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Mizuho Corporate Bank (China), Ltd. Obtains Approval to Begin Preparations for Establishment of Sub-branches in Heping District of Tianjin and in Kunshan

Mizuho Corporate Bank (China), Ltd. ("MHCBC (China)"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd. ("MHCBC"; President & CEO, Yasuhiro Sato), has received formal approval from the China Banking Regulatory Commission to begin preparations to open sub-branches in the Heping District of Tianjin City and in Kunshan City, in the People's Republic of China. MHCBC (China) has commenced specific preparation work with the objective of opening the two sub-branches in 2H of FY2012.

By establishing sub-branches in the Heping District of Tianjin and in Kunshan, together with the Hefei Branch for which we obtained approval in June, MHCBC (China) will have a network of 14 offices. Including MHCBC's two representative offices in Nanjing and Xiamen, Mizuho's overall network in China will total 16 offices. We will continue to provide various types of financial services geographically close to our customers and support them as they develop their businesses.

<MHCBC Network in China>

MHCBC (China) Head Office and Branches (10)	Shanghai (Head Office), Beijing, Dalian, Shenzhen, Wuxi, Tianjin, Qingdao, Guangzhou, Wuhan, Suzhou
MHCBC (China) Sub-branches (1)	Dalian Economic & Technological Development Area Sub-branch
MHCBC Representative Offices (2)	Nanjing, Xiamen

* In addition to the above, approval has been obtained to begin preparations to establish a branch in Hefei and sub-branches in the Heping District of Tianjin and in Kunshan. Preparations for establishment are in progress.

Please refer to the attachment for an overview of the Heping District of Tianjin and Kunshan.

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- Kunshan Sub-branch

Kunshan City is a satellite city making up part of Suzhou City (a county-level city). It is located in a position to connect Shanghai and central Suzhou and many manufacturers including flat-panel display manufacturers, automotive parts manufacturers, and materials and chemicals manufacturers have operations there. It has traditionally been known as a hub for Taiwanese corporations, and together with Japanese corporations it plays a role as an industrial cluster in the Yangtze River Delta region. MHCBC (China)'s Suzhou Branch is currently responsible for Mizuho's business in Kunshan; however, we will be able to provide even more proactive support to foreign corporations including Taiwanese and Japanese corporations with operations in the area by establishing the Kunshan Sub-branch.

<Overview of Kunshan>

Overview	A satellite city of Suzhou City, close to Shanghai City. (Area: 928km ² ; Population: 1.7 million (source: Kunshan City Government website). There are three state-level development zones within the city: Kunshan Economic and Technical Development Zone, Kunshan State-level High-tech Industrial Development Zone, Kunshan Huaqiao Economic Development Zone.
Main Industries	Key industries include: Automotive Parts, Machine Tools and Equipment, Electronic Parts, Next-generation Flat Panel Displays, New Materials, Chemicals, Tires.
GDP	CNY253.0 billion (2011). No.1 city among county-level cities in China for 6 consecutive years.

- Tianjin Heping Sub-branch

Tianjin City is one of the four direct-controlled municipalities in China and it is both the centre and entranceway to the Bohai Sea Economic Zone as China's northernmost Coastal Development Area. In particular, the Binhai New Area is a focus area for economic development as the second state-level reform trial zone next to the Pudong New Area in Shanghai. Mizuho opened a branch in the Binhai New Area of Tianjin in 2007; however, the establishment of a sub-branch in the central part of Tianjin will enable us to further strengthen the support we provide for the businesses of our Japanese and other foreign corporate customers with operations in Tianjin.

<Overview of the Heping District of Tianjin>

Overview	Located in Tianjin City, which is one of the four direct-controlled municipalities in China. (Area: 11,860km ² ; Population: 13 million (source: Tianjin City Government website). Tianjin has three state-level development zones: Tianjin Economic & Technological Development Area, Wuqing, and Xiqing; four State Council-approved development zones; and 23 city-level development zones.
Main Industries	Key industries include: Automobiles, Electronic Communications, Petrochemicals, Food and Beverages, Biotechnology-based Medicine, Industrial Machinery, Aerospace Technology, New Energy and Materials Industries.
GDP	CNY1,119.1 billion (2011). Top-level growth rate in China, maintaining over 16% in recent years.