



# NEWS RELEASE

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## 【Second Opinion】

### The Gunma Bank, Ltd. 6th Issuance of Basel III-compliant Subordinated Bonds (Sustainability Bond) : Review

Rating and Investment Information, Inc. (R&I) has reviewed the issuer's reporting on the instrument above.

#### 【Rationale】

Rating and Investment Information, Inc. (R&I) has confirmed that the issuer appropriately implemented its reporting based on the initially determined framework. All proceeds have been allocated to eligible projects as of June 30, 2023. The issuer disclosed environmental benefits and social outcomes in line with its plan. R&I has also confirmed in its interview with the issuer that the funded projects have been executed as originally planned.

#### 【DESCRIPTION OF INSTRUMENT】

INSTRUMENT NAME	The Gunma Bank, Ltd. 6th Issuance of Basel III-compliant Subordinated Bonds (Sustainability Bond)
ISSUER	The Gunma Bank, Ltd.
ISSUE AMOUNT (mn)	JPY 10,000
ISSUE DATE	October 29, 2021
MATURITY DATE	October 29, 2031

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