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MOU concluded with Industrial Technology Research Institute of Taiwan

Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd. (President & CEO: Yasuhiro Sato) and Mizuho Bank, Ltd. (President & CEO: Satoru Nishibori) today concluded a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) with Taiwan’s Industrial Technology Research Institute (“ITRI”). This is the first MOU that ITRI has concluded with a bank.

Previously, Mizuho Corporate Bank and Mizuho Bank concluded a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Investment Services of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, R.O.C. on January 19, 2010, aiming to promote investment between Taiwan and Japan, as well as provide support to Japanese and Taiwanese companies for their expansion in Asia. In contrast, the objective of this latest MOU with ITRI is to support the sharing of technology between Taiwanese and Japanese companies, from the time of company foundation to the technology development stage.

Under this MOU, Mizuho Corporate Bank and Mizuho Bank will contribute to the advancement of technology in both Taiwan and Japan, as well as foster growth and development of Taiwanese and Japanese companies, by providing support to Taiwanese and Japanese companies in finding potential partners for R&D and technology exchange, identifying potential partners to establish enterprises for new technologies, exchanging personnel and industry information, introduction to venture capital and other firms to facilitate financing, and holding investor seminars and other events related to technology tie-ups between Taiwanese and Japanese companies.

Overview of ITRI

Established in 1973 through the merger of three research organizations under the Ministry of Economic Affairs, today ITRI is one of the largest research and development institutes in Taiwan, promoting various aspects of Taiwan’s industry, including the development of industrial technology and human resources.