

## **Establishment of Special Investigation Committee in relation to Improvement of Joint Loan Business**

Mizuho Bank, Ltd. (MHBK) would like to express our deepest and most sincere apologies to our customers, shareholders, and other stakeholders for any concern or inconvenience caused as a result of the recent receipt of a business improvement order from the Japanese Financial Services Agency.

As of today, we have established the Special Investigation Committee on Improvement of Joint Loan Business (hereinafter referred to as “Committee”) in order to prevent recurrence and recover the public trust. The Committee has been formed of external specialists and experts, who do not have any vested interest in MHBK, in order to confirm the facts related to this matter, identify causes, evaluate the appropriateness of improvement measures, and make recommendations. Details are as follows:

1. Committee Members

Chairman: Mr. Hideki Nakagome (Lawyer; Fuji Godo Horitsujimusho)

Members: Mr. Shiro Shida (Lawyer; Shiro Shida Law Office)

Mr. Gaku Ishiwata (Lawyer; Mori Hamada & Matsumoto)

2. Tasks Assigned

(1) Confirm facts related to this matter (including handling of anti-social elements) and identify causes

(2) Evaluate appropriateness of improvement measures and make recommendations

3. Assignment Period

From October 8, 2013 until conclusion of objectives