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Baker McKenzie advises Mizuho Bank on the financing of Z Holdings' TOB for ZOZO's common shares

Tokyo, Japan, 16 December 2019 – Baker & McKenzie (Gaikokuho Joint Enterprise) recently advised Mizuho Bank on the financing of Z Holdings Corporation's (hereinafter, "Z Holdings") take-over bid (TOB) for ZOZO Co., Ltd. (hereinafter, "ZOZO").

The bid closed on November 13, 2019 with acceptances for 152,952,900 shares of ZOZO's common stock at JPY 2,620 per share. As a result of the successful TOB, ZOZO became a consolidated subsidiary of Z Holdings.

Shinichiro Kitamura led the Baker McKenzie team on this deal, with the assistance of senior associates Emiko Horikawa and Satoshi Abe and associates Tomohiro Horiguchi and Yuki Todaka.

"We are very pleased to have had the chance to work with several leading Japanese companies on this extremely important project," said Kitamura. "We will continue to do our best to strengthen the international competitiveness of Japanese companies through our legal services despite uncertainties in the global economy."

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