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**Announcement regarding Filing of Shelf Registration Statement  
in Japan for Future Equity Issuances**

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. (“MHFG”) hereby announces that its board of directors has resolved today to file a Shelf Registration Statement in Japan for the issuance of new shares as set forth below:

1. Type of Securities to be Offered	Common Stock of MHFG
2. Planned Issuance Period	Within one year commencing from the effective date of the Shelf Registration Statement (From May 23, 2009 until May 22, 2010)
3. Offering Method	Public Offering in Japan
4. Planned Amount of Issuance	Up to JPY 600 billion
5. Use of Proceeds	To be invested in consolidated subsidiaries of MHFG

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