

May 18, 2026

To whom it may concern:

Company Name: Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.
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Head Office: 1-5-5 Otemachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
Stock Code Number: 8411
(Tokyo Stock Exchange (Prime Market))

Regarding News Reports

Yomiuri Shimbun carried reports yesterday about our investment in Rakuten Bank, Ltd. (Head Office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; President & CEO: Tomotaka Torin). However, this information was not announced by our company.

Although we are currently conducting various examinations, including the possibility of investing in Rakuten Bank, Ltd., based on the announcement dated February 25, 2026, made by Rakuten Group, Inc. (Head Office: Setagaya-ku, Tokyo; Chairman & CEO: Hiroshi Mikitani) and Rakuten Bank, titled “Notice Concerning the Re-Commencement of Discussions toward the Reorganization of Rakuten’s FinTech Business”, we have not made any decision at present. We will disclose any pertinent information in a timely and appropriate manner once a decision is made on the disclosure of such information.

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