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**Business Cooperation Agreement concluded with Kunshan Economic & Technological Development Zone and Suzhou Wuzhong Economic Development Zone**

Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd. (President & CEO, Yasuhiro Sato) and Mizuho Corporate Bank (China), Ltd. (hereafter “MCHB(China)”) entered into a business cooperation agreement on September 21, 2010 with the Kunshan Economic & Technological Development Zone and the Suzhou Wuzhong Economic Development Zone in Jiangsu Province. With the signing of these two agreements, MCHB(China) has now concluded a total of five business cooperation agreements with economic development zones in Jiangsu Province.

The objective of these agreements is to promote mutual cooperation for the economic development of each area through support for Japanese companies establishing operations in the respective area and other activities. MCHB(China) will work with the Kunshan Economic & Technological Development Zone and the Suzhou Wuzhong Economic Development Zone in various capacities, such as providing advice on attracting industry to the city of Kunshan and the Wuzhong District, Suzhou in Jiangsu Province and holding investment seminars, while at the same time enhancing Mizuho’s support capabilities for Japanese companies advancing into the area.

With the opening of MCHB(China)’s Suzhou Branch fast approaching\*, Mizuho Corporate Bank and MCHB(China) are working to strengthen ties with the Government and related agencies, as well as with the economic development zones, in the Suzhou area. Business cooperation agreements have already been concluded with the Suzhou Industrial Park, the Suzhou National New & Hi-Tech Industrial Development Zone, and the Changshu Southeast Economic Development Zone, and these latest signings have resulted in two additional business cooperation agreements with economic development zones.

\* Scheduled to be opened in the second half of FY2010.

Reference

Overview of Areas/Development Zones with which Business Cooperation Agreements were Concluded

|            | <b>Kunshan City</b> | <b>Wuzhong District, Suzhou</b> |
|------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Location   | Eastern Suzhou      | Southern Suzhou                 |
| Population | approx. 600,000     | approx. 570,000                 |

|                                       | <b>Kunshan Economic &amp; Technical Development Zone</b>  | <b>Suzhou Wuzhong Economic Development Zone</b>                                     |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| Established                           | Established in 1984 as a province-level development zone in eastern Kunshan; promoted to a national level development zone in August 1992 | Established in October 1993 as a province-level economic development zone of Suzhou |
| Key Industries                        | IT, Precision Instruments   | Electronics, IT, Precision Instruments, Biotechnology                               |
| Foreign Companies/<br>Amount Invested | 1,700 companies /<br>USD 14.92 billion (as of Dec. 2009)  | 890 companies /<br>USD 11.25 billion (July 2010)                                    |