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Start of Collaboration with Kumagai Gumi Group in Building Renovation
Improving Building Asset Value of Shops, Facilities, etc.

Sumitomo Forestry Home Tech Co., Ltd. (President and Representative Director: Kanpei Tokunaga; Head Office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo) announced that it will start a collaboration with K&E Co., Ltd. (President: Kazuhisa Iwama; Head Office: Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo) in the building renovation field, expanding its business. This collaboration between Sumitomo Forestry Home Tech and K&E was achieved through the capital and business alliance between Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. and Kumagai Gumi Co., Ltd. announced in November 2017.

Sumitomo Forestry Home Tech is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sumitomo Forestry, and specializes in renovation. Building on a wealth of expertise and technical skills obtained through renovating houses, condominiums, and other residences, it excels in proposing richly woody interior décor using timber and comfortable homes with both seismic resistance and thermal insulation improved over the original. K&E is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Kumagai Gumi, and specializes in large-scale building renovation, especially the construction of building claddings and common areas, utilizing the total strength of the general contractor. This collaboration allows high added value renovations that draw on the strengths of both companies. For example, a large reinforced-concrete building would have its external cladding renovated by K&E while Sumitomo Forestry Home Tech is responsible for the interior décor.

Sumitomo Forestry Home Tech established a commercial architecture sales department last year, and has strengthened its system for dealing with renovations to shops, accommodation facilities, care facilities, and other non-residential structures. By fusing the strengths of both companies, we can move ahead with building renovations that increase the asset value of our customers' buildings.



External renovation of office building



Internal renovation of hotel