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

**“Gensentoshi” Has Received
“Best Fund Award (Domestic Stock Fund Division)”
in The First “Rakuten Securities Fund Award”**

Tokyo (March 31, 2016) – SPARX Group Co., Ltd. is honored to announce that the Fund cited as below, launched and managed by SPARX Asset Management Co., Ltd. (President and CEO: Shuhei Abe), a subsidiary of the Company, has won the Best Fund Award in the Domestic Stock Fund Division of the first “Rakuten Securities Fund Award”.

The Fund invests mainly in Japanese companies with high-level technology and brand power that are expected to be active on a global scale in the future, based on the thorough bottom-up research that has been SPARX’s mainstay and forte since its foundation. In addition, the Fund makes highly selective investments in approximately 20 stocks without setting any benchmarks and, in principle, without trading in shares in short intervals and intends to hold them for a long period.

This award is great encouragement for us at SPARX to offer high quality services that will satisfy customers as well as to continue to improve product development capabilities and to enhance investment management capabilities. SPARX will actively push forward its corporate branding to more exposure to people.

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The first “Rakuten Securities Fund Award” had selected 24 funds from 8 divisions as excellent funds. Among those, customers of Rakuten Securities, FP belonging to the financial instruments brokers of Rakuten Securities, and Rakuten Securities Investment Trust Advisory Committee voted and selected 8 best funds. SPARX Shin Kokusai Yuryo Japanese Equity Fund (“Gensentoshi” (“Highly Selective Investment”)) has received “Best Fund Award (Domestic Stock Fund Division)”.

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