## Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc. (MUFG)

# **MUFG Carbon Neutrality Declaration**

**Tokyo, May 17, 2021** --- MUFG today announced its "MUFG Carbon Neutrality Declaration," a commitment to achieve net zero emissions in our finance portfolio by 2050 and our own operations by 2030.

As part of this commitment, MUFG will become the first Japanese bank to join the Net-Zero Banking Alliance (NZBA)<sup>[1]</sup> which was established by the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) in April of this year.

MUFG defines its purpose as being "Committed to empowering a brighter future." Our business activities are driven by the determination to make every effort to empower all stakeholders to advance to the next step forward. In order to lead the way to solutions for climate change, one of the most serious issues facing the world, we will further expand support for customers' efforts towards decarbonization and the development of innovative technologies under the MUFG Carbon Neutrality Declaration.

[1] An <u>initiative</u> undertaken by banks that are committed to achieve net zero GHG emissions in their lending and investment portfolio by 2050 at the latest. 43 banks in 23 countries participated at launch.

## MUFG Carbon Neutrality Declaration

MUFG is committed to tackling climate change, one of the most serious issues facing the world, and will therefore develop specific action plans based on its purpose, which is being "Committed to empowering a brighter future." In order to align with the goals of the Paris Agreement, MUFG will support the smooth transition to a decarbonized society through its financial services and proactively contribute to creating a sustainable society by fostering a virtuous cycle between the environment and economy.

MUFG commits to achieve net zero emissions in its finance portfolio by 2050 and its own operations by 2030. The following is our approach to achieve this goal; we will accelerate the implementation and promotion of specific measures, and progress will be duly disclosed throughout.

#### 1. Commit to achieve decarbonization through financial services

(1) MUFG aims to achieve net zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions across its finance portfolio<sup>[1]</sup> by 2050 and will work to set and disclose an interim milestone for 2030 in FY2022, progress of which will be reported on an annual basis. As part of this commitment, following our participation in the Principles for Responsible

Banking (PRB) in 2019, we will become the first Japanese bank to participate in the Net-Zero Banking Alliance (NZBA).

- [1] Categorized as Scope 3 under the GHG Protocol which is the standard to measure and report GHG emissions, developed by an international organization of the same name.
- (2) MUFG integrates solutions for climate change issues with its management strategies and will demonstrate appropriate engagement functions via initiatives such as setting ambitious targets for sustainable finance<sup>[2]</sup>, enhancing financing policies<sup>[3]</sup>, disclosing future credit portfolio reduction targets related to coal-fired power generation<sup>[4][5]</sup>, and incorporating climate change risk into the credit process.
  - [2] April 2021: Increased target from ¥20 trillion to ¥35 trillion (cumulative total from FY2019 to FY2030).
  - [3] April 2021: Revised policies for coal-fired power generation, forestry, and palm oil sectors.
  - [4] Progressing toward the project finance portfolio reduction target for coal-fired power generation (to halve the FY2019 balance by FY2030, and reduce to zero by FY2040).
  - [5] We aim to disclose the portfolio reduction target for corporate customers whose business largely involves coal-fired power generation.
- (3) In order to create a sustainable energy mix, MUFG will provide strong support not only for renewable energy but also for the implementation of innovative technologies such as hydrogen/next-generation energy and carbon recycling. MUFG will also share issues related to decarbonization with customers while maximizing our expertise in sustainable business, and will actively support customers' efforts to decarbonize.

#### 2. Promote decarbonization via MUFG's own efforts

- (1) MUFG aims to achieve net-zero GHG emissions in its own operations<sup>[6]</sup> by 2030. By the end of FY2021 the domestic offices and branches of core subsidiaries MUFG Bank, Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking and Mitsubishi UFJ Securities Holdings will procure 100% of their electricity from renewable sources. MUFG will also establish a fund to stimulate the renewable energy market (¥100 billion in phase one) and develop the first scheme in Japan to deal with an "end to end solution from generation to purchase" for green power, thereby leading the way for the decarbonization of society.
  - [6] Categorized as Scope 1 and Scope 2 in the GHG Protocol
- (2) In order to support innovative technologies related to climate change and carbon offsetting efforts such as afforestation, MUFG will positively leverage its donation program framework, which contributes the equivalent of 1% of the group operating profit to CSR activities<sup>[7]</sup>.
  - [7] Since January 2021, MUFG has been running a program to plant up to approx. 100,000 trees in accordance with the number of applications for new or replacement Eco Passbooks (paper bank books commonly used in Japan to keep track of transactions and account balance) and donate a total of ¥500 million over 10 years to foster these trees.

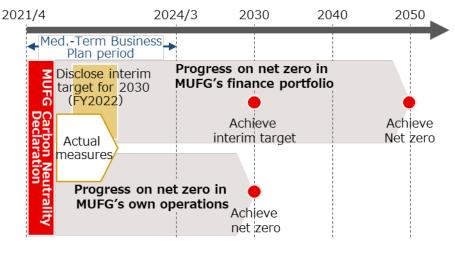
# 3. Set targets to align with the goals of the Paris Agreement and expand and improve transparency of information disclosure

- (1) MUFG will set targets to align with the goals of the Paris Agreement based on scientific approaches such as Science Based Targets, participate in global initiatives to enhance climate change solutions, and make every effort to ensure highly transparent disclosure that will benefit our stakeholders to improve their understanding and thereby make appropriate risk assessments<sup>[8]</sup>.
  - [8] MUFG will set and disclose the reduction targets (previously only results were disclosed) for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions through its renewable energy project finance portfolio.
- (2) MUFG supports the TCFD Recommendations and will conduct scenario analyses and disclose their results on transition risks (in the energy and utility sectors) and physical risks (flooding). Going forward, we will work to further expand the scope of sectors subject to TCFD scenario analysis and improve methods for reflecting the impacts of such risk in our financials.

## 4. Enhance our organization to achieve carbon neutrality

- (1) Previously the <u>MUFG Environmental Policy Statement</u> was approved and set by the Executive Committee, but we have enhanced governance to be approved by the Board of Directors. In accordance with the MUFG Environmental Policy Statement we will proactively disclose information related to climate change and other environmental issues.
- (2) MUFG will reflect ESG elements in its executive compensation from FY2021 and enhance strategic business management and promotion functions<sup>[9][10]</sup>, thereby accelerating our commitment to achieve carbon neutrality at the management level. Furthermore, we will establish a groupwide global project team including our overseas partner banks to support group entities and offices to lead the way for decarbonization in their respective regions based on their unique situations and circumstances.
  - [9] Measures and initiatives to solve environmental and social issues are discussed regularly by the Sustainability Committee, and further deliberated on at/reported to the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.
  - [10] The position of Chief Sustainability Officer (CSuO) was created in FY2020 to clarify responsibility for promoting sustainability.
- (3) MUFG will further utilize the knowledge of advisors<sup>[11]</sup> and other experts, collaborate with research institutions, and enhance and train professional staff.
  - [11] Joined by a permanent external advisor in FY2019, whose expert advice and recommendations are utilized for sustainability management.

Figure 1: MUFG Carbon Neutrality Declaration Roadmap



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#### **About MUFG**

Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc. (MUFG) is one of the world's leading financial groups. Headquartered in Tokyo and with over 360 years of history, MUFG has a global network with around 2,600 locations in more than 50 countries. The Group has over 180,000 employees and offers services including commercial banking, trust banking, securities, credit cards, consumer finance, asset management, and leasing. The Group aims to "be the world's most trusted financial group" through close collaboration among our operating companies and flexibly respond to all of the financial needs of our customers, serving society, and fostering shared and sustainable growth for a better world. MUFG's shares trade on the Tokyo, Nagoya, and New York stock exchanges. For more information, visit https://www.mufg.jp/english.

# [Reference 1] Overview of MUFG Carbon Neutrality Declaration

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To achieve net zero emissions in our finance portfolio by 2050 and in our own operations by 2030

In order to align with the goals of the Paris Agreement, MUFG will support the smooth transition to a decarbonized society through its financial services and proactively contribute to creating a sustainable society through the virtuous circle of environment and economy.

## Commit to achieve decarbonization through financial services

Set and disclose a milestone for 2030 by FY 2022, which progress will be reported on annual basis.

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- Demonstrate appropriate engagement functions
- Actively support innovation technologies and transition measures
  - Actively support financing for transition
  - Support renewable energy, hydrogen, nextgeneration energy, etc.
  - Set target for sustainable finance
  - Participate in the UN-led Net Zero Banking Alliance

- Continous review of the MUFG Environmental and Social Policy Framework
- Disclose future credit portfolio reduction targets related to coal-fired power generation
- Reflect climate change risk into credit process

#### Promote decarbonization via MUFG's own efforts

- Reduce MUFG's impact on the environment
- Leverage on a framework which contributes a certain percentage of profit to CSR activities

Shift to 100% renewable energy for procured electricity Bank, Trust, Securiti

- Launch renewable energy fund
- Generate demand for next generation energy
- Work on carbon offsets (afforestation, etc.)

## Set targets to align with the goals of Paris Agreement, and expand and improve transparency of information disclosure

- Set targets to align with the goals of Paris Agreement based on scientific approaches such as SBT; participate in global initiatives
- Ensure highly transparent disclosure that will benefit our stakeholders to improve their understanding and to make appropriate risk assessment
- Expand the scope of sectors subject to TCFD scenario analysis and improve the method to reflect the risk impacts on our financials

Scientific approach (SBT, etc.)



CO2 reduction targets (Renewable energy PF)

Policy Statemen

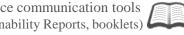


Credit portfolio reduction target for coal-fired power generation projects (PF)



Coal-fired Power

Enhance communication tools (Sustainability Reports, booklets)



# Enhance the organization to achieve carbon neutrality

• Enhancing governance, organizational structure, talents, and intelligence (information gathering and dissemination) to achieve the above

Reflect ESG elements to the executive compensation

Govern policy statements by the Board of Directors Environmenta

Group global project teams

Enhance external relationships and promote the usage of external knowledge

Strengthen and developing professional talents