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## Investment in Grooves Inc.

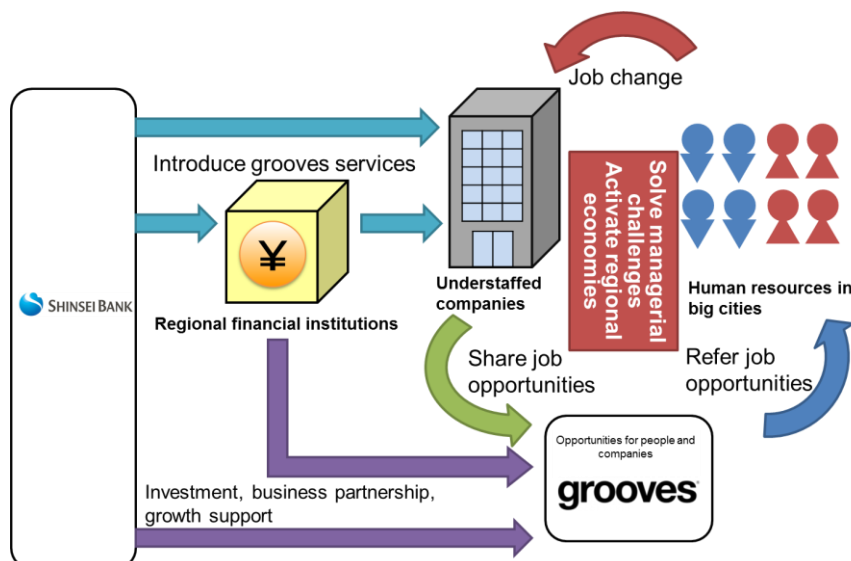
Tokyo (Wednesday, February 14, 2018) --- Shinsei Bank, Limited (hereinafter, “the Bank,” “Shinsei Bank”) today announced that the Bank underwrote the third party allotment executed by Grooves Inc. (Minato-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director: Yukihiro Ikemi; hereinafter, “Grooves”) effective December 29, 2017.

Grooves provides an agency service to gather recruit information by operating “Crowd Agent,” a platform connecting job offering companies and approximately 500 of small-and-medium sized recruitment service agencies across Japan, and an talent introduction service for IT engineer candidates using “Forkwell,” a platform dedicated to IT engineers. As the both platforms are available for the companies that need to hire only a limited number of workers, Grooves has an extensive track record in securing human resources for local companies.

By leveraging these advantages, Grooves is focusing on supporting mid-career recruiting activities of local companies, and is proactively promoting regional cooperation, by for example raising funds from a fund invested by the Shimane Prefecture and The San-In Godo Bank, Ltd. in October 2017; and by starting the demonstration experiment business for a side business project to contribute the regional community with Yawata City, the Iwate Prefecture and The Bank of Iwate and others in November 2017. To promote such regional cooperation, Grooves has completed raising 180 million yen funds through the third party allotment to regional financial institutions by January 19, 2018, and Shinsei Bank underwrote a part of it. In addition to Shinsei Bank, Iyogin Capital Company Limited, Niigata Venture Capital Co., Ltd., and Hokuyo Capital Co., Ltd. participated in this fundraising.

Shinsei Bank has set expanding business opportunities through revitalizing regional economies with regional financial institutions as one of its strategic focus areas under the Third Medium-Term Management Plan. The Bank will work on solving managerial challenges of non-financial institution customers and revitalizing regional economies by, as part of supporting Grooves’ growth, referring Grooves’ services to the customers and by supporting collaboration between Grooves and regional financial institutions.

### [Supporting institutional customers and regional financial institutions through collaboration with Grooves]



**[Summary of Grooves Inc.]**

Name : Grooves Inc.  
Establishment : March 1, 2004  
Representative : Yukihiro Ikemi, Representative Director  
Headquarters : 4-24, Minami Aoyama 5-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo  
Capital : 496 million yen (including capital surplus reserve, as of January 19, 2018)  
Business : Operating "Crowd Agent", a platform connecting job offering companies and recruitment service agencies; and referring IT engineers centered on "Forkwell", a service to store and sell IT programs created by IT engineers

Four financial institutions and companies participated in the third party allotment : Iyogin Capital Company Limited, Shinsei Bank Limited, Niigata Venture Capital Co., Ltd., Hokuyo Capital, Co., Ltd. (as of January 19, 2018)

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