

CSR Activities

As business activities expand in scope and markets become increasingly globalized, companies are expected to give greater consideration to pro-social, pro-environmental initiatives.

Mizuho sees CSR as an indispensable element for achieving coexistence and sustainable development together with society, and promotes CSR activities while continuing an ongoing dialog with its stakeholders.

Through our core business activities, therefore, we believe it is our responsibility not only to offer high-quality, leading-edge financial products and services, but also to remain fully aware of our public mission as part of the economic and social infrastructure, and to facilitate the flow of money and contribute to the healthy development of the economy and society in Japan and abroad.

In addition to fulfilling the responsibilities inherent in our core business activities, we will pursue corporate activities that will fulfill our social responsibilities through initiatives associated with our core business.

To this end, we shall specify CSR priorities for the medium to long term, and take concrete steps for its implementation.

We publish *CSR REPORT* with a view to promoting broader stakeholder understanding of the group's CSR policy and activities.

The report is available on MHFG's website.

<http://www.mizuho-fg.co.jp/english/csr/report/index.html>

Mizuho's CSR Initiatives

We shall be fully aware of our public role as a financial institution.

We shall adequately fulfill our responsibilities towards the society on which our activities are based.

Through the above, as a global financial group that is trusted by society,

To contribute to the healthy development of society.

To ensure our own sustainable growth as a corporation.

●Environmental Initiatives

Recognizing that restricting and reducing impact on the global environment is a shared challenge, provide financial services in line with environmental policies to prevent global warming and other environmental problems, and reduce our own consumption of resources.

●Support for Financial Education

Support financial education for the next generation on whom the future of society depends, to enable them not only to acquire financial awareness but also to resolve the various issues that may arise in daily life.

●Enhance Corporate Governance

Establish a corporate governance structure capable of earning a reputation for excellence in global financial and capital markets by maintaining honesty and integrity in our corporate activities.

●Highly Responsive Communications

Conduct responsive communications with customers, shareholders, local communities, employee and other stakeholders by further promoting information disclosure to ensure greater transparency in corporate activities.

●Promotion of Group-Wide Approach to CSR

The group's holding company Mizuho Financial Group (MHFG) will apply an integrated group-wide approach to promote CSR activities with a view to further developing the existing CSR activities of the group companies.

Lectures and Courses for Universities

Senior executive officers and employees of Mizuho who work at the cutting-edge of the finance business also act as instructors at lectures for courses established by Mizuho at universities.

[Courses established (scheduled) for fiscal 2007]

Hitotsubashi University, Waseda University, Keio University, University of Tokyo, Kyoto University, Tokyo Gakugei University

Practical Financial Education at Elementary and Secondary Schools

Mizuho offers practical financial education at elementary and secondary schools using the textbook "Working with Money," which was developed jointly with Tokyo Gakugei University. We will also make use of the recently published glossary entitled "Money and Our Lives."

Environment-Related Initiatives in Business Activities

Conscious of the impact that Mizuho's business activities have on the environment, group companies are moving ahead with initiatives designed to reduce their environmental burden.

Based on the results of surveys of the environmental burden generated by our own business activities, including nine business facilities in Tokyo, we are working to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. We are also making steady progress with our efforts to purchase environmentally-friendly paper and stationery (green purchasing).

Trends in Energy Consumption and Greenhouse Gas Emissions at Nine Key Business Facilities



Creating Barrier-Free Services

Mizuho Bank is promoting multifaceted barrier-free initiatives in the form of the Heartful Project. Our goal in these activities is to be a bank that is easy for anyone to use regardless of age, gender or disability.

The initiatives of the Heartful Project are aimed at bringing down facility-related barriers for buildings and facilities, and other devices; service-related barriers such as in customer service, and forms, documents and Internet contents for customers; and psychological barriers in the minds of each and every senior executive and employee.