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## **Mizuho signs agreement with Foreign Trade University in Vietnam and Mitani Sangyo Co., Ltd. on provision of endowed courses**

Mizuho Bank, Ltd. (President & CEO: Koji Fujiwara) has signed a cooperation agreement with Foreign Trade University (President: Bui Anh Tuan, hereinafter “FTU”) and Mitani Sangyo Co., Ltd. (President & CEO: Tadateru Mitani, hereinafter “Mitani Sangyo”) concerning the planning and coordination of endowed courses at FTU.

FTU, established in 1960 in Hanoi, is a top-level Vietnamese university specializing in humanities and provides a wide range of courses in economics, law, and foreign languages, etc. Mitani Sangyo is a Japanese trading company with nearly 30 years of business experience in Vietnam. Its strong connection to the country is evidenced by seven subsidiaries and more than 2,600 local employees.

The agreement is focused on planning and providing endowed courses on the subject of Japanese-style management for students taking advanced business Japanese courses at FTU. Against the backdrop of high economic growth over the years, Vietnam continues to receive attention from Japanese companies as an attractive investment destination in Asia. Mizuho and Mitani Sangyo will cooperate in planning and providing endowed courses, inviting business leaders from Japan as guest lecturers to address promising students who will lead the future of Vietnam.

Through this agreement, Mizuho and Mitani Sangyo will contribute to developing human resources in Vietnam, which will lead to the economic and industrial development of the country as well as enhanced relations between the two nations at both the national and business levels.

At Mizuho, we are enhancing our sustainability initiatives on a group-wide basis and aligning them with our business strategy. We leverage our insight as a financial services group to provide advisory, financial, and a range of other solutions to companies promoting ESG efforts.