

Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd. (JCR) announces the following credit rating.

Southern TOHOKU Research Institute for Neuroscience (security code: -)

<Affirmation>

Long-term Issuer Rating: A-
Outlook: Stable

Rationale

Southern TOHOKU Research Institute for Neuroscience (the "Corporation") is a core corporation of the Southern TOHOKU Group (the "Group") operating in Tokyo and five other prefectures. The Corporation has been maintaining strong competitiveness primarily in Fukushima Prefecture and Kawasaki City. The Group is putting efforts at securing revenue and holding down expenditure through appropriate admission and discharge management and other means. Although operating environment of medical institutions is severe, JCR assumes the Group will be able to maintain certain cash flow generation capacity. The financial structure is in an improvement trend as shown that interest-bearing debt has been decreasing and others. Since construction cost is increasing, JCR sees the affiliated Southern TOHOKU General Hospital's relocation and construction will be advanced after thoroughly considering the impact on the financial side and feasibility of recovery of the funds invested. Based on the above, JCR has affirmed the rating on the Corporation with a Stable outlook.

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Outline of the rating methodology is shown as "JCR's Rating Methodology" (October 1, 2024) and "Medical Institutions" (August 1, 2023) in Information about JCR Ratings on JCR's website (<https://www.jcr.co.jp/en/>).

The rating stakeholder participated in the rating process of the aforementioned credit ratings.

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