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Mizuho Bank, Ltd.

**Appointment of the Chairman of Mizuho Bank, Ltd. as APEC Business  
Advisory Council Member for Japan**

Mizuho Bank, Ltd. (President & CEO: Koji Fujiwara) is pleased to announce that Mr. Nobuhide Hayashi, Chairman of Mizuho Bank, Ltd. has been appointed as APEC Business Advisory Council (“ABAC”) Member for Japan by Mr. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan.

ABAC is the sole official advisory entity of the private sector for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, a regional economic forum by 21 member economies. ABAC started its activities in 1996 following its creation by the APEC Economic Leaders at the APEC Osaka Meeting in November 1995. The purpose is to create a mechanism for the APEC Economic Leaders to receive advice from the private sector.

ABAC is comprised of members from each of the 21 economies participating in APEC. ABAC mainly discusses the ideal framework for trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific region from a business perspective and is given opportunities to provide policy recommendations directly to APEC Leaders and Ministers. A dialogue between ABAC members and APEC leaders is held every year during the APEC Leader's week.

The APEC region represents approximately 60% of world GDP, 50% of world trade volume, and 40% of world population. The APEC member economies are therefore the growth engine of the global economy.

Through utilizing its extensive experience of global markets and its global network Mizuho continues to contribute to a sustainable economic growth of the APEC region.