

# Disclosure Policy

## Basic Principles

We aim to win the highest regard of our shareholders and the market and to earn the trust of society as Japan's leading comprehensive financial services group. For this reason, we place one of the highest management priorities on continuing to disclose information to our customers, shareholders, and investors both in and outside Japan in a fair, timely and appropriate manner, in order that they may form proper judgments and appraisals of the group. To achieve this aim, we observe applicable domestic and international laws and regulations as well as stock exchange rules relating to corporate disclosure, and we establish and implement appropriate Disclosure Controls and Procedures.

## Disclosure Controls and Procedures

### (1) Establishment and Implementation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our Disclosure Controls and Procedures are established to observe applicable domestic and international laws and regulations as well as stock exchange rules and to implement fair, timely and appropriate corporate disclosure. The Disclosure Controls and Procedures are the process carried out by directors, officers and employees of Mizuho Financial Group and include internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of Financial Reporting and the Preparation of Financial Statements. We have established the basic principles underlying our Disclosure Controls and Procedures as well as our internal rules related to Disclosure Controls and Procedures that govern the management framework for the entire Mizuho Financial Group including group companies, and we endeavor to establish, implement and continuously improve our Disclosure Controls and Procedures. Our Disclosure Committee is the principal management body that is responsible for discussing and exploring matters relating to Disclosure Controls and Procedures.

### (2) Evaluation of Effectiveness of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our Disclosure Controls and Procedures are documented, and evaluation of the overall effectiveness of our Disclosure Controls and Procedures is conducted regularly by reviewing the contents of such documentation and their implementation. In addition, evaluation of the effectiveness and appropriateness of Disclosure Controls and Procedures is conducted through internal audits.

### (3) Others

We established a "Code of Ethics for Financial Professionals" to be observed by all directors and executive officers, as well as all managers and other employees within Mizuho Financial Group who engage in financial reporting, accounting or disclosure. We have also developed the "Internal Controls and Audit Hotline", a system designed for obtaining concerns regarding questionable

accounting or auditing matters from both inside and outside Mizuho Financial Group.

## Disclosure Methods, Other

### (1) Disclosure Methods

With respect to the information which is required to be disclosed pursuant to applicable domestic and international laws and regulations as well as stock exchange rules, we follow the defined disclosure procedures such as publishing such information in business reports (Jigyo-Hokoku), annual securities reports (Yukashoken-Hokokusho) and other disclosure publications, as well as providing such information through the information distribution systems of domestic and international stock exchanges and through press releases. We also endeavor to disclose other information in a fair, timely and appropriate manner. When we disclose such information, we basically publish on our website the information we disclose. In addition, we endeavor to utilize the latest disclosure methods and tools to provide more fair and widespread disclosure.

### (2) Investor Relations Activities

In accordance with our Basic Principles described above, and with due attention to two-way communication, we endeavor sincerely to facilitate a proper understanding of our management strategies, financial condition and other matters. In this way, we aim to earn the trust of the market and obtain an appropriate market reputation.

Beginning with the disclosure required by applicable domestic and international laws and regulations as well as stock exchange rules, we endeavor to grasp properly the types of information desired by the market and to disclose useful and appropriate information voluntarily and proactively. Regarding disclosure of information we consider particularly important, we communicate such information on an *ad hoc* basis as and when necessary, even if a press release has already been issued, through such means as special briefing sessions.

In addition, we respect various disclosure principles including fair disclosure. Accordingly, at individual calls, private meetings or conferences hosted or attended by representatives of Mizuho Financial Group we endeavor to limit carefully our explanations to matters already disclosed and facts commonly known.

### (3) Correction of Misconceptions in the Markets

If we identify significant misconceptions regarding Mizuho Financial Group in the market due to the spread of rumors or otherwise, we endeavor to investigate their causes and correct such misconceptions promptly.

# Privacy Policy Regarding Customer Information

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. ("MHFG") hereby establishes and announces the "Privacy Policy Regarding Customer Information" applicable to Mizuho Financial Group which is composed of MHFG, its consolidated subsidiaries and affiliates (which are accounted for by the equity method) that are listed in MHFG's Financial Reports.

## Policy of Management

Mizuho Financial Group recognizes appropriate protection and use of personal information to be important social responsibilities, and makes every effort to appropriately protect and use personal information complying with the Personal Data Protection Law in Japan, other related regulations and the internal rules of Mizuho Financial Group, including the "Privacy Policy Regarding Customer Information" when Mizuho Financial Group conducts business.

## Proper Acquisition

Mizuho Financial Group will acquire personal information that is necessary to conduct its business by proper and lawful means.

## Purpose of Use

Mizuho Financial Group will specify the purpose of use of personal information and will not use it beyond the specified purpose. Furthermore, Mizuho Financial Group will not use personal information beyond the purpose limited by related regulations.

The purpose of use of personal information is set forth through the web site or other measures provided by each company of Mizuho Financial Group.

## Limitation on Providing Personal Information to a Third Party

Mizuho Financial Group will not provide personal information to any third party in principle unless the individual concerned has agreed to such use or it is authorized by law. However, Mizuho Financial Group may provide personal information to relevant entities without customer consent in following cases:

- Mizuho Financial Group entrusts management of personal information that is necessary to achieve the purpose of use to a third party.
- Mizuho Financial Group is one of the parties in a consolidation transaction.
- Mizuho Financial Group uses personal information jointly with designated entities that are publicly informed.

## Management of Sensitive Information

Mizuho Financial Group will not acquire, use and provide to any third party sensitive information (e.g. political affiliation, religion, participation in labor union, race, ethnic group, family origin, legal address on family registry and medical information) unless authorized by law or it is necessary to conduct business on condition that Mizuho Financial Group has customer consent.

## Security Measures

Mizuho Financial Group will maintain and manage accurate and up to date personal information, and prevent leakage of information with rational security measures. Mizuho Financial Group will properly supervise employees and parties entrusted with handling personal information.

## Continuous Improvement

Mizuho Financial Group will continuously review this policy according to the development of information technologies and the changes in social demand, and improve the management of personal information.

## Procedures to Request Disclosure

Mizuho Financial Group will endeavor to properly and promptly cope with following requests from customers:

- notification of the purpose of use
- disclosure of personal data
- correction, addition and deletion of personal data that do not reflect the facts
- suspension of use and elimination of personal data
- suspension of providing personal data to a third party

## Customer Request

Mizuho Financial Group will endeavor to cope with customer requests for the management of personal information sincerely and promptly.

### ● Strengthening Information Security Management Systems

MHFG obtained certifications for the Information Security Management Systems of all divisions of the company under both the Conformity Assessment Scheme, "ISO/IEC27001: 2005," the international standard, and "JIS Q 27001: 2006," the domestic standard.



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\*Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. is going to relocate its office to 2-5-1, Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0005 in August 2008. The phone number will remain unchanged.



### ● MHFG's "News Release E-mail Distribution Service"

MHFG offers an e-mail service for notifying registered users the title and the URL page of the group's news releases when releases are placed on the group's website.

If you wish to register for this service, please access MHFG's website (<http://www.mizuho-fg.co.jp/english/>), and click "News Release E-mail Distribution Service."

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