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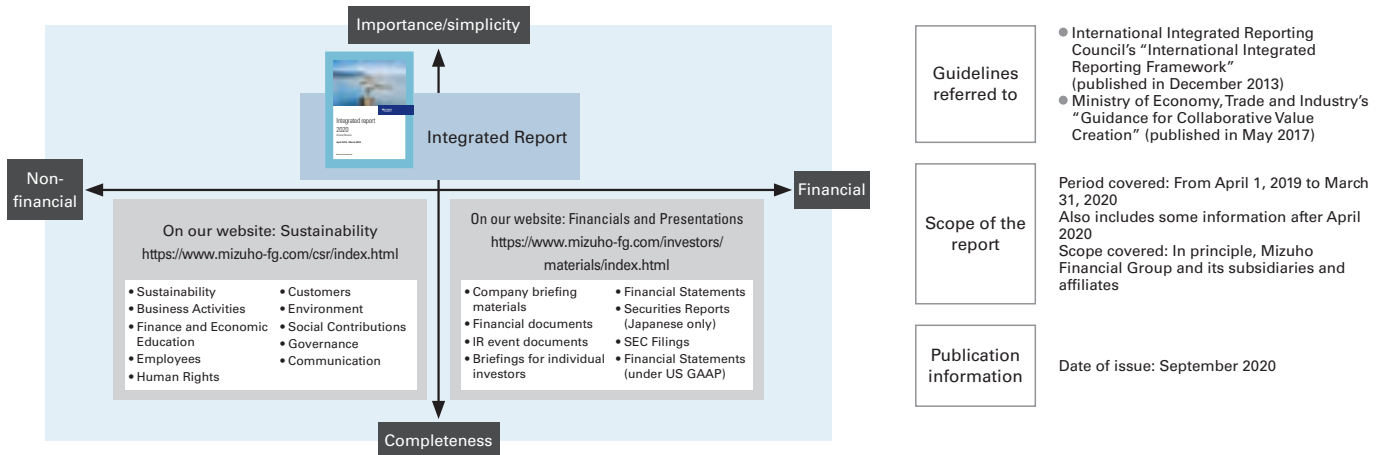
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Editorial policy

This Integrated Report includes financial information as well as non-financial information on such subjects as ESG. The report presents information on Mizuho’s efforts related to strategies, governance, and other subjects along with information on how those activities are leading to the creation of value for our customers, society, and Mizuho over the short, medium, and long terms. It was edited with the intention of providing stakeholders with concise and clear explanations in a story-like form.

The content of this Integrated Report was reported to Mizuho Financial Group’s Audit Committee, which includes outside directors as members, and, after verification of appropriateness by the Disclosure Committee, the report was given final approval by the President & Group CEO.

We hope this report will further improve understanding of Mizuho and its goal of being “the most trusted financial services group with a global presence and a broad customer base, contributing to the prosperity of the world, Asia, and Japan.”



All figures contained in this report are calculated using accounting principles generally accepted in Japan (“Japanese GAAP”).

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