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Mizuho Bank, Ltd.  
Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd.

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**Memorandum of Understanding Concluded with  
Department of Investment Services, Ministry of Economic Affairs, R.O.C.**

Mizuho Bank, Ltd. (President & CEO: Satoru Nishibori) and Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd. (President & CEO: Yasuhiro Sato) concluded a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) on January 19, 2010 with the Department of Investment Services of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, R.O.C. This is the first such MOU concluded by the Department of Investment Services with a foreign financial institution.

1. Framework of the MOU

- (1) Collaboration on and promotion of investment seminars for Japanese and Taiwanese companies.
- (2) Support for investment activities of Japanese companies that are establishing business operations in Taiwan.
- (3) Support for investment activities of Taiwanese companies that are establishing business operations in Japan and identification/selection of Japanese companies as prospective partners.
- (4) Support for investment activities in Asia undertaken jointly or independently by Taiwanese and Japanese companies.

2. Objectives of the MOU

This MOU aims to attract industry to Taiwan and promote cooperation in the holding of investment seminars, thereby contributing to the further development of Taiwan’s economy, while at the same time strengthening support for Japanese companies that are establishing business operations in Taiwan. Additionally, the MOU seeks to provide support for the strengthening of collaboration between, and for the establishment of business operations by, Japanese and Taiwanese companies in the Asia region.

3. Outline of the Department of Investment Services, Ministry of Economic Affairs, R.O.C.

The Ministry of Economic Affairs, R.O.C. is the government agency in charge of administering Taiwan’s economy, and the Department of Investment Services is the unit within the Ministry of Economic Affairs in charge of inviting and promoting investment in Taiwan from Japan and other foreign countries, as well as supporting external investment and finding new investment opportunities.