

**SBI Launching Corda Training Program for Japan Market
in Partnership with Enterprise Software Firm, R3**

SBI Holdings, Inc. (HQs: Tokyo, Japan, group CEO: Yoshitaka Kitao, hereinafter the “SBI Holdings”) is launching a training program for Japanese users of Corda, a distributed ledger platform built specifically for the financial services industry by R3 HoldCo LLC (HQs: New York, U.S., CEO: David Rutter, hereinafter the “R3”) and its members.

R3 is an enterprise software firm focused on developing DLT (DLT: Distributed Ledger Technology) for the global financial services industry. Over 100 banks, financial institutions, regulators, trade associations, professional services firms and technology companies work with R3 to develop Corda.

As R3 moves towards the commercial roll-out of Corda, it has offered a Corda training program in English at three global hubs, New York, London and Singapore, since the beginning of 2017. SBI Holdings will now provide Corda training for Japanese developers in conjunction with Corda open source v1.0 launch on October 3, 2017, with a view to driving widespread adoption of the platform in Japan. The release of Corda open source v1.0 is aimed to improve API stability, which will enable developers to continue building CorDapps (applications run on top of Corda) with confidence by ensuring compatibilities across future releases.

SBI Holdings established the Blockchain Promotion Office in February 2016 to proactively research and verify DLT. SBI Holdings is the first-ever financial group to join R3 that is mainly focused on internet channel. In addition, SBI Holdings has invested in R3 through its “Fintech Fund” run by SBI Investment Co, Ltd. SBI Holdings is now the largest external investor in R3, committed to strengthening cooperation for utilizing potential usage of DLT.

In light of the agreement, SBI Holdings will begin to provide its Corda training program in Japanese for R3 members and external software vender developers from November 2017.

[SBI Holdings, Inc. Overview]

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Business	Control and management of SBI Group through share ownership
Established	July 1999
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[R3 HoldCo LLC Overview]

Name	R3 HoldCo LLC
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Business	Operation of the consortium and building DLT platform
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