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**Okinawa Industry Promotion Public Corporation and TOKYO AIM
to Join Forces**
Widens Growth Funding Options for Okinawa's Companies

The Okinawa Industry Promotion Public Corporation (“ONICPT”) and TOKYO AIM Inc. (“TOKYO AIM”) today announce that they have signed an agreement to work together to support companies based in Okinawa to gain access to additional funding options.

Okinawa Prefecture, via ONICPT, has been providing assistance to growing companies within the prefecture, with a focus on biotechnology, IT, and the environment sector, providing capital investment and management counsel. As these companies are increasingly seeking to expand their business, the need for raising capital via the equity markets is also growing. Under this agreement, ONICPT and TOKYO AIM will support companies’ financing efforts by providing seminars or consultation services on fund raising options through TOKYO AIM.

The Chairman of ONICPT, Eiji Chinen said: “Okinawa Prefecture covers a vast area of sea, stretching 1,000km east to west, and 400km north to south. It is the only region of Japan with a subtropical climate, showing an unrivalled biodiversity. Okinawa has also drawn on its geographical advantage to expand its function as an Asian hub, with facilities such as the new international cargo terminal opened in October last year taking advantage of the region’s natural proximity for Asian trade, and the Okinawa GIX (Global Internet Exchange). Okinawa provides a unique environment for many companies with excellent growth potential and a growing need for financing opportunities on the capital markets. This mutual cooperation agreement will help promote the use of TOKYO AIM by companies in the prefecture, and will further enhance the nurturing of companies to drive the local economy.”

The President and CEO of TOKYO AIM, Tetsutaro Muraki, noted: “There are numerous promising companies in Okinawa Prefecture that will drive the regional economy in the future. I am extremely pleased that TOKYO AIM can provide these companies with access to the growth capital they need. I am convinced that efforts such as these will lead to further invigoration of the economy of Okinawa.”

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About the Okinawa Industry Promotion Public Corporation:

The Okinawa Industry Promotion Public Corporation is a public interest corporation established in 1971 to promote industry in Okinawa Prefecture. Its aim is to contribute to the sound development of industry in Okinawa by conducting business necessary for industry promotion, in order to foster improvements in manufacturing technologies, business streamlining and other benefits to commerce and industry in the Prefecture. These businesses include the operations of the Small Business Center, which provides backing for stimulating SMEs, supporting creative small businesses, and advancing management innovation, as well as support through grants to R&D-oriented venture companies that lead to the creation of new industries.

Website: <http://okinawa-ric.jp/>

About TOKYO AIM, Inc.:

TOKYO AIM, Inc. was established in 2009, jointly capitalized between the Tokyo Stock Exchange Group, Inc. (51%) and the London Stock Exchange plc (49%). The market for professional investors it operates, TOKYO AIM, is modeled on the London Stock Exchange's AIM system, employing a flexible regulatory framework to allow growth companies in Japan and overseas to procure capital flexibly and efficiently.

Website: <http://www.tokyo-aim.com>