Scheduled Launch Date of the Zengin System Extended Operating Hours

Japanese Banks' Payment Clearing Network

We have been working on a system development project to achieve 24/7 operating hours of the Zengin System, targeting a launch in the second half of 2018 (please refer to "<u>Update on Zengin System Extended Operating Hours</u>" published on July 15, 2016). Today, we would like to announce that the launch date of the service has been scheduled as follows with consideration given to having an adequate test period before the launch. Please note that the date is subject to change, as it will be formally decided after evaluating future test results, etc.

[Scheduled launch date of the Zengin System extended operating hours] End of core time* (3:30 p.m.) on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 *Current communication closing time of the Zengin System