

Opening of Johannesburg Representative Office

Mizuho Bank, Ltd. (MHBK; Yasuhiro Sato, President and CEO) opened a representative office in Johannesburg in the Republic of South Africa on December 12. This is the first office for MHBK on the African Continent.

South Africa has the largest economy in the Sub-Saharan region (nominal GDP of approximately USD384.3 billion in 2012) and the fourth-largest population in Africa at 51.2 million (2012). It became a formal member of BRICS at the third BRICS summit in April 2011, and has the presence of being a growth hub for the Sub-Saharan region with steady annual GDP growth rates in recent years including 2.5% in 2012. With the fifth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD V) held in Yokohama in June 2013, the interest of Japanese corporations in South Africa is increasing even further.

By using the establishment of the Johannesburg Representative Office as an opportunity to create a framework for business promotion and collection of information in South Africa and the Sub-Saharan region, we will strengthen our ability to support customers considering entering or expanding their businesses in the region across each products field.

<Overview of the Johannesburg Representative Office>

Name	Mizuho Bank, Ltd. Johannesburg Representative Office
Address	2nd Floor, West Tower, Maude Street, Nelson Mandela Square, Sandton 2196, South Africa, P O Box 785553, Sandton 2146
Contact	Tel. +27-11-881-5410 Fax. +27-11-881-5611

<MHBK Network in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa>

MHBK Branches (4)	London Branch, Dusseldorf Branch, Paris Branch, Milan Branch
MHBK Sub-branches (3)	Dubai Branch, Frankfurt Branch, Johannesburg Representative Office
MHBK Representative Offices (4)	Bahrain Representative Office, Tehran Representative Office, Moscow Representative Office, Istanbul Representative Office
Local Subsidiaries (5) (branches, representative offices)	Mizuho Bank Nederland N.V. (Head Office, Brussels Branch, Madrid Representative Office), ZAO Mizuho Bank (Moscow), Mizuho Bank BA Investment Consulting GmbH