

Mizuho Bank, Ltd.

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**Business Cooperation Agreements with the National Hefei Economic and Technological Development Area and the Hefei State High-tech Industry Development Zone in Anhui Province, China**

Mizuho Bank, Ltd. (Nobuhide Hayashi, President and CEO), and Mizuho Bank (China), Ltd. today signed business cooperation agreements with the National Hefei Economic and Technological Development Area and the Hefei State High-tech Industry Development Zone in Anhui Province in the People's Republic of China.

Hefei City is the capital of Anhui Province, which is situated in the west of the Yangtze Delta region. The city is playing an important role as a production location for companies as they shift operations from coastal to inland areas due to its access to major consumption centers such as Shanghai City and Jiangsu Province and its advantages on the cost side. National Hefei Economic and Technological Development Area and Hefei State High-tech Industry Development Zone are national-level development zones within Hefei City, and they are taking proactive steps to attract foreign investment and support companies operating there.

The business cooperation agreements signed in this instance aim for mutual cooperation toward economic development in the region by providing advice on attracting industry to the region, holding investment seminars, and supporting Japanese companies entering and expanding their businesses in the region.

Mizuho Bank (China), Ltd. is the only Japanese bank operating a branch in Anhui Province. (We opened the Hefei Branch in August 2013.) Mizuho will take maximum advantage of our network of 18 offices in China to provide all types of advice to customers operating there and further strengthen our support for customers considering entering the market such as providing information on the investment environment and supporting them in a variety of ways when they enter.

(Reference) Overview of Hefei City (figures as of 2013)

Overview	Hefei City is the capital of Anhui Province, and it is the closest region in central China to the eastern coast. (Land Area: 11,400km <sup>2</sup> , Population: 7.61 million)
Main Industries	Electronics, Construction and Transport Machinery, Motor Vehicles, Consumer Goods, and Foodstuffs
GDP	CNY467.3 billion (11.5% growth compared to 2012)