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Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd.

**Mizuho receives "Outstanding Performance Award" in the
"Sustainable Finance Awards" hosted by Research Institute for
Environmental Finance**

We are delighted to announce that Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd. (President & CEO: Koichi Iida) received "Outstanding Performance Award" in the "Sustainable Finance Awards 2020" hosted by Research Institute for Environmental Finance ("RIEF").

This award is offered by RIEF, which promotes and enlightens the "Environmental Finance" that financially solves environmental problems, also evaluates and supports financial institutions and companies, etc. that engage in environmental financial products, services, and initiatives in Japanese financial market.

Mizuho is awarded for our outstanding performance in publicly offered SDGs bond underwriting. Mizuho ranked at the top of publicly offered SDGs bonds league table in FY2019 and FY2020 (as of November 2020). Furthermore we supported the issuance of a number of SDGs bonds, including the very first sustainability-linked bond in Japan.

In order to strengthen our expertise in the field of environmental finance, we entered into a partnership agreement with the Climate Bonds Initiative* in 2018, an environmental certification organization that promotes green bond certificates and investment in climate change countermeasures. Moreover, we have strengthened our structure in 2019 for the expansion and development of the SDGs bond market by establishing the Sustainable Finance Department to collect information on the SDGs bond and further strengthen the expertise for supporting the issuance of SDGs bonds.

Going forward, with the support for the issuance and underwriting of SDGs bonds, Mizuho will further contribute to environmental conservation and the sustainable development and prosperity of the economy, industry, and society by supporting the clients' funding efforts to address their environmental and social issues.

Click here for more information on this award.

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*An international organization based in London that aims to use the ¥100 trillion bond market to combat climate change and promotes investment in projects and assets needed for a rapid transition to a low-carbon, climate-durable economy.