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**News Release**

**Deloitte Tohmatsu accelerates its drive across Asia Pacific**

**Creating Deloitte Asia Pacific firm and making strategic investment aiming to enhance client service capabilities and accelerate the hiring and development of high-performing talents**

**TOKYO, JAPAN, 13 July, 2018** — Deloitte Tohmatsu Group (Deloitte Tohmatsu) today announced the creation of Deloitte Asia Pacific firm (Deloitte AP) together with other Deloitte member firms in Asia Pacific. Deloitte Tohmatsu and the other participating member firms in Australia, China, New Zealand and Southeast Asia will join together and form Deloitte AP on 1 September 2018.

Through Deloitte AP, the five participating member firms including Deloitte Tohmatsu will be collaborating more closely in the region while maintaining their respective management structures. The creation of Deloitte AP will enable Deloitte Tohmatsu and the other participating member firms to combine the breadth of expertise of 44,500 professionals in the region and operate in a more integrated manner. Also, the five member firms will drive initiatives to make strategic investment worth US\$321m over the next three years across the region, focusing on the following key themes and objectives:

- **Enhance capabilities to serve our clients:**  
Accelerate the development and the offering of innovative and differentiated services, while providing greater consistency of service and pursuing service quality enhancement, with an aim to strengthen capabilities of serving the needs of our clients more seamlessly across the region.
- **Further improve and standardize our audit quality:**  
Focus on improving our audit quality across the region and aim to standardize the quality of audit while respecting applicable laws and regulations in each country.

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- **Accelerate the hiring and development of high-performing talents:**  
Hire high-performing talents and provide them with diverse career development opportunities to accelerate the growth of next generation leaders.

Announcing Deloitte AP, Takashi Nagata, CEO of Deloitte Tohmatsu Group, said, "Asia Pacific region is one of the fastest growing regions in the world and is also a market of paramount strategic importance for many Japanese corporations Deloitte Tohmatsu has relations with. By enhancing our abilities to work with our clients more seamlessly, we will help them realize sustainable growth while operating in a more globally connected way. We will also redouble our efforts to hire and develop high-performing talents who will be able to take leadership in driving our businesses across geographic boundaries."

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