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Shinsei Bank Announces Allocation of Stock Acquisition Rights as Stock Options

Tokyo (Tuesday, May 23, 2006) --- Shinsei Bank, Limited (the "Bank") announced that the Board of Directors approved on May 23, 2006, the 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th issuance of Stock Acquisition Rights based on the resolution adopted in accordance with Articles 280-20 and 280-21 of the old Commercial Code of Japan at the 5th annual general meeting of shareholders (the "Annual Shareholders' Meeting") held on June 24, 2005. The details are as follows:

		13th	14th	15th	16th
1	Issue date of Stock Acquisition Rights:	May 25, 2006			
2	Total number of Stock Acquisition Rights to be issued (Number of shares that can be purchased through the exercise of 1 Stock Acquisition Right: 1,000) :	5,345 Stock Acquisition Rights	3,027 Stock Acquisition Rights	1,439 Stock Acquisition Rights	331 Stock Acquisition Rights
		Each number is a ceiling. The concrete number should be determined on May 25, 2006			
3	Class and number of shares that can be purchased through the exercise of Stock Acquisition Rights:	5,345,000 Common shares of the Bank	3,027,000 Common shares of the Bank	1,439,000 Common shares of the Bank	331,000 Common shares of the Bank
		Each number is a ceiling. The concrete number should be determined on May 25, 2006			
4	Issue price of stock options:	Free of charge			
5	Amount payable per share when exercising Stock Acquisition Rights (Exercise Price):	To be determined on May 25, 2006			
6	Total value of shares to be issued or transferred through the exercise of Stock Acquisition Rights:	To be determined on May 25, 2006			
7	Amount capitalized from issue price:	An amount calculated by multiplying the Exercise Price (to be determined on May 25, 2006) by 0.5. If any amount less than 1 yen is created as a result of the above calculation, such amount shall be rounded up.			
8	Number of people to whom Stock Acquisition Rights are offered and their details:	Total 589 of directors, Statutory Executive Officers and employees of the Bank	Total 31 of directors, Statutory Executive Officers and employees of the Bank	Total 171 of Statutory Executive Officers and employees of the Bank	Total 19 of employees of the Bank
9	Exercise Period of Stock Acquisition Rights	From June 1, 2008 to June 23, 2015	From June 1, 2006 to June 23, 2015	From June 1, 2008 to June 23, 2015	From June 1, 2006 to June 23, 2015
10	Conditions for Exercising Rights	Basically the Stock Acquisition Rights holders may exercise their rights between June 1, 2008 and May 31, 2009 with respect to only a half of the number of Stock Acquisition Rights granted to them. All the Stock Acquisition Rights, however, may be exercised from the inception date of the exercise period according to the condition of the "Agreement on the Grant of Stock Acquisition Rights"	Basically the Stock Acquisition Rights shall be exercised after June 1, 2008 and also the Stock Acquisition Rights holders may exercise their rights between June 1, 2008 and May 31, 2009 with respect to only a half of the number of Stock Acquisition Rights granted to them. All the Stock Acquisition Rights, however, may be exercised from the inception date of the exercise period according to the condition of the "Agreement on the Grant of Stock Acquisition Rights".	Basically the Stock Acquisition Rights shall be exercised after June 1, 2009 and also the Stock Acquisition Rights holders may exercise their rights between June 1, 2009 and May 31, 2011 with respect to only a half of the number of Stock Acquisition Rights granted to them. All the Stock Acquisition Rights, however, may be exercised from the inception date of the exercise period according to the condition of the "Agreement on the Grant of Stock Acquisition Rights".	Basically the Stock Acquisition Rights shall be exercised after June 1, 2009 and also the Stock Acquisition Rights holders may exercise their rights between June 1, 2009 and May 31, 2011 with respect to only a half of the number of Stock Acquisition Rights granted to them. All the Stock Acquisition Rights, however, may be exercised from the inception date of the exercise period according to the condition of the "Agreement on the Grant of Stock Acquisition Rights".

【Reference】

- (1) Resolution date of the Board of Directors meeting for the submission to the Annual Shareholders' Meeting: May 24, 2005
- (2) Resolution date of the Annual Shareholders' Meeting: June 24, 2005

Shinsei Bank is a Japanese financial institution providing a full range of financial products and services to both institutional and retail customers based on a three pillar business model comprising Institutional Banking, Consumer and Commercial Finance and Retail Banking. The Bank has total assets of US\$ 80 billion on a consolidated basis and a network of 29 Shinsei Bank branches in Japan (as of March 2006). Shinsei Bank demands uncompromising levels of integrity and transparency in all its activities to earn the trust of customers, staff and shareholders. The Bank is committed to delivering long-term profit growth and increasing value for all its stakeholders.

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