

December 2, 2005  
Resona Holdings, Inc.

### Acquisition of Merger Approval

Today, Resona Bank, Ltd. (President: Masaaki Nomura) and The Nara Bank, Ltd. (President: Yoshinori Kanbayashi), both of which are fully owned subsidiaries of Resona Holdings, Inc., obtained an approval for the planned merger between the two banks from the Financial Services Agency based on the Article 30-1 of the Banking Law of Japan.

#### [Outline of the planned merger]

Merger date:	January 1, 2006
Surviving company:	Resona Bank, Ltd.
Head office address:	2-1, Bingomachi 2-chome, Chuo-ku, Osaka
Representative:	President and Representative Director Masaaki Nomura
Amount of capital:	¥279.9 billion