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PRESS RELEASE

JASDEC Signs MOU with TSD on Information Sharing & Cooperation

Tokyo — The Japan Securities Depository Center, Inc. (JASDEC) and THAILAND SECURITIES DEPOSITORY COMPANY LIMITED (TSD) signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) at 2 p.m. July 18.

The MOU will contribute to establish infrastructure in preparation for exchange of information and cooperation between the two parties and to further enhance the mutual business collaboration.

“I hope that the signing of MOU between TSD and JASDEC will act as a catalyst to cement the friendly and cooperative ties between the two central securities depositories.” said Mr. Yoshinobu Takeuchi, President & CEO of JASDEC. He expressed his hope that TSD and JASDEC will be able to make contributions to the securities market development of the two countries through information sharing and personnel exchanges.

On the occasion, Ms. Sopawadee Lertmanaschai, Chief Executive Officer commented, “Japan and Thailand have maintained a long lasting friendship with multi-faceted partnership. The MoU between JASDEC and TSD will expand mutual cooperation as well as open up opportunities for further collaborations that would contribute to the developments of financial services industries in both countries.”

About TSD

The Thailand Securities Depository Co., Ltd. (TSD) is a subsidiary of The Stock Exchange of Thailand. The TSD provides four types of securities post trade services: central securities depository service for equities, government and corporate bonds, securities clearing and settlements services, securities and fund registration services and broker operation services. For more information on TSD, please visit www.tsd.co.th

About JASDEC

JASDEC designated as a central securities depository under the CSD Law, provides custody and book-entry transfer services for stocks, convertible bonds, and foreign stocks, book-entry transfer services for corporate bonds, municipal bonds, investment trusts, ETFs and dematerialized commercial papers. Through its subsidiary, the JASDEC DVP Clearing Corp., the DVP settlement system for the non-exchange trade deliveries was inaugurated in May 2004. For more information on JASDEC, visit www.jasdec.com