

MIZUHO FINANCIAL GROUP INC  
Form 6-K  
January 29, 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 January 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: January 29, 2009

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.

By: /s/ Takashi Tsukamoto

Name: Takashi Tsukamoto

Title: Deputy President / CFO

January 29, 2009

To whom it may concern:

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Chuo-ku, Tokyo  
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**Announcement regarding Result of Implementation of Voluntary Retirement Program**

We, Mizuho Investors Securities Co., Ltd., hereby announce the result of our implementation of the voluntary retirement program mentioned in our release dated December 26, 2008, as described below.

1. Overview of Voluntary Retirement Program

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| (1) Eligible persons              | Employees from 40 to 60 years old as of January 31, 2009                     |
| (2) Number of employees to retire | Maximum of about 200 employees   |
| (3) Application period            | From December 29, 2008 to January 16, 2009                                   |
| (4) Date of retirement            | February 28, 2009  |
| (5) Preferential treatment        | Provide special severance pay in addition to prescribed retirement allowance |
2. Result of implementation of the program

Number of the applicants	148 employees
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3. Effects on Profits and Losses

With the implementation of this voluntary retirement program, we recognized expenses relating to the special retirement benefits of about 1.5 billion yen as extraordinary losses in the third quarter of fiscal 2008.