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Mizuho Bank, Ltd.

Memorandum of Understanding with Canadia Bank

Mizuho Bank, Ltd. (MHBK; Yasuhiro Sato, President and CEO) recently concluded a memorandum of understanding with Canadia Bank Plc. (Michael Lor, CEO) a major commercial bank in the Kingdom of Cambodia. The memorandum covers a wide range of fields including commercial and investment banking.

Canadia Bank Plc. is one of Cambodia's largest financial institutions and it has the richest history of any bank in the Kingdom of Cambodia. It was established by the National Bank of Cambodia and a group of non-resident Cambodians in 1991, and fully privatized in 1998. In its current form as a commercial bank, Canadia Bank, Plc. is the second-largest domestic bank in terms of total assets and has a network of 42 offices in Cambodia (as of December 2012). It is selected by International Data Group as the winner of the 2013 Cambodia Outstanding Banking & Microfinance Awards in the category of the most Outstanding Financial Performance Bank.

This memorandum of understanding aims to expand MHBK's support framework for Japanese corporations entering the rapidly-growing Cambodian market through the wide domestic office network Canadia Bank Plc. and its network of local corporate customers. Specifically, this will include providing local settlement services in cooperation with Canadia Bank Plc., introducing local business partners, and providing various information.

The Kingdom of Cambodia is positioned at a strategic point of the Southern Economic Corridor in the Greater Mekong Subregion, which also includes neighboring countries. In addition to its comparatively inexpensive labor force and logistical advantages, Cambodia also has few limitations through foreign capital regulations and foreign exchange laws, and implements proactive measures to attract foreign investment. With these and other factors as background, increasing numbers of Japanese corporations are entering Cambodia as a country with potential for rapid business development.

MHBK opened a representative office in Phnom Penh in July this year, and we have been providing information to Japanese corporations entering the Cambodian market. As a bank with a reputation for strength in the Greater Mekong Subregion, MHBK will use this memorandum of understanding to provide high-quality financial services to meet the diverse needs of our customers.