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Mizuho Bank, Ltd.
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Mizuho wins the 6th "ESG Finance Awards Japan" sponsored by Japan's Ministry of the Environment

Mizuho Bank receives Gold Award in Indirect Finance Category and Mizuho Securities receives Bronze Award in Financial Services Category

Mizuho Bank, Ltd. (President & CEO: Masahiko Kato) has received the Gold Award, the highest honor, in the Indirect Financing Category of the 6th ESG Finance Awards Japan, presented by the Japan's Ministry of the Environment. This award program promotes the promotion and expansion of ESG finance. In addition, Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd. (President & CEO: Yoshiro Hamamoto) has received the Bronze Award in the Financial Services (Securities Category).



This award was established by the Japan's Ministry of the Environment with the aim of further promoting and expanding ESG finance and improving its quality. It supports the transition of business models of companies into sustainable ones and promotes initiatives that have an impact on the environment, society, and the economy. The award recognizes and honors outstanding organizations, advanced initiatives, and exemplary efforts, regardless of company size, based on their roles in the investment chain. By widely sharing these achievements with society, the award seeks to further disseminate and enhance the quality of ESG finance.

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① **Award Category : Indirect Financing Category**

This category that recognizes initiatives creating positive impacts through the consideration of ESG factors, which enhance the value of business partners and contribute to strengthening industrial competitiveness and building regional circular and ecological spheres through financial and non-financial efforts.

② **Evaluated points**

- Mizuho Bank has a clear strategy for supporting Sustainability Transformation (SX) by leveraging its strengths in industry research.
- Mizuho Bank is making steady progress in enhancing collaboration between headquarters and branches to effectively support Japan's decarbonization efforts and lead industrial structure transformation.
- Mizuho Bank's transition investment framework and value co-creation investment, which support R&D, social implementation, and commercialization of new technologies, are particularly innovative.
- Additionally, Mizuho's broad strategic approach as exemplified by their leadership as Chair of PCAF Japan is befitting a megabank.
- Furthermore, the strong involvement of Mizuho Bank's management and effective sustainability governance across its wide-ranging initiatives were also highly evaluated.

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① **Award Category : Financial Services Category (Securities)**

This category that recognizes initiatives promoting the supply of funds to businesses and enterprises expected to create impacts on the environment and society through the issuance (underwriting) and sales of financial products that contribute to the expansion of ESG investments.

② **Evaluated points**

- Strengthening and progress of impact measurement and management (IMM) initiatives leveraging engagement capabilities backed by a rich track record
- Innovative and influential initiatives such as the issuance of Japan's first sustainability-linked bond that ties bond characteristics to executive compensation

Since its founding in 1873 as Japan's first bank, the First National Bank, Mizuho has always supported the transformation of Japan's industrial structure and led society. Mizuho takes pride in its strengths, which include the ability to foresee changes in the world "industry insight and technology assessment skills", the ability to connect businesses and technologies backed by networks in industry, government, and academia "power to connect", and the "financial arrangement capabilities" underpinned by long years of experience as a fund provider.

Going forward, under the purpose of "Innovating today. Transforming tomorrow," Mizuho will continue to work together with its customers to address social issues and achieve sustainable economic growth.

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