

Community Activities and Environmental Awareness

We have established a basic approach to and guidelines for community activities and environmental awareness programs at home and overseas.

Below are a few of our activities:



Presentation of donation for earthquake disaster in Niigata Prefecture.

● Mizuho Charity Fund

In fiscal 2002, we established the Mizuho Charity Fund as a donation collection method to promote community activities by the group's staff. Contributions in units of ¥100 are collected directly from employees' monthly salaries and donated to group philanthropic foundations, used as relief funds during large-scale disasters and contributed to volunteer organizations selected from groups recommended by employees.

During fiscal 2004, contributions were made from the fund to aid relief efforts in the aftermath of floods from heavy rains that hit Niigata, Fukushima and Fukui Prefectures, the typhoon that caused extensive damage in Hyogo Prefecture, and the major earthquake that struck Niigata Prefecture.

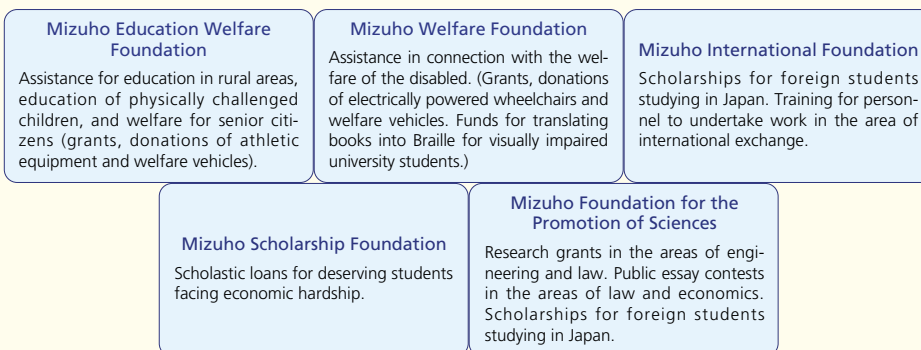
In the case of donations to earthquake-stricken Niigata Prefecture, additional funds were collected from employees through a voluntary collection drive as well as a matching donation from Mizuho Financial Group.



Donation by Mizuho Education Welfare Foundation of athletic equipment to an elementary school in rural Japan.

● Activities of Mizuho's Philanthropic Foundations in Japan

We conduct philanthropic activities through the following foundations.



Presentation by Mizuho Welfare Foundation of vehicle for use by a welfare facility.

● Overseas Activities

Our overseas offices are actively engaged in efforts to contribute to local communities.

Mizuho Asian Fund

The Mizuho Asian Fund was established in 1998 to facilitate the development of healthy youths, the eradication of drugs and promotion of sports in ASEAN countries.

Through the cooperation of Thailand's Ministry of Education, the fund sponsors soccer and volleyball tournaments (collectively called the Mizuho Games) for elementary and junior high schools. Also, the fund has awarded scholarships to university students as well as supported company visits for elementary and junior high school students in Thailand.



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● Support for the "All-Japan Elementary and Junior High School Students' Environmental Art Contest"

Since 1997, we have supported the "All-Japan Elementary and Junior High School Students' Environmental Art Contest," which promotes environmental education among elementary and junior high school students. Winners are presented with books containing the winning entries.



Winner of Mizuho's Environment Art Contest award.