

FINANCIAL AUTHORITIES AND ASSOCIATIONS JOIN HANDS FOR EFFECTIVE PROVISION OF COVID-19 SUPPORT

The leaders of the FSC and the FSS along with the representatives of all financial sector associations and federations held a meeting on March 25, and signed a memorandum of agreement to effectively deliver the COVID-19 financial support package.

The following are the key points of the agreement.

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- ▶ Banks will work to provide funding to SMEs and small merchants through super low interest loans (1.5%).
- ▶ Banks will work to provide SMEs and small merchants with information about appropriate financing products.
- ▶ Banks will provide active assistance to the regional credit guarantee institutions that are facing burdens of workloads in receiving and reviewing applications.
- ▶ Credit guarantee institutions will closely cooperate with banks in ensuring prompt delivery of necessary funding to SMEs and small merchants.
- ▶ Banks will work to ensure that the loan and guarantee extensions as well as the deferment of interest payments are seamlessly implemented beginning on April 1.
- ▶ Banks will refrain from collecting debt from businesses that are facing temporary difficulties due to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- ▶ Banks will contribute to the bond market stabilization fund and actively cooperate to raise the fund when deemed necessary afterwards.
- ▶ Banks will actively cooperate to promptly launch a stock market stabilization fund.
- ▶ The financial regulators will ease standards on sanctions for financial institutions' handling of the COVID-19 financial support and actively support banks' efforts to boost liquidity requirements.

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