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To whom it may concern

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**Interim Dividends and Revision to the Year-end and Annual Dividends Estimates  
for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2022**

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. (“MHFG”) hereby announces that MHFG resolved at the meeting of its Board of Directors held today to pay interim dividends on its common stock, with a record date of September 30, 2021, and to revise its estimates of the year-end and annual dividends per share of common stock for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022, as set forth below.

**1. Interim dividends for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022**

	Determined Items	Most recent estimates (announced on May 14, 2021)	Actual dividends for previous fiscal year (ended March 31, 2021)
Record date	September 30, 2021	September 30, 2021	September 30, 2020
Dividends per share of common stock	¥40.0	¥37.5	¥37.5 (*)
Total amount of dividends	¥101,545 million	-	¥95,209 million
Effective date	December 7, 2021	-	December 7, 2020
Resource of dividends	Retained Earnings	-	Retained Earnings

## 2. Revision of year-end and annual dividends estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022

	Dividends per share of common stock		
	Interim dividends	Year-end dividends	Annual dividends
Previous estimates (A)	¥37.5	¥37.5	¥75.0
Revised estimates (B)		¥40.0	¥80.0
Actual results for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022 (B)	¥40.0		
Net change (B-A)	+¥2.5	+¥2.5	+¥5.0
Actual results for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2021	¥37.5 (*)	¥37.5	¥75.0 (*)

(\*) MHFG conducted a share consolidation of common stock on the basis of one post-consolidation share per ten pre-consolidation shares effective as of October 1, 2020. The impact of the share consolidation is reflected in the interim dividends per share of common stock for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2021. Without the share consolidation, the interim dividends would have been ¥3.75 per share. In addition, the impact from the share consolidation is reflected in the annual dividends per share of common stock for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2021.

## 3. Reasons

From the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022, we have been pursuing the optimum balance between capital adequacy, growth investment and enhancement of shareholder returns. In accordance with this new initiative, we set forth the shareholder return policy pursuant to which progressive dividends are our principal approach while also executing flexible and intermittent share buybacks; we determine the amount of dividends based on the perspective of achieving steady growth of our stable earnings base, taking into consideration a dividend payout ratio of 40% as a guide.

Considering the financial results to date and other factors based on our shareholder return policy, we determined to pay ¥40.0 per share of common stock as the interim dividends for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022, an increase of ¥2.5 from the previously estimated ¥37.5. Accordingly, we revised the year-end dividend estimates from the previously estimated ¥37.5 to ¥40.0 per share of common stock, for an increase of ¥2.5. As a result, the annual dividends are estimated to be ¥80.0 per share of common stock, an increase of ¥5.0 from the previous estimates and the dividends paid for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2021.

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