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SBI Holdings, Inc.

(TOKYO: 8473)

## **Notice Regarding Share Acquisition of Wealth Trust Securities in Sri Lanka**

SBI Holdings, Inc. (Head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director, President & CEO: Yoshitaka Kitao; hereinafter the “Company”), hereby announces that the Company has concluded an agreement to acquire 20% of the shares of Wealth Trust Securities Limited (hereinafter “WTS”), and provide investment products, primarily Sri Lankan bonds, through its subsidiary, SBI SECURITIES Co., Ltd (Head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director and President: Masato Takamura; hereinafter “SBI SECURITIES” ).

WTS is a licensed primary dealer in government bonds appointed by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, with direct access to both the primary and secondary government securities markets, and has the ability to participate in the issuance of local and foreign currency-denominated bonds. Moreover, WTS ranks amongst the top five primary dealers in Sri Lanka, due to its broad customer network that has been built through long-standing operation. The SBI Group is planning to distribute bonds, such as Sri Lankan government bonds and corporate bonds, as high-yield bond products, toward Japanese individual investors through SBI SECURITIES, by purchasing those products in collaboration with WTS.

Sri Lanka, in which domestic demand is showing steady growth, the bond market sector is expected to continuously growth at a high rate, considering that the current Sri Lankan bond market is comparatively small, while the loan demand of capital expenditure that targets the domestic consumer market is strong. In addition, the SBI Group has previously invested in First Guardian Equities (Pvt) Limited in Sri Lanka, and is making transactions of equities listed on the Sri Lankan market with First Guardian Equities (Pvt) Limited as its stockbroker. In this way, by investing in WTS, the SBI Group will be able to access to both the equity and bond markets of Sri Lanka.

The SBI Group will continuously endeavour to offer multiple investment products, through partnerships with prominent local partners in each country, primarily in emerging Asian countries, in order to meet multiple investing demands of individual investors.

### [Outline of Wealth Trust Securities Limited]

- (1) Corporate name: Wealth Trust Securities Limited
- (2) Head office: 32, Dudley Senanayake Mawatha (Castle Street) Colombo 8, Sri Lanka.
- (3) Representative: Romesh Gomez
- (4) Business: Financial Instruments Business
- (5) Establishment: February, 2010

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