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### **Announcement regarding Reports in the Media**

Media reports about business integration and establishment of a holding company with The Chiba Kogyo Bank Ltd. ("Chiba Kogyo Bank" or "the Bank") and The Chiba Bank, Ltd. ("Chiba Bank") are not based on an announcement from the Bank.

It is true that Chiba Kogyo Bank and Chiba Bank are currently in discussions on integrating their business. However, no concrete decisions have been made at this time. We will promptly announce when we decide what to disclose.

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