Signing of Cooperation Agreement with Polish Information and Foreign Investment Agency

On December 5, 2006, Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd. (MHCB: President & CEO, Hiroshi Saito) and the Polish Information and Foreign Investment Agency (PAIiIZ) signed a "Cooperation Agreement" concerning support for Japanese companies that wish to establish business operations in Poland.

1. Framework of the Business Cooperation

- (1) Introduction to PAIiIZ of Mizuho customers considering establishment of business operations in Poland
- (2) Offering of information on Poland by PAIiIZ to Mizuho customers
- (3) Cooperation on seminars related to Poland

2. Objective of the Cooperation Agreement

- (1) PAIiIZ, existing under the direct control of the Ministry of Economy, is an agency encouraging and advising foreign corporations on investment in Poland, and serves as the window for applications to undertake such investment.
- (2) Though MHCB and PAIiIZ maintain a long-standing and close relationship, this agreement was entered into in order to further enhance the support provided to Japanese customers wishing to establish business operations in Poland.
- (3) This is the first time for MHCB to sign such a Business Cooperation Agreement with an investment agency in Europe.
- (4) MHCB hopes to enhance investment activities in both Japan and Poland and to strengthen support for companies wishing to establish business operations in Poland through mutual cooperation with PAIiIZ, utilizing the strengths and advantages of both parties, including Mizuho's customer base and expansive office network, which includes Mizuho Corporate Bank (Germany) A.G. and Mizuho Corporate Bank Nederland N.V., Mizuho Corporate Bank-BA Investment Consulting GmbH (an advisory services company with expertise in business expansion in Central and Eastern Europe) and the Mizuho Desk in Raiffeisen Zentralbank Osterreich AG., and PAIiIZ's expert advice and support in Poland.