



June 10, 2025

To our shareholders,

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| Company        | Kyushu Financial Group, Inc.   |
| Representative | Yoshihisa Kasahara,<br>President and Representative Director   |
| Stock code     | 7180, TSE Prime and FSE  |
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**Notice Regarding Acquisition of Shares by The Kagoshima Bank, Ltd.,  
a Subsidiary of Kyushu Financial Group**

We hereby announce that The Kagoshima Bank, Ltd. (“Kagoshima Bank”), a subsidiary of Kyushu Financial Group, Inc. (the “Company”), resolved at the meeting of its Board of Directors held today to acquire, subject to approval of relevant authorities, all shares of common stock of Pastem Solutions, Ltd. (Representative Director: Hisataka Yoshidome) and thereby make it a consolidated subsidiary that is an Other Advanced Banking Service Company.<sup>(\*)</sup>

\* Business corporations in which banks, with the authorization of the Financial Services Agency, are exceptionally allowed to hold equity in excess of the 5% threshold, provided that such investment contributes to improving the convenience of the bank’s customers, building a sustainable society, or other ends (bank’s subsidiary companies as set forth in Article 16-2, paragraph (1), item (xv) of the Banking Act).

**1. Purpose**

Kagoshima Bank published a ground design for its digital strategy in April 2022, in which it aims to become “a corporate group that leads the digitalization of regional communities.” Problems such as the shrinking and aging of population coupled with declining birthrate, depopulation of communities, and hollowing out of industries are worsening more than ever particularly in the regions, and have become crucial issues for regional economies. Kagoshima Bank has taken on “digitalization of regional communities” as one of its schemes that provide support to solve these crucial issues, and is devoting itself to make it a reality.

Kagoshima Bank’s digital strategy is currently in a phase where it is supporting the digitalization of local governments and companies, and in FY2024, it was adopted as an indirectly subsidized entity of the Regional Digitalization Support Promotion Program promoted by the Cabinet Office.

Kagoshima Bank plans to take this as an opportunity to strengthen its framework for supporting customers with their digitalization and expand business on a full-scale. To this end, the bank has decided to acquire all shares of a company engaged in digital-related businesses that extend beyond the traditional scope of financing and make it a subsidiary, with the aim of achieving rapid growth and expansion in the digital solutions business domain.

Through this matter, the Company will boost its efforts in providing proactive support to its customers and contributing to the revitalization of regional economy.

## 2. Overview of the subsidiary (Kagoshima Bank)

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| Name                                  | The Kagoshima Bank, Ltd.                     |
| Location                              | 6-6, Kinseicho, Kagoshima-shi                |
| Title and name of representative      | Akihisa Koriyama, President                  |
| Description of business               | Banking                                      |
| Share capital                         | 18,130 million yen                           |
| Date of establishment                 | October 6, 1879 (Meiji 12)                   |
| Net assets                            | 340,489 million yen (as of March 31, 2025)   |
| Total assets                          | 6,389,834 million yen (as of March 31, 2025) |
| Major shareholder and ownership ratio | Kyushu Financial Group, Inc. 100%            |

## 3. Overview of the company

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| Name   | Pastem Solutions, Ltd.   |
| Location   | 9-25, Kinkocho, Kagoshima-shi                                  |
| Title and name of representative                   | Hisataka Yoshidome, President and Representative Director      |
| Description of business                            | ICT solutions business   |
| Share capital                                      | 50 million yen   |
| Date of establishment and commencement of business | October 2025 or later (after approval of relevant authorities) |
| Ownership ratio                                    | The Kagoshima Bank, Ltd. 100%                                  |

## 4. Impact on financial results

The impact of this matter on the Company's consolidated financial results will be minor.

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