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Company: SPARX Group Co., Ltd.
(JASDAQ Standard Code: 8739)

SPARX Group Co., Ltd. Announces Rating Affirmation

Issuer Rating maintained "BBB" (Rating Outlook: Stable)

TOKYO (January 18, 2019) - SPARX Group Co., Ltd. is pleased to announce that we today received a notice from Rating and Investment Information, Inc. (R&I), a rating agency, that R&I has maintained "BBB" (Rating Outlook: Stable) of our Issuer Rating.

For Rating Symbols and Definitions, please refer to the R&I's website described below.

（Reference）

R&I's rationale for remaining the same Issuer Rating (excerption)

Its earning capacity has been strengthened gradually through diversified investment strategies. Assets under management (AUM) are increasing mainly in investment strategies with high management fee rates and those with long-duration portfolios. Restrained cost management also positively contributes to the earning capacity.

AUM has been broadly unchanged despite the lackluster stock market of Japan. While there was a large redemption primarily due to an institutional investor's shift in the management policy, inflow of funds from retail investors has been growing thanks to strong sales of public mutual funds. R&I is paying attention to whether the Group is able to make high value-added investments in Asia by utilizing the know-how of investment in Japan.

SPARX adheres to a conservative financial management policy. With low debt, it maintains a net cash position and a sound debt-equity structure. Seed money to invest in real assets such as renewable energy power generation facilities is increasing. R&I does not expect the investment amount to balloon substantially relative to capital, but will confirm future developments, partly because of the lower liquidity of such assets compared to equities.

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