

NEWS RELEASE

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To whom it may concern,

Mizuho Leasing Co., Ltd.

Execution of Investment from Future Creation Investment Limited Partnership

Mizuho Leasing Company, Limited (President & CEO: Shusaku Tsuchida; hereinafter “Mizuho Leasing”) announces that, through its corporate venture capital fund, the Future Creation Investment Limited Partnership (hereinafter the “CVC Fund”). It has invested in RT Corporation (Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director: Yukiko Nakagawa; hereinafter “RT”), which is engaged in a wide range of businesses including education on robotics and artificial intelligence, in-house development, and contracted development.

[Background to the investment]

Mizuho Leasing, with its mission of “connect needs to create the future” is taking on the challenge of new business through alliances and collaborations with partner companies, rather than staying within the framework of existing businesses.

Through its CVC Fund, Mizuho Leasing hopes to help achieve a sustainable society by investing in areas that will support future social infrastructure, such as robotics and AI, with the aim of “creating new value through technology,” one of the materialities that the company has identified.

The CVC Fund has recently made an investment by subscribing to part of a third-party allotment of new shares conducted by RT.

[Details of the company invested in]

RT’s stated mission is “Life with Robot,” and in particular, the company is working on “Work with Robot,” aiming for automation and labor savings in the “last one hand”* of the manufacturing industry, using cutting-edge robot and AI technologies to create an environment where people can work comfortably. Drawing on the technology for handling irregularly-shaped and flexible objects that it has built up through the development of its collaborative humanoid robot, Foodly, in recent years RT has begun to develop both individual robots and also entire production lines. These are deployed not only in food factories, which are suffering from serious labor shortages, but also for general production lines.

(*) “Last one hand”: A term coined by RT that refers to the fact that in the manufacturing industry, even if each process on the line has been mechanized and automated, at the end of the line, a human being still performs light work using their eyes and hands.



Foodly, the collaborative humanoid robot

[Summary of the company invested in]

(1) Company name:	RT Corporation
(2) Location	3F Suehiro Building, 3-9-2 Sotokanda, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
(3) Name and title of representative	Representative Director Yukiko Nakagawa
(4) Date of establishment:	September 12, 2005
(5) Business activities:	Education on robotics and artificial intelligence, in-house development, contracted development, etc.

[Future outlook]

Through this investment, Mizuho Leasing will help realize a future in which cooperation between humans and robots makes work and life more convenient, addressing needs related to the “last one hand” at manufacturing sites. By providing a platform that harnesses AI and technology to improve operational efficiency, we will create new value and contribute to solving social and environmental issues.

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