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Donation for Victims of Hurricane Sandy

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. (Yasuhiro Sato, Group CEO and Chairman of the Board of Directors) would like to offer its deepest sympathy to those affected by Hurricane Sandy, especially the families of those who lost their lives in this terrible disaster.

Mizuho has decided to donate USD300,000 to the American Red Cross or other appropriate organization for the support of victims and for recovery efforts.

Our thoughts are with our friends in the affected regions and we hope for your earliest possible recovery.