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Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.

**Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. selected by the Ministry of Economy,
Trade and Industry and the Tokyo Stock Exchange as Competitive IT
Strategy Company 2016**

Today, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry ("METI") and Tokyo Securities Exchanges, Inc (TSE) selected Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. ("Mizuho", President & CEO: Yasuhiro Sato) as a FY 2016 Competitive IT Strategy Company.

The Competitive IT Strategy Company 2016 is a program in which METI and TSE select and publicize enterprises that have promptly undertaken active efforts to create new values and strengthen competitiveness through the IT-driven business model reform.

Mizuho was recognized for its overall initiatives including the efforts toward financial technology innovation that adopts cutting-edge technologies (Big Data, AI, blockchain, and robotics) and information disclosure on the strategic use of IT, and selected as one of the enterprises that are attractive to investors who prioritize improvement in corporate value from a medium-long term perspective the list.

Considering changes in the management environment of the financial community brought by technology innovation as challenge, Mizuho will drive the efforts to create new customer value of settlement, financing, and assets management and operation by adopting internal and external knowledge and the latest technology.

Mizuho will continue to engage in group-wide initiatives toward financial innovation to become a most trusted Financial Services Consulting Group for customers.



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