

Executive Summary Fair Finance Guide Japan 1st Case Study: Japanese Bank's Involvements in Human Rights Violations based on 4 Cases <Second Version>

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The table shows projects names, countries, companies invested in projects, and Human Rights violations of 4 development projects, which serious Human Rights violations were pointed out by Japanese NGOs:

Project Names and	Companies	Summary of Human Rights Violations		
Countries	invested in			
	Projects			
Batang Coal-fired Power	J-POWER, Itochu	Local people were threatened by security		
Plant (Indonesia)	Corporation	guards, gangs and military and police.		
		National Human Rights Commission		
		recommended improving the situation.		
Boggabri Coal Mine	Idemitsu	A court case on indigenous land rights		
Project (Australia)		was filed. Free, prior and informed		
		consent by Indigenous people have not		
		been obtained.		
Coral Bay Nickel Project	Sumitomo Metal	Traditional decision-making methods of		
(Philippines)	Mining, Mitsui &	Indigenous people were ignored. Local		
	Co, Sojitz	people were threatened. Health damage		
		has been reported by carcinogens		
		runaway.		
Thilawa Special Economic	Mitsubishi Corp.,	Local people were threatened by the		
Zone (SEZ) Development	Marubeni Corp.,	authorities. Protestors were wrongly		
(Myanmar)	Sumitomo Corp.	arrested.		

The following table shows amounts of loans and investments by 5 largest Japanese banks in 9 companies, who are investing in the above projects:

Unit: Million Yen

	Mitsubishi	Mizuho FG	Sumitomo	Resona	Sumitomo	Total
	UFJ FG		Mitsui FG	HD	Mitsui	
					Trust HD	
Loan	2,348,662	1,984,797	1,194,874	7,605	445,115	5,981,053
Issuances	284,870	237,799	160,067	0	0	682,736
Shareholding	284,482	194,579	106,823	929	520,618	1,107,431
Bondholding	2,500	2,655	3,110	0	3,298	11,563

Regarding gaps between banks' policies and their implementations, "free, prior and informed consent (FPIC)" by Indigenous peoples have not been obtained in projects funded by Mitsubishi UFJ FG, Mizuho FG and Sumitomo Mitsui FG. There is no gap in that by Resona HD, since they don't get any score in the baseline assessment. Although Sumitomo Mitsui Trust HD adopts the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and UN Global Compact as investment policies, the commitment was not implemented adequately.

Therefore, Japanese Banks should establish/enhance policies, due diligences and engagements. Banks should withdraw its loans and investments in companies who are not respecting Human Rights.