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## **Regarding Today's News Report**

Certain media carried reports today stating that Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. (the "Company") will be coordinating to increase the cash dividend per share of common stock by approximately JPY 0.5 from our previous estimate. However, we have made no announcement in this regard.

The consolidated net income of the Company is expected to exceed the earnings estimate, and the Company is considering the annual cash dividend per share of common stock based on such circumstance. It is expected to be released today after the resolution of the Board of Directors meeting.