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## Revision of dividends for Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2010

Tokyo May 14, 2010—Hokuhoku Financial Group, Inc. ("Hokuhoku FG") announces the revision of term-end dividends on common stock for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2010 (FY 2009).

## 1. Contents of dividends on common stock

|                        | Revised amount    | The latest dividends forecast | Result of the previous fiscal |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                        |                   | (announced on May 15, 2009)   | year (FY 2008)                |
| Record date            | March 31, 2010    | March 31, 2010                | March 31, 2009                |
| Dividends per share    | JPY 3.50          | JPY 3.00                      | JPY 3.00                      |
| Total dividends amount | JPY4,863 million  | _                             | JPY4,170 million              |
| Effective Date         | June 28, 2010     | _                             | June 26, 2009                 |
| Souce of dividends     | Retained earnings | _                             | Retained earnings             |

## 2. Reason of revision of dividends on common stock

Hokuhoku FG resolves its fiscal year-end dividends on common stock from JPY3.00 to JPY 3.50 per share, an increase of JPY 0.50 from the previous forecast, considering factors such as completed repayment of public funds, FY2009 business results and its capital adequacy ratio.

(Reference) (JPY)

|                   | Dividends per share (common stock) |                 |        |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------|
| Record date       | End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr         | Fiscal year-End | Annual |
| FY2009            | 0.00                               | 3.50            | 3.50   |
| Results of FY2008 | 0.00                               | 3.00            | 3.00   |

<sup>\*</sup> Dividends on preferred stock (1st series class 5) remain unchanged.