

Compliance Management System

With a view to fulfilling the social responsibility and public mission of a bank, it is indispensable to establish and implement a compliance management system. Thus, we regard compliance as one of the most important management tasks and will work together with all of our executives and employees to foster a corporate culture that emphasizes the importance of compliance.

Compliance management system

The Board of Directors is the highest organization responsible for compliance, and its authorized Compliance Committee deliberates on important matters related to compliance. In addition, managers and personnel in charge of compliance are assigned to all departments and branches to ensure thorough compliance by raising compliance awareness of the executives and employees and providing educational guidance to them. The Risk Management Department that oversees compliance, centrally manages compliance-related matters, and strives to develop and establish a system for compliance with applicable laws and regulations and a management system to protect our customers.

Compliance in practice

In order to put our “Corporate Philosophy” into practice, we have established “Corporate Ethics” as a basic policy for compliance and “Action Guidelines” as the criteria for compliance.

All executives and employees are provided with “Compliance Guidelines” summarizing all matters considered to be necessary for practicing compliance, including “Corporate Ethics” and “Action Guidelines.” In addition, the “Compliance Action Plan,” which is a specific practical plan for fulfilling compliance requirements, is formulated annually by the Board of Directors, based on which measures should be taken. We are striving to further enhance and reinforce our compliance practices, such as checking and monitoring compliance status and conducting consultations and guidance by visiting branches.

Contents of “Corporate Ethics” and “Action Guidelines”

[Corporate Ethics]

1. Awareness of social responsibility and public mission
2. Strict compliance with laws and regulations
3. Transparency in management and openness to society
4. Measures to deal with anti-social forces (crime syndicates)

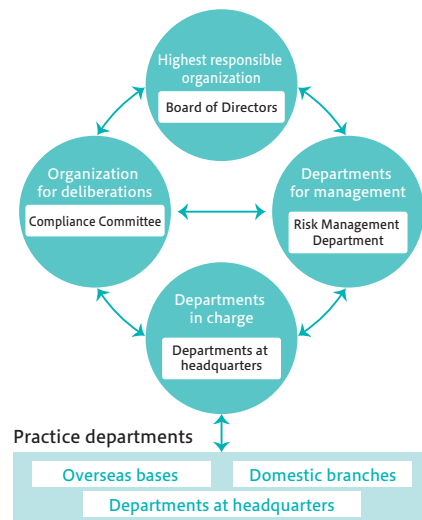
[Action Guidelines]

1. Understanding and complying with laws, regulations, and rules
2. Maintaining and improving confidence
3. Reporting, communicating, and consulting
4. Drawing a line between public and private matters
5. Honesty and sincerity in customer service
6. Steadfast actions against anti-social forces
7. Strict management of customer information
8. Prevention of money laundering

Themes of training sessions for each department and branch (Second half of FY 2018)

- Oct: Prevention of harassment
- Nov: Behavior at parties with alcohol
- Dec: Loans not based on actual demand
- Jan: Eradication of drinking-related problem behaviors including drunk driving
- Feb: Prevention of money laundering/terrorist financing
- Mar: Risk Assessment by a Specified Business Operator

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Whistleblowing system

We have established a system (Compliance Hotline) that allows all executives and employees to report violations of laws and regulations directly to the Risk Management Department and outside lawyers. This system has an important mechanism for protecting the confidentiality of whistleblowers and prohibiting disadvantageous handling of them, which results in ensuring the effectiveness of the system by protecting whistleblowers, and encouraging early detection of violations of laws and regulations.

Measures to prevent money laundering, etc.

As the threat of international crimes and terrorism increases, the international community requires stronger and stricter countermeasures to deal with the many issues faced by financial institutions. It is an urgent management issue to advance a system so that banks can prevent money laundering and terrorist financing.

In order to strictly carry out “confirmation at the time of transaction” and “notification of suspicious transaction” as defined in the “Act on the Transfer of Revenue Used in a Crime” and the “Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act” aiming to eradicate anti-social forces (crime syndicates) and criminal activities from a financial perspective, we are working to let our executives and employees learn how to deal with crimes and to raise awareness of risks, by such measures as organizing internal regulations and holding study sessions using actual cases at each department and branch.

In February 2019, we established the “Financial Crime Countermeasures Office” in the Risk Management Department and enhanced our system to centrally manage and cope with money laundering and terrorist financing, financial crimes, and anti-social forces.

Measures to protect customers

In addition to announcing a “Customer Protection Management Policy,” the Bank assigns personnel in charge of customer protection management to each department and branch, allowing them to offer sufficient explanations about this to customers and handle consultations, requests, and complaints from customers in a timely manner. We are working to develop and establish an enhanced customer protection management system.

Our “Customer Support Office” handles customer complaints. In addition, we support the financial Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) system in which a designated dispute resolution organization settles conflicts from a fair and neutral position.

<< Contacts and phone numbers for suggestions or complaints >>

	Customer Support Office, Gunma Bank	Designated dispute resolution organization	
		Consultation Office, Japanese Bankers Association (JBA)	Investors Consultation Office, The Investment Trusts Association, Japan
Phone numbers	0120-203041 (Domestic toll free)	0570-017109 (Navi Dial (NTT's Japan-wide call handling service))	0120-817335 (Domestic toll free)
	+81-(0)27-252-1111 (key number)	+81-(0)3-5252-3772	+81-(0)3-6206-3988
Reception time	09:00-17:00	09:00-17:00	09:00-17:15
Reception date	Monday to Friday		
	(excluding public holidays and Dec 31-Jan 3)		

In April 2019, we announced that we would conduct foreign exchange operations adequately in compliance with the Global Code of Conduct for Foreign Exchange and released publicly our “Basic Policy on Foreign Exchange Transactions,” which stipulates how to conduct foreign exchange transactions with customers and how to protect customer information within the transactions.

Measures to protect business partner information (personal information)

The Bank published a “Personal Information Protection Declaration” as our policy for appropriate protection and use of personal information obtained in connection with our operations by assigning personnel responsible for managing and supervising business partner information, including personal information throughout the Bank, and developing and establishing a management system to implement meticulous safety management measures and supervise outsourcers.

To protect specific information on corporate entities acquired by executives and employees, we have established measures to communicate and manage such information, and aim to prevent unfair transactions using such information.

Measures to manage conflicts of interest

Together with announcing a “Conflict of Interest Management Policy,” we perform our business operations so as not to unduly harm our customers’ profits, by properly managing transactions that may cause conflicts of interest between customers and the Bank or its Group as well as between customers of the Bank or its Group companies.

Severing ties with anti-social forces

Unfair intervention by anti-social forces can lead to a decline in confidence of a bank, making it difficult to ensure the suitability and soundness of business operations.

Based on the importance of the social responsibility of a bank, we take a firm position against anti-social forces in accordance with the three principles of “Prevent access to our funds, prevent use of their funds, and do not fear such anti-social forces and groups.” We are working to suspend relationships with such anti-social forces.

Specifically, starting new solicitation and transaction activities for anti-social forces is banned, and transactions already made are reduced and eventually stopped when such transactions are discovered. In addition, we have introduced stipulations to exclude anti-social forces in contracts.

In order to eliminate unreasonable claims from anti-social forces and transactions with such groups, we ensure the safety of executives, employees and related parties. The Bank and its Group companies take measures together and cooperate, on a daily basis, with external organizations such as the police and lawyers.

Other measures

The Bank has established “Guidelines for Gifts and Entertainment” to eliminate acts that may lead to suspicion, distrust, misunderstanding, and criticism from society, and maintains sincere, fair, and transparent relationships with our business partners, and will strive to prevent a loss of social trust and confidence. The guidelines stipulate the type of gifts and entertainment that the Bank may give and the type of gifts and entertainment that the Bank may receive from business partners.