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Barclays Corporate Banking Strengthens its Global Financial Institutions Team with Japan Appointment

Barclays corporate banking business has appointed Sayoko Kozakai as Relationship Director, Financial Institutions, Japan, in a new role based in Tokyo as a part of its effort to strengthen its Financial Institutions team in Asia.

Sayoko joins Barclays from Citibank Japan, Global Corporate Banking, where she was responsible for financial institutions and non-bank financial institutions clients. Prior to joining Citibank, Sayoko worked with Deutsche Bank Tokyo, responsible for the 'Mega Banks' in Japan and more than 60 regional banks. In addition to this sales experience, Sayoko spent four years in corporate marketing and credit administration roles with Societe Generale Tokyo. She is fluent in Japanese, French and English.

The appointment of Sayoko is part of a major growth drive for the Barclays Financial Institutions team, with a focus on providing a broad range of transaction banking solutions to Asian and global financial institutions. Sayoko will report to Gwynne Master, Head of Financial Institutions for Barclays corporate banking in Asia.

Commenting on her appointment, Sayoko said: "It is good to be joining Barclays at a time when the bank's financial institution business is expanding significantly, and it is timely that the world's largest transaction banking conference, Sibos, is being held in Osaka, so we have the opportunity to link up our senior team with key Japanese FI clients."

Gwynne Master said: "Barclays has a long history in Japan, particularly through our investment bank business, and it was a natural step for us to appoint a dedicated Japanese transaction banking specialist. Sayoko's wealth of experience and excellent contacts within the industry mean she is a natural choice for the role."

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