## **AIFUL Selected for the FTSE4Good Index of Socially Responsible Companies**

KYOTO — AIFUL Corporation has been selected for inclusion in the FTSE4Good Index Series, one of the world's leading socially responsible investment (SRI) indices. AIFUL's stock was listed on the index on September 19, 2008.

The FTSE4Good Index is a securities index developed by the UK's FTSE Group, and it includes only the stocks of companies that meet globally recognized social responsibility standards in the areas of environmental protection, social contribution initiatives and human rights. For investors who are concerned about corporate social responsibility (CSR) and sustainability, the FTSE4Good Index provides important information for consideration in making investment decisions.

The AIFUL Group has been carrying out social contribution initiatives and working to strengthen its corporate governance, fulfilling its CSR by putting into practice its management philosophy: "Earn the support of the public with sincerity and hard work." The recent selection of AIFUL for the FTSE4Good Index Series is an objective demonstration that the group meets internationally recognized corporate responsibility standards. In the future, AIFUL will continue to take a proactive approach to CSR and conduct its business as a good corporate citizen, in order to maintain the support of society.

## \*FTSE Group

The FTSE Group was established in 1995 as a joint venture between the London Stock Exchange and the Financial Times, a UK financial newspaper. The group provides various types of indices for investors in 77 countries worldwide, and is a global provider in the area of developing, calculating, and managing representative indices of stocks and bonds.

With the goal of promoting investment in companies that meet internationally recognized corporate responsibility standards, the group established the FTSE4Good Index Series in July 2001, and launched it in October of the same year. As of September 30, 2008, the index consists of 689 outstanding companies worldwide, including 191 Japanese companies. As one of the world's most authoritative SRI indices, it has become a basis for creating SRI fund products, and helps investors to make investment decisions involving socially responsible companies.

For detailed information on the FTSE Group and the FTSE4Good Index Series, visit the following site.



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