

Start of non-smoking lobbies all day

Tokyo (July 29, 2003) – Aozora Bank, Ltd. (Aozora Bank) today announced that starting from Friday, August 1, 2003, head office and all of its branches would have non-smoking lobbies all day.

It has been widely recognized that the secondhand smoking is harmful for health, and the “Health Promotion Law” was enacted effective May 1, 2003. This law is applicable to those places where many people stop by. Financial institutions are also regarded as such places since they receive many customers/clients. The law calls for such institutions’ preventive measures against secondhand smoking. In view of the reasons above, the Bank has taken this measure.

Aozora Bank will continue to make every effort in order to provide its clients with comfortable environments, in which they feel at ease.