



**Development Bank of Japan (“DBJ”)  
Sustainability Bond Framework**

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# 1. Outline and Approach to Sustainability of the issuer

## 1.1 Outline of the issuer

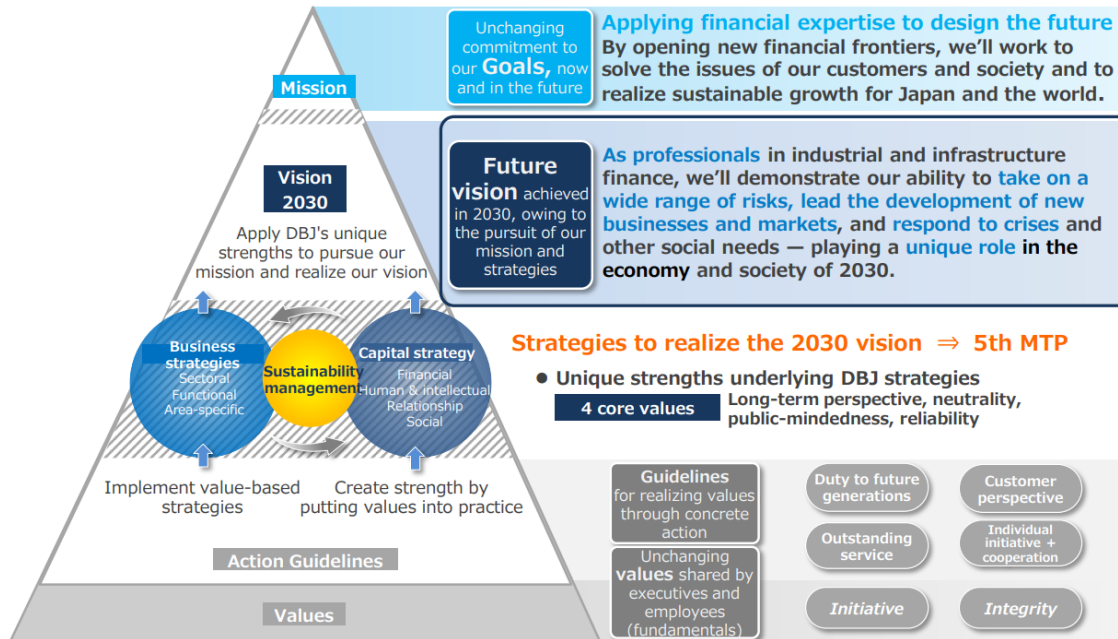
Development Bank of Japan Inc. (“DBJ”) is a 100% government-owned financial institution headquartered in Tokyo, Japan. DBJ provides domestic and global financial services to its clients, operating across Japan, the U.S., Europe and Asia, with a mission to “Design the Future with Financial Expertise”, and ultimately pursue sustainable development for Japan and the world.

DBJ’s history goes back to 1951 when the Japanese Government founded Japan Development Bank as a governmental financial institution in order to support the recovery of the Japanese economy, industry and society from the damage caused by World War II. Ever since, DBJ, alongside with the Japanese Government has contributed to tackling the challenges facing Japan by providing financial solutions. The areas DBJ has contributed in include “Infrastructure Development”, “Urban & Regional Development”, “Pollution Prevention and Environmental Preservation”, “Energy Supply”, “Social Infrastructure Improvement” and “Crisis Response”.

## 1.2 Corporate Philosophy and Materiality




















The DBJ Group’s corporate philosophy consists of a mission that it pursues relentlessly, regardless of the times; core values that are shared by all of its executives and employees; and Vision 2030, a vision for 2030 that it follows as a guide into the future.

### <Corporate Philosophy>



To realize the future laid out in Vision 2030, the DBJ Group has identified its material issues, with reference to the concept of balancing economic and social value, which runs deep in the DBJ Group’s sustainability management, and the objective prescribed in The Development Bank of Japan Inc. Act, which is to contribute to the smooth supply of funds to those needing long-term business funds, as well as to the sophistication of financial functions. Looking ahead, the DBJ Group plans to review its material issues periodically from the perspective of balancing economic and social value while maintaining dialogue with its stakeholders.

## <Materiality>

Materiality (Key Management Issues)		Specific Measures	SDGs
 Formation of sustainable infrastructure	Transition to decarbonization Build infrastructure for future generations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investments and loans to effect transitions while maintaining stable supply in the energy sector</li> <li>Social acceptance of next-generation mobility and proliferation of clean energy using hydrogen and ammonia</li> <li>Promotion of public-private partnerships in maintaining and upgrading public infrastructure</li> <li>Initiatives focused on natural capital, biodiversity, and a circular economy that support economic and social activities</li> </ul>	     
	Strengthen competitiveness of Japanese industry through innovation Reorganize supply chains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for new business, business restructuring, and digital transformation, provision of guidance for entering global markets</li> <li>Investments for startups in the climate and deep technology (deep tech) sectors, and growth-stage startups</li> <li>Management support through investments in Society 5.0 and other areas</li> <li>Supply chain reconstruction with eye on post-pandemic recovery, decarbonization, circular economy, etc.</li> </ul>	  
 Regional revitalization utilizing untapped potential	Just transition of regions Response to population decline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creation of visions for regions through collaboration and cooperation with stakeholders</li> <li>Recommendations and support for a just transition to a decarbonized society from both industry and regional perspectives</li> <li>Support for increasing population flows, for example via tourism, especially foreign tourism</li> <li>Supply of risk capital and knowledge for uncovering unique regional resources</li> </ul>	 
	Expand frontiers of financial markets Exercise stabilizer function	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expansion of sustainable finance markets (investments and loans, asset management, bond issuance)</li> <li>Expansion of investments in venture capital and secondary funds</li> <li>Provision of diverse investment and loan opportunities through cooperation with private financial institutions</li> <li>Deployment of safety net functions, such as Crisis Response Operations</li> </ul>	 
 Cultivation of talent to challenge financial frontiers	Support the taking on of challenges and collaboration Improve employees' sense of self-fulfillment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementation of human resource systems that encourage employees and teams to take on new challenges</li> <li>Cultivation of human resources through practical on-the-job training (OJT) and ample training opportunities</li> <li>Creation of an environment that respects diversity and facilitates the independence and proactivity of employees</li> </ul>	 
	Strengthening of the business foundation for supplying risk capital Reform ways of working	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparation of systems in response to strengthening of investment operations and increased sophistication of investment management with consideration to risks and returns</li> <li>Continuous review of operations, advancement of operations through digitization</li> <li>Strengthening of integrated Group management</li> </ul>	

## 1.3 Sustainability Management

The DBJ's sustainability management consists of a business model that leverages group capabilities in fields including integrated investment and loans and consulting and advisory services. DBJ's business model is designed to raise economic and social value simultaneously in pursuing a sustainable society for Japan and the world. DBJ works constantly to improve its value creation process through collaboration and dialogue with stakeholders, seeking to refine its sustainability management and enhance the value it creates.

### <History of Commitment to Sustainability>

DBJ's environmental sustainability activities started in 1960s as an initiative to counter environmental pollution problems caused by rapid economic expansion after the recovery from World War II. With an aim to achieve the above sustainability goals, DBJ has aligned with UNEP (United Nations Environment Program) since signing up to the "UNEP Statement by Financial Institutions on the Environment and Sustainable Development" in 2011, as the first Japanese financial institution to sign up for the statement. In 2014 and 2016 respectively, DBJ became the only Japanese investor member and a sole Japanese advisory board member of GRESB. DBJ issued its inaugural green bond aligned with the ICMA Green Bond Principles ("GBP") as Japan's first issuer in 2014. Subsequently, with expansion of eligible assets in its framework, DBJ has issued sustainability bonds continuously since 2015. DBJ was appointed as the first Japanese issuer member of the GBP in 2017. Additionally, DBJ signed up to Principles for Responsible Investment ("PRI") in 2016, and set up its Sustainability Management Office in 2017 under the Policy on Sustainability, which was originally established as the Environment Policy in 2001. Most recently, DBJ got entered into an agreement with Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) and also ratified the Equator Principles in 2020. In 2022, based on TCFD recommendations, DBJ declared the goal to

achieve net zero GHG emissions by 2050, encompassing its own Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions, as well as Scope 3 emissions of companies in its investment and loan portfolio.

### <Sustainable Finance and Solutions>

DBJ has performed as a leader for sustainable finance and solutions in Japan. After being the first financial institution in the world to develop an environmentally rated loan program (the DBJ Environmentally Rated Loan Program) in 2004, DBJ expanded its menu of financing options that factor in the level of sustainability management at a corporation to include the DBJ BCM Rated Loan Program and the DBJ Employees' Health Management Rated Loan Program. DBJ emphasizes dialogue with customers in the provision of these loan programs, as well as in the DBJ Sustainability Linked Loans with Engagement Dialogue and its consulting services, and it assists customers with sustainability management. Also, in 2011, it created DBJ Green Building Certification, and it conducts sustainability assessments of real estate properties.

### <Commitment to Sustainability>

#### Commitment to Sustainability



## 1.4 GRIT Strategy

As a part of their fifth medium-term management plan (released in May 2021), DBJ promotes the “GRIT Strategy” for realizing a sustainable society, including initiatives to address climate change. This is in line with the Japanese Government’s environmental policy with the aim to achieve 46% GHG emission reduction by FY2030 (from FY2013) and carbon neutrality in 2050.

Out of ¥13 trillion total investments and loans target set out in the fifth medium-term management plan, DBJ aims to provide ¥5.5 trillion over 5 years as investments and loans under the GRIT Strategy.

### <Details of GRIT Strategy>

**G – Green:** Initiatives to become carbon neutral with established technologies

**R – Resiliency & Recovery:** Building of flexible yet strong industrial foundations as well as safe and secure regions and society

**I – Innovation:** Initiatives for innovations that are commercially feasible from a long-term perspective

**T – Transition / Transformation:** Strategic initiatives to steadily lead transition toward carbon neutrality and other goals, based on current business foundation

## 2. Rationale for Issuance

Through the issuance of Sustainability Bonds, DBJ aims to contribute to the realization of a sustainable society and environment as a responsible issuer. DBJ Sustainability Bond Framework lays the groundwork for helping DBJ to promote the GRIT strategy and to achieve the goal of net zero emissions of greenhouse gases by 2050.

## 3. Alignment with the Green Bond Principles 2021 (“GBP”), Social Bond Principles 2023 (“SBP”) and the Sustainability Bond Guidelines 2021 (“SBG”)




For the purpose of issuing Sustainability Bonds, DBJ has created the following DBJ Sustainability Bond Framework, which addresses the four core components of the Green Bond Principles 2021 (“GBP”), Social Bond Principles 2023 (“SBP”) and the Sustainability Bond Guidelines 2021 (“SBG”): use of proceeds, project evaluation and selection process, management of proceeds, and reporting.

### 3.1 Use of Proceeds

#### Eligibility Criteria


The net proceeds, or an amount equal to the net proceeds, of the issuance of the DBJ Sustainability Bonds will be allocated, by way of various financial instruments, exclusively to finance or refinance (“Eligible Financing(s)”), in whole or in part, existing and/or future projects or businesses which meet the following Eligibility Criteria. The look-back period for refinanced Green and Social Eligible Financing(s) will be 36 months prior to the date of the DBJ Sustainability Bond issuance.

#### 1. Climate Resiliency / Climate Change Mitigation (Green Eligible Categories)

GBP Eligible Green Project Category	Eligibility Criteria	Environmental Objective	Alignment with UN SDGs <sup>1</sup>
Green buildings	<p>(1) Funds to finance or refinance buildings which meet one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. DBJ Green Building Certification Program<sup>2</sup>: 5,4 or 3 stars</li> <li>b. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design): Platinum, Gold or Silver</li> <li>c. BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method): Outstanding, Excellent or Very good</li> </ul>	Climate change mitigation	  





<sup>1</sup> This SDGs mapping refers to A High-Level Mapping to the Sustainable Development Goals by ICMA. <https://www.icmagroup.org/assets/documents/Regulatory/Green-Bonds/June-2020/Mapping-SDGs-to-Green-Social-and-Sustainability-Bonds-2020-June-2020-090620.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> DBJ website [https://www.dbj.jp/en/service/finance/g\\_building/index.html](https://www.dbj.jp/en/service/finance/g_building/index.html)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d. CASBEE (Comprehensive Assessment System for Built Environment Efficiency): S, A or B+ Rank</li> <li>e. BELS (Building-Housing Energy-efficiency Labelling System): 5, 4 or 3 stars</li> <li>f. ZEB, Nearly ZEB, ZEB Ready and ZEB Oriented / ZEH, Nearly ZEH, ZEH Ready and ZEH Oriented (, all of which represents the same or higher level of performance compared to BELS 5 Star)</li> </ul> <p>(2) Funds to finance or refinance companies, buildings, real estate properties or REITs that have a 'Green Star' rating under the Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark ("GRESB") evaluation framework.</p> <p>(3) Funds to finance or refinance buildings with high environmental scores, which meet one of the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Based on Tokyo Metropolis Building Environment plan system, both Perimeter Annual Load ("PAL") reduction rate and Energy Reduction Ratio ("ERR") are in the top two levels for retrofitting existing buildings to be more energy efficient</li> <li>b. For commercial real estates, buildings which meet the CBI criteria set for relevant cities (Tokyo's criteria would be used for Japan)<sup>3</sup></li> <li>c. For data centers, buildings with PUE (Power Usage Effectiveness) below 1.5</li> </ul>		
Renewable energy	<p>Funds to finance or refinance renewable energy projects below the threshold of 100g of CO<sub>2</sub> per kWh:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Construction, acquisition, maintenance, and/or operation of solar, wind (onshore and offshore), biomass (involving wood pellets certified with FSC, PEF or Sustainable Biomass</li> </ul>	<p>Climate change mitigation</p> <p>Pollution prevention and control</p>	

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.climatebonds.net/standard/buildings/commercial/calculator#calculator>

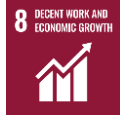







	Program (SBP) certification and palm kernel shell), geothermal, run-of-river hydropower, and tidal and wave power assets		
Clean transportation	<p>Funds to finance or refinance clean transportation projects or loans to companies exclusively for use for clean transportation projects:<sup>4</sup></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Installation and/or maintenance of energy-efficient and/or electric trains</li> <li>(Re)construction, extension, maintenance, and/or upgrade of rail lines</li> <li>(Re)construction, maintenance, operation and/or upgrade of railway systems and assets</li> <li>Infrastructure and components which could help increase the transport capacity and improve the efficient movement</li> </ol>	<p>Climate change mitigation</p> <p>Pollution prevention and control</p>	  
Energy Efficiency - DBJ Environmentally Rated Loan Program	Loans to companies that are rated A, B or C under the DBJ Environmentally Rated Loan Program <sup>5</sup>	<p>Climate change mitigation</p> <p>Pollution prevention and control</p>	

<sup>4</sup> DBJ confirms that in lending to companies, it is able to track use of loans from sustainability bond proceeds to ensure that the loans are directed towards eligible clean transportation projects. DBJ also confirms that the amount of loans from sustainability bond proceeds will be equal to or less than the amount of CAPEX or OPEX spent by companies on eligible clean transportation projects.





<sup>5</sup> <https://www.dbj-sustainability-rating.jp/en/enviro/>

## 2. Disaster Resiliency (Social Eligible Categories)

SBP Eligible Social Project Category	Eligibility Criteria	Target Population and Social objectives	Alignment with UN SDGs
Employment generation, and programs designed to prevent and/or alleviate unemployment stemming from socioeconomic crises	Funds to finance or refinance businesses negatively impacted by the economic slowdown from socioeconomic crisis and natural disasters through DBJ's respective socioeconomic crisis financing programs, such as the Regional Emergency Response Program	Supporting vulnerable groups that may include the general public by providing necessary funds to businesses negatively impacted by the economic slowdown from socioeconomic crisis and natural disasters	
Affordable basic infrastructure – Power cable and grid upgrade  (Energy efficiency - Efficient power grid)	Funds to finance or refinance electric power cable and grid extensions and upgrades mainly for disaster preparation or reconstruction (the extensions and upgrades may also be included where it contributes to higher efficiency of the grid, and to facilitate the connection of renewable energy sources to the general network)	Supporting vulnerable groups that may include the general public by providing necessary funds to affordable basic infrastructure projects.  (Climate change mitigation)	  
Socioeconomic advancement and empowerment - DBJ BCM Rated Loan Program	Loans to companies rated A, B or C under the DBJ BCM Rated Loan Program <sup>6</sup>	Supporting vulnerable groups that may include the general public by promoting companies' efforts to take measures for disaster prevention, BCP/BCM, and crisis management	 

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.dbj-sustainability-rating.jp/en/bcm/>

### 3. Healthcare & Social Well-being (Social Eligible Categories)

SBP Eligible Social Project Category	Eligibility Criteria	Target Population and Social objectives	Alignment with UN SDGs
Affordable housing	Funds to finance or refinance housing business serving vulnerable populations, such as affordable housing	Supporting underserved people, but may also include the general public, needing access to essential services including healthcare and social well-being	 
Access to essential services - healthcare	Funds to finance or refinance loans to domestic healthcare companies, which meet one of the following criteria; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Financing, acquisition, maintenance and operation of public hospitals and hospitals run by a social medical care corporation or a social welfare corporation and nursing homes</li> <li>2. Financing of medical care facilities, medical equipment and product manufacturers that contribute to treating and preventing the spread of infectious diseases and financing of pharmaceutical companies contributing to testing and R&amp;D toward alleviating symptoms and preventing the spread of infectious diseases</li> </ol>	Supporting underserved people, but may also include the general public, needing access to essential services including healthcare and social well-being and vulnerable groups that may also include the general public by enhancing access to public essential services in healthcare	
Socioeconomic advancement and empowerment - DBJ Employee's Health Management Rated Loan Program	Loans to companies rated A, B or C under the DBJ Employee's Health Management Rated Loan Program <sup>7</sup>	Supporting general public by promoting companies' efforts to take measures for the improving the quality of life and healthcare of their employees	

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.dbj-sustainability-rating.jp/en/health/>

## Exclusionary criteria

DBJ has developed a list of exclusionary criteria to be applied to the allocation of the proceeds from the DBJ Sustainability Bond issuance. In this regard, DBJ commits to not knowingly allocating the net proceeds for the financing of assets/projects/businesses included in the exclusionary criteria.

1. Businesses dedicated to the manufacture or retail sale and distribution of weapons and small arms; or businesses dedicated to the production of products and services supporting the manufacture or retail sale of weapons and small arms
2. Extraction, refining, or transportation of coal
3. Ownership or operation of dedicated gambling establishments/activities
4. Biomass plants designed primarily to consume food stocks
5. Large-scale (over 25MW capacity) hydropower dams

## 3.2 Project evaluation and selection process

### Application of eligibility and exclusionary criteria in project selection

DBJ's Treasury team is responsible for the selection of financial assets that meet the DBJ Sustainability Bond Eligibility Criteria and for the allocation of the DBJ Sustainability Bond proceeds to the selected financial assets. First of all, financial assets that would potentially meet the eligible categories outlined in the framework are identified by the Corporate Finance Departments. The assets identified by the Corporate Finance Departments are reviewed by the Treasury Department. The Treasury Department judges eligibility of the potential assets. When necessary, Treasury Department consults with the Sustainability Management Office and other relevant Departments. From overall eligible assets pool, the Treasury Department selects the assets and allocates the Sustainability Bond proceeds to the selected assets. Allocation per project category is expected to be determined within a year after DBJ Sustainability Bond issuance.

### Process to mitigate environmental and social risks

DBJ has the following processes that consider management of environmental and social risks in its financing process:

- DBJ periodically monitors if borrowers comply with applicable regulations and laws (including environmental laws), and if they obtain and maintain governmental permits, approvals, licenses and authorizations. If a breach is expected to have a materially adverse effect, and not cured within a grace period, DBJ is entitled to request prepayment subject to contractual arrangements.
- With respect to asset/structured/project finance, in some cases, DBJ engages an independent consultant to undertake due diligence on environmental and social aspects. If this is not the case, DBJ assesses the capability and reliability of the borrower in relation to identifying and managing environmental and social risks.
- The Sustainability Committee, responsible for considering the incorporation of sustainability and ESG insights into the DBJ's usual business activities, discusses and considers the

balance between economic and social value (i.e. sustainability management), and maintains communications with stakeholders on this topic.

### **3.3 Management of proceeds**

The net proceeds, or an amount equal to the net proceeds, from the DBJ Sustainability Bond issuance will be held and tracked in bond-by-bond approach by DBJ's treasury until they are allocated to the eligible projects and/or businesses. Unallocated proceeds will be held in cash and/or a money-market portfolio which will be tracked by DBJ Treasury Department. DBJ has internal management systems to track the amount of funds allocated to each of the Eligible Financings.

### **3.4 Reporting**

DBJ will report annually on its website the following information until full allocation of the net proceeds, or an amount equal to the net proceeds, from the DBJ Sustainability Bond issuance:

1. Allocation in aggregate to each eligibility criterion, and number of businesses/assets/projects funded under each eligibility criterion
2. The estimated share of financing and refinancing
3. The amount of unallocated proceeds and the investments in which these proceeds are held.

Furthermore, DBJ will report on the following additional information and impact metrics on a best effort basis:

## Climate Resiliency / Climate Change Mitigation (Green Eligible Categories)

Type of eligible financings	Additional information to be reported
Green Buildings	<p data-bbox="529 289 1390 369">DBJ Green Building Certification Program, LEED, BREEAM, CASBEE, BELS, ZEB, Nearly ZEB, ZEB Ready, ZEB Oriented, ZEH, Nearly ZEH, ZEH Ready and ZEH Oriented</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="545 407 786 430">■ Certification vintage</li> <li data-bbox="545 443 1390 495">■ Subject to confidentiality and clients' prior consent, two or three case studies of underlying green buildings funded by the relevant Sustainability Bond</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="529 499 613 522">GRESB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="545 533 786 556">■ Certification vintage</li> <li data-bbox="545 569 1390 642">■ Subject to confidentiality and clients' prior consent two or three case studies of underlying REITs and real estate properties funded with the relevant Sustainability Bond</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="529 695 959 718">Buildings with high environmental scores</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="545 728 1208 751">■ Holding ratio to total floor area, property value, loan amount</li> <li data-bbox="545 764 1328 810">■ Where feasible, primary energy consumption, actual or theoretical CO2 emission amount</li> </ul>
Renewable Energy, Clean Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="545 827 980 850">■ Distribution by sub-sector and location</li> <li data-bbox="545 863 1370 915">■ Subject to confidentiality and clients' prior consent, high-level description of select projects</li> <li data-bbox="545 928 1382 980">■ Where feasible, quantitative assessment of expected positive environmental impacts on an aggregate basis</li> <li data-bbox="545 993 927 1016">■ KPI: estimated carbon avoidance</li> </ul>
Energy Efficiency - DBJ Environmentally Rated Loan Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="545 1026 786 1050">■ Certification vintage</li> <li data-bbox="545 1062 797 1085">■ Distribution by sector</li> <li data-bbox="545 1098 1390 1142">■ Subject to confidentiality and clients' prior consent, select project summaries, rating and evaluation points</li> </ul>

## Disaster Resiliency (Social Eligible Categories)

Type of eligible financings	Additional information to be reported
Employment generation, and programs designed to prevent and/or alleviate unemployment stemming from socioeconomic crises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Distribution by sector</li><li>■ Financing amount</li></ul>
Affordable basic infrastructure – Power cable and grid upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Subject to confidentiality and clients' prior consent, high-level description of select projects</li></ul>
Socioeconomic advancement and empowerment - DBJ BCM Rated Loan Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Certification vintage</li><li>■ Distribution by sector</li><li>■ Subject to confidentiality and clients' prior consent, select project summaries, rating and evaluation points</li></ul>

## Healthcare & Social Well-being (Social Eligible Categories)

Type of eligible financings	Additional information to be reported
Affordable housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Number of residences provided</li></ul>
Access to essential services - healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Distribution by sub-sector</li><li>■ Hospitals: Number of hospital beds</li><li>■ Pharma: Number of tests, or medicine distributed</li><li>■ Nursing homes: Care capacity</li></ul>
Socioeconomic advancement and empowerment - DBJ Employee's Health Management Rated Loan Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Certification vintage</li><li>■ Distribution by sector</li><li>■ Subject to confidentiality and clients' prior consent, select project summaries, rating and evaluation points</li></ul>

## 4. External Review

### 4.1 Second Party Opinion

DBJ has retained ISS-Corporate to provide a Second Party Opinion (SPO) on the environmental benefits of DBJ Sustainability Bond Framework as well as the alignment to the GBP, SBP and SBG. The SPO is available on DBJ's website. [https://www.dbj.jp/pdf/ir/credit/sri/202404\\_SPO\\_EN.pdf](https://www.dbj.jp/pdf/ir/credit/sri/202404_SPO_EN.pdf)

## Appendix

### DBJ certification programs

DBJ certification programs are DBJ Environmentally Rated Loan Program, DBJ BCM Rated Loan Program and DBJ Employee's Health Management Rated Loan Program. DBJ provides loans to companies rated A, B or C and excludes companies rated "None".

Rating	Assessment
A	Companies with highly advanced / excellent initiatives
B	Companies with advanced / excellent initiatives
C	Companies with sufficient initiatives
None	Ineligible

DBJ Environmentally Rated Loan Program: <https://www.dbj-sustainability-rating.jp/en/enviro/>

DBJ BCM Rated Loan Program: <https://www.dbj-sustainability-rating.jp/en/bcm/>

DBJ Employees' Health Management Rated Loan Program: <https://www.dbj-sustainability-rating.jp/en/health/>

### Perimeter Annual Load (PAL)

Thermal insulation of buildings

(April 2014 ~)

Rating	PAL * Reduction rate from the standard value (PAL*reduction rate)	Relation to the evaluation level on the building environmental plan
AAA	Over 20%	Level 3
AA	Over 15% below 20%	Level 2
A	Over 10% below 15%	Level 2
B	Over 5% below 10%	Level 1
C	Over 0% below 5%	Level 1



## Energy Reduction Ratio (ERR)

Energy efficiency of equipment system

(April 2017 ~)

Rating	Reduction rate of energy usage of the entire facility system (ERR)	Relation to the evaluation level on the building environmental plan
AAA	Use1: over 40% / Use2: over 30%	Level 3
AA	Use1: over 30% below 40% / Use2: over 25% below 30%	Level 3
A	Use1: over 20% below 30% / Use2: over 20% below 25%	Level 2
B	Over 10% below 20%	Level 1
C	Over 0% below 10%	Level 1

※ Use1: Offices, schools, factories etc. / Use2: Hotels, hospitals, department stores, restaurants, assembly halls etc.

Source: <https://www7.kankyo.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/building/eva/outline.html>

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