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**Nikko Citigroup Limited designated as the First
"TSE Equity Options Supporter"**

Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. (TSE) will designate Nikko Citigroup Limited as a "TSE Equity Options Supporter" on June 28, 2006.

Nikko Citigroup Limited is a General Trading Participant of TSE and is one of the major trading participants in both the TSE derivatives and cash markets. The active participation of Nikko Citigroup Limited, the first "TSE equity options Supporter," will play a significant role in improving the liquidity of the TSE equity options market.

In the TSE Equity Option Supporter system, which began in April 2006, TSE designates trading participants to actively promote the expansion of the TSE equity options market based on applications received by trading participants.

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