

MIZUHO FINANCIAL GROUP INC  
Form 6-K  
May 15, 2009

**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 May 2009.**

**Commission File Number 001-33098**

**Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**5-1, Marunouchi 2-chome**

**Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8333**

**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: May 15, 2009

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.

By: /s/ Tetsuji Kosaki

Name: Tetsuji Kosaki

Title: Deputy President - Executive Officer / CFO

May 15, 2009

To whom it may concern:

Company Name: Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.  
Representative: Takashi Tsukamoto  
President & CEO  
Head Office: 2-5-1 Marunouchi  
Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo  
Code Number: 8411 (TSE 1st Sec., OSE 1st Sec.)

**Announcement regarding Filing of Shelf Registration Statement**

**in Japan for Future Equity Issuances**

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. ( MHFG ) hereby announces that its board of directors has resolved today to file a Shelf Registration Statement in Japan for the issuance of new shares as set forth below:

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Type of Securities to be Offered | Common Stock of MHFG  |
| 2. Planned Issuance Period          | Within one year commencing from the effective date of the Shelf Registration Statement (From May 23, 2009 until May 22, 2010) |
| 3. Offering Method                  | Public Offering in Japan  |
| 4. Planned Amount of Issuance       | Up to JPY 600 billion   |
| 5. Use of Proceeds                  | To be invested in consolidated subsidiaries of MHFG   |

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