

**Mizuho Securities wins Bronze Award in Financial Services Category
(Securities) for 2nd consecutive year
at Ministry of the Environment's 3rd "ESG Finance Awards Japan"**

Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd. (President & CEO: Yoshiro Hamamoto, "the Company") hereby announces the Company has won the Bronze Award for the second consecutive year in the Financial Services Category (Securities) at the 3rd "ESG Finance Awards Japan," sponsored by Japan's Ministry of the Environment in order to promote and expand ESG finance.



The Ministry of the Environment established the awards to evaluate and recognize: 1. investors and financial institutions that actively engage in ESG finance, such as green projects, to realize positive environmental and social impact; and 2. corporations that reflect potential environmental opportunities and risks in their management strategy to enhance corporate value while generating positive environmental impact. The aim is to broadly share such initiatives (advanced by investors, financial institutions, and corporations) with society as a whole.

Mizuho Securities has been awarded the Bronze Prize for the second consecutive year in the "Financial Services Category (Securities)," established to recognize financial institutions that have facilitated financing for projects and corporations expected to generate positive environmental and social impact by providing issuance support (underwriting) for bonds, etc. and by selling financial products expected to contribute to the expansion of ESG investments. In particular, Mizuho Securities is highly regarded having:

- Established the Sustainability Promotion Department in April 2021 to further strengthen support for clients to promote their sustainability initiatives; and
- Continually contributed to the expansion of the Sustainable Finance market by underwriting the largest number* of SDGs bonds in Japan for the past three years in a row and structuring Japan's first pioneering deals aimed at encouraging carbon neutral transitioning.

*Based on FY21 results as of Feb. 28, 2022

Mizuho Securities will continue to generate positive environmental and social impact via its SDGs bond issuance support/underwriting and sale of financial products, aiming to further contribute to environmental conservation as well as sustainable development and prosperity of the economy, industry, and society as a whole.