



News Release

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Kyushu Financial Group, Inc.

Awarded Silver in the Finance Category of the First ESG Finance Award Japan Hosted by the Ministry of the Environment

Kyushu Financial Group, Inc. (“KFG”) has won the Silver Award in Finance Category at ESG Finance Award Japan which is established by Japan’s Ministry of the Environment and received the award today at the inaugural award ceremony.

KFG received the Silver Award based on the recognition of the group’s (The Higo Bank, The Kagoshima Bank) active engagement in comprehensive Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG) financing initiatives, such as actively providing loans for renewable energy and agriculture and tourism, which are the core industries of the region, through the promotion of SDGs and ESG in its core business.

KFG and the group aims to continue contributing to the realization of a sustainable society by engaging and providing solutions for environmental and social problems of our customers and the local communities. KFG extend sincere gratitude to all the customers for their continued patronage.

About ESG Finance Award Japan

The ESG factors including climate change risk are largely considered and integrated into financial practice, and ESG finance continues to expand in the financial industry.

To promote and expand ESG finance, Japan’s Ministry of the Environment established this award in 2019 in the purpose of evaluating and commending financial institutions, institutional investors, brokers, and companies that have made an impact by actively engaging in ESG finance and its contribution to the development of sustainable environment.



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