

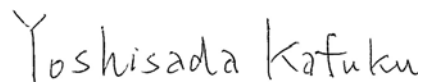
Message from the President

During fiscal 2007, the economy of Aomori Prefecture has shown moves towards improvement in areas such as production. However, within the local economy, moves towards recovery from stagnation still remain weak compared to the national economy. In addition, the sphere of monetary facilities has been developing on a broad scale due to financial deregulation, privatization of Postal Savings and reinforcement of internal control.

Under such circumstances, here at Aomori Bank we aim to fulfill our corporate idea of working “for the region, together with our customers, showing respect to all individuals”. We aim to thoroughly implement legal and regulatory compliance, as we coexist and prosper with the region as a member of the regional society, and we wish to take responsibility and help to create a better regional society.

I would like to express my appreciation to all of our stakeholders for their continued support and ask for their further support and assistance in the future.

July 2007

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yoshisada Kafuku". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Yoshisada Kafuku, *President*