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Mizuho Bank, Ltd.

**Acquisition of Regulatory Approval to Issue THB-denominated Bonds
under the ASEAN+3 Multi-Currency Bond Issuance Framework**

Mizuho Bank, Ltd. (MHBK; Nobuhide Hayashi, President and CEO) has received notification of approval of our application to the Ministry of Finance of the Kingdom of Thailand to issue THB-denominated bonds in the Thai domestic market of an amount up to THB3.2 billion based on the ASEAN+3 Multi-Currency Bond Issuance Framework* (AMBIF). Accordingly, we have commenced specific preparation work toward issuance. This will be the first issuance of bonds under the AMBIF.

Since obtaining a full banking license in Thailand in 1996, MHBK has been providing multifaceted services both to local corporations and Japanese corporations operating in the country. This includes opening the Eastern Seaboard Branch in March this year, which is our second branch in Thailand after Bangkok. The issuance of THB-denominated bonds in this instance will enable us to provide even stronger support than we have to date for the medium-to-long-term THB funding needs of our customers.

Development of bond markets within the region is an important part of the infrastructure to support economic development in each country in Asia going forward. In addition to promoting the Asia Bond Market Development Conference at the private-sector level through mutual cooperation with other financial institutions in Asia, MHBK intends to contribute to further development of bond markets within the region by realizing bond issuance based on the AMBIF.

*AMBIF: The ASEAN+3 Multi-Currency Bond Issuance Framework is part of the Asian Bond Markets Initiative, which has been jointly established by the finance ministries and central banks of each country in the ASEAN+3 region. It aims to harmonize documentation and procedures related to bond issuance within the region in order to promote cross-border bond transactions.