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September 23, 2016 JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co., Ltd.

## Notification regarding Newly Obtained Credit Rating

JAPAN POST HOLDINGS Co., Ltd. (the "Company"; Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President and CEO: Masatsugu Nagato) hereby announces that it has obtained the following credit rating from Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd. (JCR).

## 1. Outline of the Credit Rating

| Rating agency | Long-term Issuer Rating     | Remarks                  |
|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| JCR           | AA+<br>(Outlook : Negative) | As of September 16, 2016 |

Notes:

For more detailed information on these credit ratings, including rating rationales, please see the press release issued by JCR at following URL:

(JCR : <u>http://www.jcr.co.jp/</u>)

## 2. Purpose of Obtaining Credit Ratings

The main purposes of obtaining credit ratings are to win the trust of customers, equity shareholders, business partners, etc., and to gain access to the capital market, by obtaining fair opinions on the Company's creditworthiness from independent third-parties. In addition, the Company expects that these credit ratings will contribute to further enhancing its corporate governance and information provision to investors.

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