MIZUHO FINANCIAL GROUP INC Form 6-K January 31, 2008

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of January, 2008.

Commission File Number 001-33098

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.

(Translation of registrant s name into English)

5-5, Otemachi 1-chome

Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0004

Japan

(Address of principal executive office)

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 31, 2008

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.

By: /s/ Satoru Nishibori Name: Satoru Nishibori

Title: Managing Director / CFO

January 31, 2008

To whom it may concern:

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.

Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd.

Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd

Third-Party Allocation of New Shares by Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd

We hereby announce that the boards of directors of Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. and Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd. (MHCB) resolved today for MHCB to subscribe to a new share issuance through a third-party allocation by its subsidiary, Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd. (MHSC).

As with the third-party allocation of new shares conducted in December 2007, the purpose of this increase in capital by MHSC is to strengthen the capital base and business platform for the entire MHSC group.

Shinko Securities Co., Ltd. and MHSC will continue their negotiation of the terms of the Merger Agreement, including the merger ratio, based on the above increase in capital of MHSC.

1. Total Issue Amount : JPY 250 billion
2. Amount allocated to capital stock : JPY 125 billion
3. Name of allottee : MHCB (all shares)

<For inquiries on this matter, please contact>

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