

Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc. (MUFG)
MUFG Bank, Ltd.

Publication of MUFG Asia Transition White Paper 2023

Tokyo, November 22, 2023 --- MUFG and its consolidated subsidiary MUFG Bank today announced the publication of the MUFG Asia Transition White Paper 2023 (Asia White Paper).

(Website link)

MUFG Asia Transition White Paper 2023:

<https://www.mufg.jp/english/csr/report/transition/index.html>

In May 2021, MUFG issued the MUFG Carbon Neutrality Declaration under its purpose of being “Committed to empowering a brighter future.” To catalyze transition finance globally, MUFG joined the Net-Zero Banking Alliance, led by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Finance Initiative, its umbrella organization, the Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero, and the Asia Transition Finance Study Group, which was established by major financial institutions operating in ASEAN countries and has been actively involved in discussions with financial institutions and government agencies on developing international guidelines.

MUFG is also promoting energy transition in Asia in collaboration with Partner Banks^[1] in which MUFG has strategically invested in the ASEAN region. Bank of Ayudhya (Krungsri) in Thailand announced the Krungsri Race to Net Zero Action Plan, which aims to decarbonize its emissions by 2030, and is actively engaged in sustainable finance with an outstanding balance of 26 billion baht (up 53% from the previous year) as of the end of 2022. Bank Danamon in Indonesia is also working to reduce its emissions by installing solar panels on its buildings, etc., and has set a target to increase its sustainable finance ratio^[2] to 25% by 2026.

MUFG Transition Whitepaper 2022 and this year’s MUFG Transition Whitepaper 2023 presented Japanese corporations’ transition initiatives and illustrated Japan’s approach to carbon neutrality based on a comparison of policies and geographical characteristics in Japan, Europe, and the United States. The Asia White Paper on the other hand, aims to contribute to decarbonization in Asia by specifically focusing on the power sector in Thailand and Indonesia, where our Partner Banks are located. The paper assesses the market environment and decarbonization challenges in both these countries and proposes tangible solutions which could contribute to decarbonization in Asia, from a financial institution’s perspective.

Through the publication of the Asia White Paper, MUFG aims to accelerate decarbonization in Asia holistically, as well as contribute to further supporting our clients' transition efforts.

[1] Local commercial banks in which MUFG invests strategically in the ASEAN region. It includes the following 4 banks: Bank of Ayudhya (Krungsri) in Thailand, Bank Danamon in Indonesia, VietinBank in Vietnam, and Security Bank in the Philippines.

[2] The percentage of sustainable finance in the portfolio based on local authority standards. At the end of 2022, the ratio was 21% with a balance of 25 trillion rupiah, including 644 billion rupiah in renewable energy.

- End -

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 approximately 2,000 locations in more than 50 countries. The Group has about 160,000 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>.