



## Tokyo's Financial Industry Raises More Than JPY 30 million for Community Charities in the Second Annual FIT for Charity Run

TOKYO, May 28, 2006 – Tokyo's financial industry raised more than JPY 30 million for community charities in the Second Annual Financial Industry in Tokyo (FIT) for Charity Run on Sunday, May 28. An unprecedented 2,800 participants from more than 50 companies of the financial and related industries ran and walked 5K and 10K circuits around the Imperial Palace to underscore the industry's commitment to the community.

The funds raised from the run will be equally distributed among the following charities:

- **FTC Shelter:** Supports victims of domestic violence
- **Japan HIV Center:** Provides counseling and support to people with HIV
- **Nishiwaki Fund:** Awards scholarships to disadvantaged children
- **Second Harvest Japan:** Provides food to the needy and homeless
- **Special Olympics Nippon/Tokyo:** Assists Tokyo-based athletes with intellectual disabilities
- **Wakakusa-ryo:** A foster home for children

"Thanks to the extraordinary response of the financial industry to this event and the dedication of all of the volunteers from across the industry who worked together to realize it, we doubled the number of people and the funds raised compared to the first run last year," said Simon Locke, Organizing Committee Chairman, 2006 FIT for Charity Run. "The funds raised from the individual participants, sponsors and supporters will make a significant difference to the lives of the many people these organizations support in Japan."

The event this year was organized as three separate runs. At an awards ceremony in Hibiya Park following the run, awards were presented to the top male and female 10K and 5K runners, and the top fundraising companies were also recognized.

The fastest runners were:

Male 10K: Chiharu Watanabe, UBS, Time: 34:26:08 minutes

Female 10K: Yukino Yamakami, KBC Securities Japan, Time: 45:32:85 minutes

Male 5K: Ron Tanno, Lehman Brothers, Time: 16:29:77 minutes

Female 5K: Junko Tomioka, Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein, Time: 19:04:81 minutes

The top fundraising companies were:

Merrill Lynch, JPY 6.3 million

Bear Stearns (Japan), Ltd., JPY 4.6 million

Lehman Brothers, JPY 1.9 million

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#### **Event Details**

This year, the event was held on Sunday, May 28, 2006, on a course that circles the Imperial Palace, with a central meeting point for participants in Hibiya Park. Given the expected number of participants, this year's event was organized as three separate runs: a 10K run (9:00 a.m.), a 5K run (10:30 a.m.), and a 5K fun run/walk (11:30 a.m.). Additional information is available on the FIT website: <http://www.fitforcharity.org/current-en.htm>

#### **Financial Industry in Tokyo (FIT) for Charity Run:**

The Financial Industry in Tokyo established the FIT for Charity Run to provide people in the financial and related industries in Tokyo with an opportunity as an industry to support local charities in Japan. The first FIT for Charity Run was held on September 3, 2005. The Run raised JPY 16.7 million with the participation of more than 1,000 runners from nearly 50 companies. The proceeds were divided among five charities (**FTC Shelter, Japan HIV Center, Nishiwaki Fund, Second Harvest Japan, Special Olympics Nippon/Tokyo**) with each charity receiving JPY 3.35 million.

#### **FIT for Charity Run 2006 Organizing Committee:**

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