

**T**he Shoko Chukin Bank—the Central Cooperative Bank for Commerce and Industry—was founded in 1936 as a government-affiliated financial institution. The Bank’s primary mission, as stipulated in the Shoko Chukin Bank Act, is to provide a stable source of long- and short-term financing to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

The Bank provides its clients with a full range of financial services through its extensive domestic network of 99 offices. It also has a strong overseas presence, with a branch in New York and representative offices in Hong Kong and Shanghai.

## Outline of the Bank (As of March 31, 2008)

Name:	The Shoko Chukin Bank (Central Cooperative Bank for Commerce and Industry)
Establishment:	November 30, 1936
Purpose:	To conduct operations deemed necessary to facilitate smooth access to financing for SME cooperatives, which jointly subscribe to the Bank’s capital, as well as the SME members of those cooperatives.
Commencement of Operations:	December 10, 1936
Capital:	¥522.7 billion (including ¥405.3 billion government subscription)
Funds Held:	¥9,486.9 billion Deposits: ¥2,655.0 billion Negotiable Certificates of Deposit: ¥9.9 billion Debentures: ¥6,821.9 billion
Loans Outstanding:	¥9,114.9 billion
Offices: Domestic:	99
Overseas:	3
Employees:	4,240
Member Cooperatives:	25,822 organizations

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