

NEWS RELEASE

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To whom it may concern,

Mizuho Leasing Co., Ltd.

Investment in Rapyuta Robotics Co., Ltd.

Strengthening the promotion of subscription models through the partnership and collaboration with the logistics robotics solutions company

We are pleased to announce today that Mizuho Leasing Company, Limited (hereinafter referred to as "Mizuho Leasing") has invested in Rapyuta Robotics Co., Ltd. (President & CEO: Gajan Mohanarajah, hereinafter referred to as "Rapyuta Robotics"), a company engaged in the robotics solutions business.

1. Purpose of investment

Mizuho Leasing has established the "joint promotion of service businesses," "real estate," and "technology" as the key areas of focus in its 6th Mid-Term Management Plan and will branch out into new businesses through partnerships and collaborations with business partners without limiting ourselves to the framework of our existing businesses.

Rapyuta Robotics is a venture company that develops next-generation cloud robotics platforms and supports the development, implementation, and operation of robotics solutions under the vision of "making robots convenient and accessible".

Mizuho Leasing has deepened its business relationship with Rapyuta Robotics by signing a basic agreement with the company in March 2022 to develop a subscription model. In addition, we will promote Rapyuta Robotics' cooperative businesses that utilize their world-leading control technologies and artificial intelligence technologies, as well as their collaborative pick-assist robots for distribution warehouses, and we will work to further deepen our partnership and collaboration as business partners.

In accordance with the business strategy of the 6th Mid-Term Management Plan, the Mizuho Leasing Group will continue to meet the needs of stakeholders and expand business opportunities through business alliances and cross-selling to customers, in addition to financing and investing in start-up companies.

2. Investment overview

The investment will be made in the form of subscribing to a portion of a third-party allocation of new shares to be conducted by Rapyuta Robotics.

3. Overview of the investee company

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| (1) Company name | Rapyuta Robotics Co., Ltd. |
| (2) Location | 4-10-5 Hirano, Koto-ku, Tokyo |
| (3) Title and name of representative | President & CEO: Gajan Mohanarajah |
| (4) Date of establishment | July 2, 2014 |
| (5) Description of business | Provision of the cloud robotics platform "raputa.io" to accelerate the development and operation of robotics solutions, and provision of solutions utilizing the platform. |

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