



English Translation of Press Release

**The second round of grant applications for the Citigroup Success Fund  
Supporting school teachers educational efforts**

June 1, 2006, Tokyo, Japan - In cooperation with Citigroup, the National Institute on Consumer Education, which is located in Yoyogi, Tokyo, and headed by President Masao Uno, will accept applications for the second round of grants from the Citigroup Success Fund, which was established to support school teachers' educational efforts. The Citigroup Success Fund provides monetary grants of up to ¥200,000 for each practical educational project conducted by elementary, junior-high or high school teachers (either group or individual) during class time. The grants carry the following conditions: (1) the project must be practical and related to consumers, corporations, money, finance or economics; (2) the project must be creative in both its content and teaching method; and (3) the project must be undertaken between September 2006 and March 2007.

Grant applications will be accepted between June 1, 2006, and July 14, 2006. After an examination by a selection committee composed of members, including experts in the field of education, around 35 exceptional proposals will be selected by August 2006. It is expected that the selected projects will be announced at a presentation ceremony on August 21 (Monday), 2006. At the same time, a symposium of educators will be held and reporting given on the results of the first round of grants.

Citigroup Success Fund was established in cooperation with Citigroup, one of the leading global financial services companies, to support creative and practical education that enables students to experience the joys of learning and the pleasure of fulfilling goals. The fund grew from an aid organization for educators that was established by Citibank and the non-profit organization Education Fund in 1998 in the U.S., and has expanded to around 100 countries and regions throughout the world. In Japan, the first round of grant applications were accepted in 2004, when 33 grants were given.

To request information on applications, contact the Citigroup Success Fund Office at the National Institute on Consumer Education. (FAX: 03-5790-5340; URL: [www.consumer-education.jp/CSF](http://www.consumer-education.jp/CSF))

**The National Institute on Consumer Education –**

The National Institute on Consumer Education was established in 1991 as a public-interest corporation under the co-jurisdiction of the Economic Planning Agency of Japan (the current Cabinet Office) and the Ministry of Education (current Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) for the purpose of promoting comprehensive and effective consumer education. The organization's main activities include developing educational material and conducting research on consumer education, holding symposiums and seminars, presenting awards to schools, corporations, and administrative bodies, dispatching teachers, and publishing the Japan Journal of Consumer Education-NICE Newsletter. Please refer to the organization's webpage, [www.consumer-education.jp/nice/](http://www.consumer-education.jp/nice/), for detailed information on the organization and educational material.

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