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To whom it may concern

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Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.

**Mizuho Financial Group to Establish Course at Graduate Schools for
Law and Politics of the University of Tokyo**

The Graduate Schools for Law and Politics of the University of Tokyo (Hiroshi Takahashi, Dean and Professor) and Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. (Terunobu Maeda, President & CEO) have reached an agreement under which the Mizuho Financial Group will establish a course in financial law for a five-year period beginning in the 2007 academic year. This agreement is based on the shared understanding of the two organizations concerning the importance of educating students at the faculty of law on financial law.

The Graduate Schools for Law and Politics of the University of Tokyo has been initiating various methods aimed at offering advanced educational programs involving law and politics for its law students. The university recognizes the need to offer courses and research programs that are rooted in the cutting-edge business practices in the real world. By establishing this course, the Mizuho Financial Group aims to play a part in improving the level of education in financial law in the university's faculty of law as well as in facilitating the enhancement of jurisprudence in Japan.

As one of Japan's largest comprehensive financial groups, the Mizuho Financial Group is dedicated to supporting financial education programs as part of its commitment to promoting corporate social responsibility (CSR). Through the establishment of this course, the group will provide knowledge about actual financial business practices to the university's faculty of law. By improving legal education and research programs associated with the field of finance, the group believes that this will contribute to the nurturing of the next generation of professionals who will bear the future.

To assist in the enhancement of education in financial law, the Mizuho Financial Group will dispatch its employees with hands-on experience in

conducting financial business as instructors.

The Mizuho Financial Group plans to continue collaborating with the Graduate Schools for Law and Politics of the University of Tokyo with the goal of further enhancing jurisprudence in Japan.