

**Sumitomo Mitsui Asset Management wins
the First Prize and the Second Prize of “R&I Fund Award 2018”**

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The First Prize in the Investment Trusts Category

■ **Australian Dividend Yield Equity Fund**

In the category of Australia and New Zealand Equity Fund

■ **High Growth India Midcap Equity Fund**

In the category of India Equity Fund

The Second Prize in the Investment Trusts/ 10-year Category

■ **Sumitomo Mitsui Active Senior Life Open**

In the category of Japanese Equity Fund

The First Prize in the iDeCo and DC Category

■ **Sumitomo Mitsui Life View Balance Fund 50**

In the category of Mixed Asset Balanced Fund

■ **Sumitomo Mitsui Life View Balance Fund 70**

In the category of Mixed Asset Aggressive Fund

The Second Prize in the iDeCo and DC Category

■ **Sumitomo Mitsui Life View Japan Equity Fund**

In the category of Japanese Equity Fund

The First Prize in the NISA Category

■ **Sumitomo Mitsui Life View Balance Fund 50**

In the category of Mixed Asset Balanced Fund

The Second Prize in the NISA Category

■ **Sumitomo Mitsui Dividend Yield Stock Open**

In the category of Japanese Equity Fund

■ **Sumitomo Mitsui DC Pension Balance 70**

In the category of Mixed Asset Aggressive Fund

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