

NOMURA HOLDINGS INC
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FORM 6-K

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Commission File Number: 1-15270

For the month of April 2006.

NOMURA HOLDINGS, INC.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

9-1, Nihonbashi 1-chome

Chuo-ku, Tokyo 103-8645

Japan

(Address of principal executive offices)

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EXHIBIT

Exhibit Number

1. [Nomura Holdings Announces Issuance of Stock Acquisition Rights for Stock Option Plan]

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 21, 2006

NOMURA HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ Tetsu Ozaki

Tetsu Ozaki
Senior Managing Director

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Tokyo, April 21st, 2006

Nomura Holdings Announces Issuance of Stock Acquisition Rights for Stock Option Plan

Nomura Holdings, Inc. (the Company) announced today that the Group Executive Management Committee* has approved the issuance of stock acquisition rights in conjunction with the Company stock option plan. The issuance is in accordance with both Articles 280-20 and 280-21 of the Commercial Code of Japan as well as a resolution passed at the 101st Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 28, 2005. The stock acquisition rights will be used as a means of both enhancing performance-based incentives for directors, executive officers and employees of Company and its subsidiaries, as well as in order to acquire talented personnel. Complete details of the issuance are found on the following pages.

* The Group Executive Management Committee consists of a number of representative executive officers and, via Board of Directors resolution, decides important business matters including the issuance of stock acquisition rights.

Ends

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Notes to editors:

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Details of Stock Acquisition Rights Plan B

1. Issue Date of Stock Acquisition Rights
April 21, 2006

2. Total Number of Stock Acquisition Rights to be Issued
30,081 stock acquisition rights

(The number of shares per stock acquisition right shall be 100 shares)

3. Issue Price of Stock Acquisition Rights
0 yen

4. Type / Number of Shares Under Stock Acquisition Rights
3,008,100 shares of the Company's common stock

In the event that the shares are split or consolidated after the issuance of the stock acquisition rights, the number of shares for the unexercised stock acquisition rights at the time of the stock-split or stock-consolidation shall be adjusted in accordance with the following formula. Any fraction less than one (1) share resulting from the adjustment shall be disregarded.

Adjusted Number of Shares = Number of Shares Before Adjustment x Ratio of Split or Consolidation

In addition to the above, after the issuance of the stock acquisition rights, in the event of a merger of the Company with another company, company split or capital reduction of the Company or in any other similar event where an adjustment of the number of shares shall be required, the Company may appropriately adjust the number of the shares to a reasonable extent.

5. Amount to be Paid Upon Exercise of Stock Acquisition Rights
The amount to be paid upon exercise of the stock acquisition rights (the Exercise Price) shall be one (1) yen per share.

6. Total Issue Price of Shares Issuable upon Full Exercise of Stock Acquisition Rights
3,008,100 yen

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7. Amount Credited in Stated Capital of Issue Price

The amount credited in the stated capital of the issue price per share is one (1) yen.

8. Exercise Period of Stock Acquisition Rights

From April 25, 2008 to April 24, 2013

9. Conditions for the Exercise of Stock Acquisition Rights

(1) Stock acquisition rights may not be exercised partly.

(2) The holder of stock acquisition rights (the Optionee) must satisfy all of the following conditions:

i) The Optionee maintains the position of director, executive officer or employee of the Company or a company (hereinafter referred to as the Company's Subsidiary), a majority of whose outstanding shares or interests (only limited to those with voting rights) are held directly or indirectly by the Company, during the time between the grant of the stock acquisition rights and the commencement of the exercise period. The Optionee is deemed to maintain the position of a director, executive officer or employee of the Company or the Company's Subsidiary in cases where the Optionee loses this position on account of either of the following situations:

a) When the Optionee is a director or executive officer of the Company or the Company's Subsidiary: retirement from office on account of the expiration of the Optionee's term of office or other similar reasons; or

b) When The Optionee is an employee of the Company or the Company's Subsidiary: retirement due to the attainment of retirement age, transfer by order of the Company or the Company's Subsidiary, retirement mainly due to sickness or injuries arising in the conduct of business, discharge for a compelling business reason, or other similar reasons.

ii) The Optionee, at the time of exercising the stock acquisition rights, does not fall within either of the following categories:

a) The Company or the Company's Subsidiary determines in accordance with their Employment Regulations to dismiss the Optionee by suggestion or disciplinary procedures; or

b) There is any other reason similar to a).

(3) Regarding successors of the Optionee, the Optionee must have satisfied both conditions in 2. i) and ii) above immediately prior to the occurrence of succession.

10. Events and Conditions for Cancellation of Stock Acquisition Rights

The Company may, at any time, cancel without any compensation when the Company has acquired the unexercised stock acquisition rights.

11. Restriction on Transfer of Stock Acquisition Rights

Approval of the Board of Directors shall be required for transfer of the stock acquisition rights.

12. Certificates of Stock Acquisition Rights

Certificates of stock acquisition rights shall be issued only upon the request of Optionees.

13. Number of Stock Acquisition Rights Holders

A total of 330 employees of the Company's subsidiaries.