

Standing Firm Against Anti-Social Forces (ASFs)

As a responsible organisation the HSBC Group is committed to actively engaging in activities which contribute to the maintenance of stability and social order. It is our policy to take a firm stance against any group or organisation which engages in activities that may be deemed anti-social. Our position is in accordance with recent guidelines issued by both the Financial Services Agency and the Japan Bankers Association, namely we will:

1. Resolutely oppose any attempt by ASFs to associate with us.
2. Take all reasonable measures to protect HSBC staff against the activities of ASFs during the performance of their jobs.
3. We will continue to support external parties, including the police and legal professionals, in their fight against ASFs.
4. We will use the Japanese legal system to protect our staff and our business against ASFs.