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Press Release

Nikko Asset Management Co., Ltd.

Nikko Asset Management Donates to World Bank Aid Agency

Nikko Asset Management Co., Ltd. (Nikko AM) announced today that it donated approximately **JPY42 million** to the International Development Association (IDA), the World Bank Group's fund for the world's poorest countries. The money was donated from the trust fees generated by the Nikko World Bank Bond Fund (Monthly Dividend Payment Type). Nikko AM has now donated an aggregate total of over **JPY325 million** to IDA.

The Nikko World Bank Bond Fund, also known as the World Supporter Fund, mainly invests in bonds issued by the World Bank (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, IBRD) denominated in emerging market currencies. With a total of 54 distributors offering the fund to investors throughout Japan, including 37 banks and other financial institutions and 17 securities brokerages, total net assets of the fund stood at over JPY165 billion as of March 31, 2012.

Since the fund's launch in 2007, Nikko AM has donate to IDA a portion of the trust fees it receives, calculated as the fund's daily net asset amount multiplied by an annualized rate of 0.05%.

About IDA: IDA was established in 1960 as the branch of the World Bank Group responsible for assisting the world's poorest developing countries by providing long-term, interest-free loans and grants to help promote economic development, address inequalities, and improve living standards. These loans and grants are used on primary education, basic health services, clean water supply and sanitation, environmental safeguards, business climate improvements, infrastructure and institutional reforms – projects essential to pave the way toward economic growth and better living conditions in developing countries.

Director and Global Head of Capital Markets at the World Bank, Doris Herrera-Pol, made the following comment in response to Nikko AM's most recent donation. "We appreciate our collaboration with Nikko AM and are grateful to Japanese investors for their support to development through the World Supporter Fund. By investing in this fund, Japanese retail investors are helping the World Bank fulfill its development mandate in middle income countries. This support is addition to the donations that Nikko AM makes to IDA."

Bill Wilder, Nikko AM's President and CIO, had the following comment. "This year marks the fifth anniversary of the World Bank Bond Fund. As the fund has grown, we've seen our donations increase from the initial JPY5 million to over JPY300million. We would like to share with investors the joy that comes from contributing to the aid that IDA provides less developed countries. In order to create a sustainable world which values both the environment and our society, Nikko AM will continue to fulfill its mission as a pioneer in socially responsible investing."

Nikko AM's CSR Activities

As an asset management firm, Nikko AM is actively engaged in a wide range of corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities related to the environment and the development of a sustainable society. Providing continuous assistance to developing countries with donations from the World Supporter Fund is just one of Nikko AM's long-term CSR initiatives. The firm will continue to support initiatives that deliver aid to developing nations and bring smiles to the faces of the world's children by promoting its Nikko World Bank Bond Fund and informing its investors of such activities.



<Nikko World Bank Bond Fund (Monthly Dividend Payment Type)>

■ Purchase Memo

Product Type	Open-end investment trust / Overseas / Bond
Purchase Unit	Please contact the fund distributor or management company for information on purchase units.
Purchase Price	NAV as of the business day following the application date
Days when Purchase is Unavailable	Applications for purchase cannot be accepted when the application date falls on a holiday for the London Stock Exchange or the New York Stock Exchange, or banks in London or New York. Please contact the distributor for details.
Trust Period	Unlimited (Launch date: June 21, 2007)
Closing Date	The 12th of each month (or the next business day if the 12th is a holiday)
Dividends	At every settlement period the amount of dividends will be decided by the management company, and in principle stable dividends will be paid consistently. *The fund does not guarantee the payment of future dividends.
Redemption Price	NAV as of the business day following the redemption application date
Days when Redemption is Unavailable	Redemption applications cannot be accepted when the redemption application date falls on a holiday for the London Exchange or New York Stock Exchange, or banks in London or New York. Please contact the distributor for details.
Payment of Redemption Proceeds	In principle, payment after 6 business days following the day of receiving the application for redemption.
Tax Implications	In principle, the amount of normal dividends received as well as the marginal profit made at the time of redemption or maturity shall be taxable. * These funds will be treated as equity investment trusts for tax purposes. * For more detail, please refer to the investment trust explanatory document (prospectus distributed in advance of purchase).

■ Management Company and Other Related Companies

Management Company: Nikko Asset Management Co., Ltd.

Trustee: The Nomura Trust and Banking Co., Ltd.

Distributor: Please contact below to inquire about distributors.

Nikko Asset Management Co., Ltd.

Website: <http://www.nikkoam.com/>

Call Center: 0120-25-1404 (9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays)

■ Outline of Fees, etc.

Investors must bear the following expenses:

<Fee charged directly at the time of purchase and redemption>

- Purchase Application Fees: An application fee of no higher than 3.15% (3.0% before tax) shall be set by the distributor and charged at the time of application.
 - * For investors who choose the dividend reinvestment course, no purchase application fee will apply to units purchased through reinvestment of investment gains.
- Redemption Fees: Not applicable
- Amount Retained in Trust Assets: Not applicable

<Fees and expenses charged indirectly through the trust assets (i.e. paid from the Fund)>

- Trust Fees: The trust fee is calculated by multiplying the total net asset value by approximately 1.268% per annum (1.223% before tax).

Breakdown of the trust fee rate: Trust fee rate of the Fund: 0.945% per annum (0.90% before tax); Trust fee charged for incorporation of investment target Cayman Islands yen denominated foreign investment trust "World Bank Bond Income Fund Class A": approx. 0.323% per annum. Of these, the trust fee rate for the concerned foreign investment trust will vary based on total net assets and the currency market. Accordingly, the actual trust fees charged will also change. For more detail, please refer to the investment trust explanatory document (prospectus distributed in advance of purchase).

- Other Expenses: Expenses for creating and delivering prospectuses and audit costs will be paid out of the fund's trust assets with an amount reached by multiplying an annual rate of no greater than 0.1% on the fund's daily net asset value.
Brokerage commissions on securities in the portfolio, interest on borrowings and advances and other fees are paid out of the fund's trust assets each time they are incurred
*The rate or maximum amounts applicable to brokerage commissions on securities in the portfolio and other fees cannot be indicated in advance because actual amounts will vary depending on the state of the assets managed and other factors.

* The total amount of fees charged to the Fund will vary depending on the length of investment period and other factors. Therefore, we cannot give a specific total.

* For more detail, please refer to the investment trust explanatory document (prospectus distributed in advance of purchase).

■ Risk Information

Invested principal is not guaranteed and may incur losses where the value of your investment principal will fall below par as the result of a decline in the NAV. All gains and losses from the management of the fund belong to the investor (beneficiary). This fund also differs from bank deposits.

This Fund will invest mainly in bonds. As a result, its NAV may drop due to falls in the prices of bonds or deterioration in the financial conditions and performance of the organizations that issue bonds, thereby causing losses to investors. In addition, if the Fund invests in assets denominated in foreign currencies, a loss may be incurred due to foreign exchange fluctuations.

The principal risks for the investment trust securities, which are the investment outlet, are as follows.

[Foreign Currency Risk] [Country Risk][Price Fluctuation Risk] [Liquidity Risk] [Credit Risk]

* Prices of securities targeted for investment of this Fund will fluctuate due to the effects of the aforementioned risks. Therefore, please note that this Fund itself has these risks as well.

* Factors for NAV fluctuations are not limited to those explained above.

■ Other Matters to Consider

- These materials were prepared as a supplement to the prospectus (distributed in advance of purchase) for the Nikko World Bank Bond Fund (Monthly Dividend Payment Type) offered by Nikko AM and to promote investors' understanding of this Fund.
- The provisions stipulated in Article 37-6 of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act (the cooling-off period) do not apply to transactions of the Fund.
- Unlike bank deposits or insurance policies, investment trusts are not protected by the Deposit Insurance Corporation or the Insurance Policyholders Protection Corporations. Nor are investment trusts protected by Investor Protection Funds when purchased at banks or other registered financial institutions.
- Any profit or loss derived from the management of investment trusts belongs to all the beneficiaries. When purchasing to these funds, distributor will provide you with an investment trust explanatory document (or prospectus distributed in advance of application) beforehand, so please be sure to verify the details and make your own decision whether or not to invest.

About Nikko Asset Management

Established in 1959, the Nikko Asset Management Group (Nikko AM) has grown to be the largest regional asset management company headquartered in Asia, with total AUM over US\$158 billion* and one of the largest distributor networks across the Asia-Pacific region, comprising over 300 banks, brokers and life insurance companies.

Nikko AM manages a wide range of Asian equity and Asian fixed income strategies for retail and institutional investors around the world. The company has been recognised by industry peers for outstanding performance, product innovation and market leadership across the Asia region, winning a number of prestigious awards which includes “Asia-Based Asset Manager of the Year” in 2012 and “Best Japan Onshore Fund Manager” in 2012 and 2011, both from *AsianInvestor*.

Nikko AM also offers specialist third-party expertise – currently over 40 fund managers – through the World Series Fund Platform®, operating a “best-in-class” approach across a broad range of asset classes.

Nikko AM’s senior management team has significant experience across Asian as well as global markets. The team combines local knowledge with internationally recognised standards of investment practice, transparency and corporate governance to achieve growth across the business. The company adopts a “multi local” approach – giving local management teams a high degree of autonomy to address local market conditions and client servicing needs.

Nikko AM’s head office is in Tokyo, with an extensive footprint across the Asia-Pacific region that includes local offices in Singapore, Hong Kong, Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Auckland. Global offices in New York and London with full service teams provide support to investors in the US, Europe and the Middle East. Nikko AM holds a 40% stake in Rongtong Fund Management, the 7th largest Sino-foreign joint venture fund management group in China, while in Malaysia, a 51% stake in Asian Islamic Investment Management Sdn. Bhd. and a 30% stake in Hwang Investment Management Berhad – both leading investment management firms – add to Nikko AM’s regional presence**.

Nikko AM is majority owned by Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings, while DBS Bank is the second largest shareholder. Nikko AM continues to operate independently.

For more information, please visit www.nikkoam.com/english

* Consolidated assets under management and advice of Nikko AM and its subsidiaries as at 31 March 2011.

**As of December 2011

Registration Number: Director of the Kanto Local Finance Bureau (Financial instruments firms) No. 368
Member Associations: The Investment Trusts Association
Japan Securities Investment Advisers Association