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## Mizuho signs MoU with Israel Export and International Cooperation Institute

Mizuho Bank, Ltd. (President \& CEO: Masahiko Kato) and the Israel Export and International Cooperation Institute (CEO: Nili Shalev, "IEICI") have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), paving the way for expanding cooperation especially in areas of start-up investment.

IEICI is a premier gateway for doing business with Israeli companies. Established and funded by both the government and the private sector, IEICI's expertise in technology and product scouting, joint ventures and strategic alliances with Israeli companies spans more than half a century. IEICI offers access to relevant businesses and government resources. With in-depth knowledge and experience in Israel's leading industries, IEICI provides the information necessary to connect, negotiate and do business with Israeli companies.

Mizuho considers Israel to be a central player in bringing innovative technologies for sustainable development and well-being to the world. This MoU will help fulfill the objectives of both parties - Israel will gain opportunities to attract investment from Japan for its start-ups, whilst Mizuho will be able to diversify its advisory services for its clients to provide them with opportunities to invest in and build partnerships with Israeli start-ups.

The agreement underscores Mizuho Bank's commitment to furthering the suite of services it offers to clients. And by expanding investment matchmaking opportunities, Mizuho hopes to also positively contribute to the Israeli economy.

## About Israel Export and International Cooperation Institute (IEICI)

A non-profit organization established and funded by the government of Israel and the private sector, IEICI has been facilitating business relations, joint ventures and strategic alliances with Israeli and overseas companies for over half a century. For additional information about IEICI, please visit https://www.export.gov.il/en/.

