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Shinsei Bank, Limited
APLUS FINANCIAL Co., Ltd.

**Shinsei Bank Group Enters Into Agreement with the Yamanashi Chuo Bank, Ltd.
Concerning the Chinese Payment Service “WeChat Pay”**

Tokyo (Wednesday, April 5, 2017) --- Shinsei Bank, Limited (Chuo-ku, Tokyo; President and CEO: Hideyuki Kudo; hereinafter, “Shinsei Bank,” “the Bank”) has announced today that APLUS Co., Ltd. (Tokyo Head Office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director and President: Akira Watanabe; hereinafter, “APLUS”), a Group member company of Shinsei Bank, has entered into an agreement with the Yamanashi Chuo Bank, Ltd. (Kofu City, Yamanashi Prefecture; President: Nakaba Hindo; hereinafter, “the Yamanashi Chuo Bank”) concerning introducing and mediating “WeChat Pay”, a China based settlement service, effective April 5, 2017.

In Yamanashi Prefecture, where Mt. Fuji, a registered World Cultural Heritage Site, is located, due to expanded efforts to disseminate information to non-Japanese tourists, the number of non-Japanese overnight guests staying in Yamanashi Prefecture totaled approximately 1,054,000 in 2015, and the number of non-Japanese tourists visiting Japan who visited Yamanashi Prefecture is high relative to the number of non-Japanese tourists visiting other prefectures in Japan. The Yamanashi Chuo Bank will introduce WeChat Pay to its customers considering the acceptance of WeChat Pay to enable smoother settlement transactions with tourists visiting Japan from the China region and will meditate introduction of the settlement agent service.

With APLUS as the main business entity, the Shinsei Bank Group is developing a WeChat Pay merchant network in Japan in accordance with the agreement¹ between Tenpay Payment Technology Co., Ltd. (hereinafter, “Tenpay”), the Tencent Group company which operates WeChat Pay, and the Bank regarding the provision of settlement agent services in Japan. Thus far, Laox Co., LTD., a general duty-free shop operator, AEON Retail, an AEON Group member company operating a general merchandise store business, the Nihon Kotsu Group which operates a taxi company and MARRONNIER GATE GINZA, department stores in Ginza, Tokyo, have commenced the acceptance of WeChat Pay. APLUS will continue to engage in efforts to accelerate the expansion of the WeChat Pay merchant universe.

¹ For details please refer to the press release entitled “Shinsei Bank Group to Provide Settlement Agent Services in Japan for Chinese Payment Service “WeChat Pay”” released on April 13, 2016.

■ APLUS FINANCIAL Co., Ltd.

Name	APLUS Co., Ltd. (100% subsidiary of APLUS FINANCIAL Co., Ltd.)
Representative	Representative Director and President: Akira Watanabe
Tokyo head office	12-8, Soto-kanda 3-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
Main business	Shopping credit business, credit card business, settlements business, etc.

For details of WeChat Pay, refer to: <https://wechatpay.aplus.co.jp/>

■ The Yamanashi Chuo Bank, Ltd.

Name	The Yamanashi Chuo Bank, Ltd.
Representative	President: Nakaba Shindo
Head office	20-8, Marunouchi 1-chome, Kofu City, Yamanashi
Main business	Banking business

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