

Obtaining of Certification of Information Security Management Systems  
(ISMS and BS7799)

Mizuho Bank, Ltd. (“MHBK”) obtained certification of Information Security Management Systems under the “Conformity Assessment Scheme for ISMS”, the national standard, and the “BS7799”, the British standard respectively, as of September 16, 2005 (summary of the certification and registration is attached).

Certification obtained this time is on “Planning, promotion, and sales supporting divisions of financial products and services for individuals, corporate and public sector customers” at the Head Office.

MHBK has implemented various enhancement measures as social concern for information security including protection of personal information intensified and the need for appropriate management of information security became essential for all corporations. Further encouraged by obtaining the above certification, MHBK will continue to make efforts to further strengthen information security management.

This release contains forward-looking statements that are based on our current expectations and are subject to significant risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from the forward-looking statements. We disclaim any obligation to update or revise the forward-looking statements, except as may be required by any applicable laws and regulations.

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<Summary of the certifications acquired>

1.Name of the System	Conformity Assessment Scheme for ISMS <National Standard>	BS7799 <British Standard>
2.Certification Standard	ISMS Certificate Criteria (Ver.2.0)	BS7799-2:2002
3.Registrant	Mizuho Bank, Ltd.	
4.Registrant Groups	Consumer and Private Banking Group, Corporate Banking Group and Public Sector Banking Group	
5.Scope of the Activities Registered	Planning and promotion of financial products and services for individuals, corporate and public sector customers, and sales support activities for these products and services at the Head Office	
6.Date of Registration	September 16, 2005	
7.Registrar	Japan Quality Assurance Organization	

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“BS7799” and “Conformity Assessment Scheme for ISMS”

“BS7799” is the control standard prepared by British Standard Institution to prescribe basic control items by collecting best practices for information security. Assessment is performed by the certifying third party bodies in each country accredited by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS). The standard is comprised of two parts. The first part, “Information technology - Code of practice for Information Security Management”, became an international standard in 2000 as “ISO/IEC17799”. The second part, “Information security management systems - Specification with guidance for use”, was revised in 2002 and became de facto international standard for information security management which is planned to be standardized as another ISO in the future.

“ISMS” is the system prepared and applied by the Japan Information Processing Development Corporation (JIPDEC) to evaluate conformity of Information Security Management System. Assessment is performed by the certifying third party bodies accredited by the JIPDEC based on the national standard of ISMS Certificate Criteria (Ver.2.0) prepared in accordance with “BS7799-2:2002” and conform to the “JISX5080:2002 (comparable to the international standard ISO/IEC17799:2000).