Strengthened the Function of Sustainable Finance Evaluation

Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd. (JCR) announces that it strengthens the sustainable finance management system considering the following recent situations.

In December 2020, Prime Minister Suga declared to realize Carbon Neutral Society by 2050 at his first policy speech. The government published Green Growth Policy for realizing carbon neutral society to support the aggressive introduction of funding to realize zero carbon society. Several initiatives set by ministries related to sustainable finance are actively discussed the topics related to sustainable finance. On FY2020, Ministry of Environment held a taskforce to sum up the basic idea of impact finance. Finance Services Agency (FSA), Ministry of Economics, Trade and Industry (METI) and Ministry of Environment (MOE) co-organize the working group for establishing a basic policy for Climate Transition Finance. In addition, FSA also held an advisory panel of experts for sustainable finance. EU publishes Green DEAL for accelerating the efforts of zero carbon society. In the United States the new President signed to back to join the Paris agreement in January 2021.

Amid such situations, JCR will contribute to realize a sustainable society, which is a domestically and globally material theme by strengthening its management system and organization. Through such, it continues to provide evaluation services with expertise, transparency and objectivity with the acknowledgement of the global discussions and Japan's environment and social issues.

[Major organization change]

1. Establishment of Sustainable Society Realization Committee

For the purpose of promoting and strengthening the sustainability efforts of JCR and contribute to realize the sustainable society, JCR established Sustainable Society Realization Committee, where the chair of the committee shall be the President and organized by the board members, etc.

2. Establishment of Sustainability Finance Evaluation Group (SFEG) to strengthen the evaluation services

JCR enlarged the function of sustainability finance evaluation by introducing a Group system which consists of three departments; SFEG evaluation department, SFEG methodology and criteria department and SFEG International affairs and public relations office.

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