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Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd.

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Mizuho Corporate Bank (China), Ltd. establishes the Wuhan Branch

On March 30, 2009, Mizuho Corporate Bank (China), Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd. (MHCB: President & CEO, Hiroshi Saito), established and commenced operations of the Wuhan Branch in the city of Wuhan, Hubei Province, China.

Wuhan city is a key city in the central/western economic region which represents the inland area of China. The Chinese Government is placing great emphasis on strategic development of this central/western economic region, similar in manner to that of the Yangtze Delta (Shanghai, etc.), the Pearl River Delta (Shenzhen, etc.), and the Bohai Sea Rim economic circle (Tianjin, etc.). Major Japanese automakers as well as Japanese companies from many other industries continue to establish operations in the area, and continuing development is anticipated.

The Wuhan Branch is the first business promotion branch set up by a Japanese bank in inland China. The primary objectives of establishing the branch include enabling Mizuho to provide a vast array of financial services – up close and personal – to customers with operations already established in places such as Hubei Province, Sichuan Province, Chongqing City, and Jiangxi Province and to support the development of new business operations in the area by companies from Japan and other countries.

The establishment of the Wuhan Branch will provide Mizuho Corporate Bank (China) with an enhanced network on mainland China (not including Hong Kong and Taiwan) that comprises ten branches, the largest business promotion network in China of any Japanese financial institution. This newly enhanced network will enable Mizuho to provide improved services to customers in the area and to provide even stronger support for the business operations of its customers all across China.

After the establishment of Mizuho Corporate Bank (China)'s Wuhan Branch, procedures to close the MHCB's Wuhan Representative Office will be commenced.

Outline of Mizuho Corporate Bank (China)'s Wuhan Branch

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