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(Stock Exchange Code: 6073) June 2, 2025 (Commencement date of electronic provision measures: May 23, 2025)

#### To Shareholders with Voting Rights:

Sei Miyauchi Chief Executive Officer Asante, Inc. 1-33-15 Shinjuku, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo

## NOTICE OF THE 52nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

#### Dear Shareholders:

We would like to express our appreciation for your continued support and patronage.

You are cordially notified of the 52nd Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Asante, Inc. (the "Company"). The meeting will be held for the purposes as described below.

When convening this year's General Meeting of Shareholders, the Company has taken measures for providing information in electronic format (the "electronic provision measures") and has posted matters subject to the electronic provision measures on the Company's website.

• The Company website (https://www.asante.co.jp/ir/library/meeting/) (Japanese only)

In addition to the website shown above, the Company also has posted this information on the Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE) website. Please access to the TSE website below, enter the Company's name or stock exchange code to run a search, select "Basic information" and then "Documents for public inspection/PR information" to confirm the details.

• TSE website (Listed Company Search)

(https://www2.jpx.co.jp/tseHpFront/JJK020010Action.do?Show=Show)

If you do not attend the meeting, you may exercise your voting rights in advance via the Internet or in writing. Please review the attached Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders, and exercise your voting rights so that your votes will be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 19, 2025, Japan time, either by: entering your vote for or against each Proposal on the voting website specified by the Company (https://evote.tr.mufg.jp/) (Japanese only); or indicating your vote for or against each Proposal in the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form and sending the Form back to us.

1. Date and Time:	Friday, June 20, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Japan time (Reception will open at 9:30 a.m.)
2. Place:	5F conference center at Belle Salle Shinjuku Grand located at 8-17-1 Nishi-Shinjuku, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo

### 3. Meeting Agenda:

- Matters to be reported: 1. The Business Report, Consolidated Financial Statements for the Company's 52nd Fiscal Year (April 1, 2024 March 31, 2025), and results of audits of the Consolidated Financial Statements by the Accounting Auditor and the Audit & Supervisory Board
  - 2. Non-consolidated Financial Statements for the Company's 52nd Fiscal Year (April 1, 2024 March 31, 2025)

**Proposals to be resolved:** 

Proposal 1:	Dividends from Surplus
Proposal 2:	Election of Eight Directors
Proposal 3:	Election of One Audit & Supervisory Board Member
Proposal 4:	Election of One Substitute Audit & Supervisory Board Member

#### 4. Matters Determined for Convocation of General Meeting of Shareholders

- (1) If you exercise your voting rights more than once via the Internet, your last vote will be deemed valid.
- (2) If you exercise your voting rights both by using the Voting Rights Exercise Form and via the Internet, your vote via the Internet will be deemed valid.
- (3) If you are unable to attend the General Meeting of Shareholders, you may appoint another shareholder with voting rights (one person) as your proxy to attend the General Meeting of Shareholders on your behalf. Please note that submission of a document that verifies the proxy's authority will be required.
- (4) Should you indicate neither approval nor disapproval on each Proposal in the Voting Rights Exercise Form, it shall be treated as an approval vote.
- 1. Pursuant to the laws and regulations, and the provisions in Article 14 of the Articles of Incorporation, the following matters are posted on the Company's website and the TSE website, and are not included in the paper copy sent to shareholders. Accordingly, the paper copy is part of the information audited by the Accounting Auditor and the Audit & Supervisory Board Members in preparing audit reports.

• (i) Matters Concerning the Company's Stock Acquisition Rights, etc., (ii) Accounting Auditor Status, and (iii) System for Ensuring the Appropriateness of Operations and the Operating Status of the Systems in the Business Report;

• (i) Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity and (ii) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in the Consolidated Financial Statements;

• (i) Balance Sheet, (ii) Statement of Income, (iii) Non-consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity, and (iv) Notes to Non-consolidated Financial Statements in the Non-consolidated Financial Statements;

- Accounting Auditor's Report on the Consolidated Financial Statements; and
- Accounting Auditor's Report on the Non-consolidated Financial Statements
- 2. Should the matters subject to the electronic provision measures require any revisions, the revised versions will be posted on the respective websites where the matters are posted.
- 3. The results of the resolution of the General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company will be posted on the Company's website (https://www.asante.co.jp/ir/)(Japanese only) instead of sending the written Notice of Resolution.

# **Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders**

#### **Proposals and References**

#### Proposal 1: Dividends from Surplus

With respect to dividends from surplus, the Company's basic dividend policy is to give top priority to generating returns to its shareholders and maintain stable dividends as a fundamental rule, while taking such factors as the Company's strengthening of its corporate constitution and enhancement of its internal reserves into consideration in a comprehensive manner.

In accordance with such policy, the Company proposes a year-end dividend for the fiscal year under review of 31 yen per share as follows. Combined with the interim dividend of 31 yen, the annual dividend will be 62 yen per share.

Matters concerning year-end dividend

- (1) Type of dividend property
  - Cash
- (2) Matters concerning allotment of dividend property to shareholders and total amount thereof 31 yen per share of the Company's common stock, 302,635,454 yen in total amount
- (3) Effective date of dividends from surplus June 23, 2025

## Proposal 2: Election of Eight Directors

The terms of office of all nine Directors will expire at the conclusion of this year's Annual General Meeting of Shareholders. Accordingly, the election of eight Directors is proposed.

The candidates for Director are as follows:

 $\bigcirc$  = Areas in which the candidate has knowledge, experience, and abilities

Areas where Outside Directors are expected to contribute in terms of knowledge, experience, and abilities

		aunnies				Knowledge, ex	perience, and a	abilities possess	ed by Directors		
No.	Name	Position in the Company	Type of nomination	Corporate management	Sales, marketing	Legal affairs, risk management	Finance, accounting	Human resources, labor relations, human resource development	Technology, quality assurance	IT, digital	Sustainability
1	Sei Miyauchi	Chief Executive Officer		0	0			0	0		
2	Yoshiyuki Nakao	Managing Director		0	0	0	0	0			0
3	Yoshimitsu Ishigami	Director			0				0		
4	Tetsuji Hamazato	Director			0				0		0
5	Shungo Matsuo	Director						0		0	
6	Toshiya Natori	Director	Outside Independent	•		•	•	•			
7	Michiaki Tanaka	Director	Outside Independent	•	•	•	•	•		•	•
8	Naoko Omura	Director	Outside Independent	•			•				

No.	Name		Past experience, positions, responsibilities,	Number of shares of the
	(Date of birth)		and significant concurrent positions	Company held
1	Sei Miyauchi (March 11, 1971) [Male] [Reappointment]	March 1994 April 2010 June 2013 February 2015 April 2015 February 2016 April 2019 February 2020 June 2020	Joined the Company General Manager, HA Business Department Director; General Manager, HA Business Department Director; Head of Sales Division Director; Head of Sales Division; General Manager, TS Sales Department Director; General Manager, Personnel Development Department Managing Director; Head of Sales Division Chief Executive Officer; Head of Sales Division Chief Executive Officer (to present) nation as candidate for Director]	38,100
		Mr. Sei Miyauchi of knowledge acro and as Chief Exec and abilities will c	has engaged in operations of the field of sales for many years and has engaged in operations of the field of sales for many years and hoss all of businesses of the Company. He has served as Director sin utive Officer since February 2020. The Company has judged that he contribute to the Company's sustainable growth and enhancement of refore renominated him as a candidate for Director.	ce June 2013 lis experience
2	Yoshiyuki Nakao (October 31, 1962) [Male] [Reappointment]	April 1986 October 2015 February 2016 May 2016 January 2017 June 2017 January 2020 October 2021 February 2023 June 2023 April 2025	Joined The Mitsubishi Bank, Ltd. (currently MUFG Bank, Ltd.) Joined the Company; General Manager, Accounting and Finance Department General Manager, General Affairs Department Audit & Supervisory Board Member, Human Green Service Co., Ltd. General Manager, General Affairs and Personnel Department, the Company Director; General Manager, General Affairs and Personnel Department Director; General Manager, Corporate Planning Department Director; Deputy Head of Administration Division; General Manager, Corporate Planning Department Director; Head of Administration Division; General Manager, Corporate Planning Department Managing Director; Head of Administration Division; General Manager, Corporate Planning Department Managing Director; Head of Administration Division; General Manager, Corporate Planning Department Managing Director; Head of Management Division; General Managing Director; Head of Management Division; General Manager, Corporate Planning Department	9,600
		Mr. Yoshiyuki Na in important posts overseeing the ent Director since Jun Company has judg	hation as candidate for Director] kao has abundant experience from his time at a financial institution of administrative departments after joining the Company, has been ire administrative division since February 2023, and has served as e 2023. He has a high level of insight regarding corporate manager ged that his experience and abilities will contribute to the Company cement of corporate value, and has therefore renominated him as a	n responsible for Managing nent. The ''s sustainable

No.	Name		e, positions, responsibilities,	Number of shares of the
	(Date of birth)	and signifi	cant concurrent positions	Company held
3	Yoshimitsu Ishigami (July 3, 1966) [Male] [Reappointment]	February 2015General ManagApril 2019General ManagJune 2020Director; HeadApril 2021Director; HeadPromotion DepOctober 2021October 2021Director; HeadMay 2022Director, HeatJune 2023Director, HeadApril 2025Director, HeadReason for nomination as candidaMr. Yoshimitsu Ishigami has expebeen responsible for overseeing thJune 2023, and the Administrationthe business of the Company. The	Branch ger, Materials Department ger, Customer Consultation Department ger, Technical Department of Sales Division of Sales Division; General Manager, Business partment of Sales Division ful Home Co., Ltd. of Compliance Division, the Company of Administration Division (to present)	Division since knowledge on ties will
		therefore renominated him as a car		-
4	Tetsuji Hamazato (February 6, 1973) [Male] [Reappointment]	July 2022Deputy Head of Sales Departmed Director, HeadJune 2023Director, HeadJune 2023Director, HeadApril 2025Director, Head Sales DepartmedReason for nomination as candida Mr. Tetsuji Hamazato has been inv served in important posts of sales of division since June 2023. The Con sustainable growth and enhancemed broad insight regarding the Compa for Director.	i Branch ger, Corporate Sales Department f Sales Division; General Manager, Corporate ent of Sales Division ful Home Co., Ltd. (to present) of Sales Division; General Manager, Corporate ent, the Company (to present) tte for Director] volved in the Company's core businesses for many division. He has been responsible for overseeing the mpany has judged that he will contribute to the Cor- ent of corporate value because he has abundant exp uny's businesses, and has therefore renominated his	ne entire sales npany's perience and
5	Shungo Matsuo (July 9, 1970) [Male] [Reappointment]	May 2020Audit & Super Ltd.February 2023Deputy Head o Director, Depu Manager, Infor April 2025Director, Depu Manager, Infor Director, HeadReason for nomination as candida Mr. Shungo Matsuo has been invo general affairs, human resources, 1 of Deputy Head of Administration overseeing the entire personnel div contribute to the Company's sustainable	ger, General Affairs and Personnel Department visory Board Member, Human Green Service Co., f Administration Division, the Company ty Head of Administration Division ty Head of Administration Division; General mation System Department of Personnel Division (to present) the for Director] lved in a wide range of administrative operations, abor management, and information systems, has he Division since February 2023, and has been respo- vision since April 2025. The Company has judged inable growth and enhancement of corporate value ight regarding the Company's businesses, and has	eld the position nsible for that he will because he has

No.	Name (Date of birth)		Past experience, positions, responsibilities, and significant concurrent positions	Number of shares of the
		April 1988 July 2006 July 2010 April 2011 January 2012 December 2012 July 2015 July 2016 August 2016	Appointed as Prosecutor Prosecutor, Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office Deputy Executive Director, Criminal Affairs Department of Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office Director of the Public Security Division of the Criminal Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Justice Director of the Criminal Affairs Division of the Criminal Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Justice Director of the Secretarial Division, Ministry of Justice Chief Prosecutor, Morioka District Public Prosecutors Office Prosecutor, Supreme Public Prosecutors Office Admitted as Counsel (Dai-Ichi Tokyo Bar Association)	Company held
6	Toshiya Natori (December 17, 1963) [Male] [Reappointment] [Outside] [Independent]	March 2020 June 2020 November 2020 June 2021 February 2023 October 2024 (Significant conct Counsel, ITN Par Outside Director,	tners J Trust Co., Ltd.	
		HOLDINGS Inc. [Reason for nomin Mr. Toshiya Nator companies, along broad insight. Bas supervision to the to contribute to th has therefore renor corporate manage he is capable of co stated above. His	(Audit and Supervisory Committee Member), TOBISHIMA nation as candidate for Outside Director and a summary of expected ri has served as an outside corporate auditor and outside director of with his wealth of experience and expertise as a prosecutor and con- sed on this advanced knowledge, he has provided appropriate advice Board of Directors of the Company. The Company believes that he e improvement of the effectiveness of the Board of Directors of the ominated him as a candidate for Outside Director. He has not been i ment other than by serving as an outside officer, but the Company portinuing to appropriately perform his duties of an Outside Director geriod in office as Outside Director of the Company will be four ye General Meeting of Shareholders.	several unsel, and has a e and e will continue Company, and nvolved in has judged that r for the reasons

April 1987       Joined The Mitsubishi Bank, Ltd. (currently MUFG Bank, Ltd.)         June 1997       MBA, The University of Chicago Booth School of Business         February 1998       Retirement from the bank         March 1998       Joined Bank of America Securities Japan         January 2000       Joined ABN Amro Securities Japan         August 2003       President and CEO, Japan Strategic Finance Research Institute, Inc.         June 2006       President and CEO, Merging Point Co. Ltd. (to present)         May 2013       Outside Director, SADAMATSU Company         Limited (currently Festaria Holdings Co., Ltd.)       April 2015         Professor, Rikkyo University Graduate School of Business       Administration         June 2021       Director, the Company (to present)         April 2024       Visiting Professor, School of Management in Welfare         Healthcare Services, Bunkyo Gakuin University Graduate       School         Michiaki Tanaka       (December 13, 1964)       May 2024         May 2025       Professor, Nippon Institute of Technology, Graduate School of Management of Management of Technology, Graduate School of Management of Technology (to present)         April 2025       Professor, The Graduate School of Project Design, Iab (to present)	No.	Name (Date of birth)		Past experience, positions, responsibilities, and significant concurrent positions	Number of shares of the Company held
Director. His period in office as Outside Director of the Company will be four years at the	7	(December 13, 1964) [Male] [Reappointment] [Outside]	June 1997 February 1998 March 1998 January 2000 May 2002 August 2003 June 2006 May 2013 April 2015 June 2021 April 2024 May 2024 April 2025 April 2025 (Significant concur President and CEO Outside Director, E Professor, Nippon Technology Visiting Professor, [Reason for nomina Mr. Michiaki Tana positions at several as a professor at un has provided appro Company believes Board of Directors	MBA, The University of Chicago Booth School of Business Retirement from the bank Joined Citibank Japan Joined Bank of America Securities Japan Joined ABN Amro Securities Japan President and CEO, Japan Strategic Finance Research Institute, Inc. President and CEO, Merging Point Co. Ltd. (to present) Outside Director, SADAMATSU Company Limited (currently Festaria Holdings Co., Ltd.) Professor, Rikkyo University Graduate School of Business Administration Director, the Company (to present) Visiting Professor, School of Management in Welfare Healthcare Services, Bunkyo Gakuin University Graduate School Outside Director, BASE FOOD, Inc. (to present) Professor, Nippon Institute of Technology, Graduate School of Management of Technology (to present) Visiting Professor, The Graduate School of Project Design, Project Design Lab (to present) visiting Professor, Graduate School of Project Design, Project Design Lab (to present) Trent positions) , Merging Point Co., Ltd. BASE FOOD, Inc. Institute of Technology, Graduate School of Management of The Graduate School of Project Design, Project Design Lab ation as candidate for Outside Director and a summary of expecte ka has a wealth of experience and expertise in management, havin financial institutions, as a representative director of a consulting inversities' professional graduate schools. Based on this advanced priate advice and supervision to the Board of Directors of the Cor that he will continue to contribute to the improvement of the effect	g served in key company, and knowledge, he npany. The ctiveness of the te for Outside

No.	Name (Date of birth)		Past experience, positions, responsibilities, and significant concurrent positions	Number of shares of the Company held
8	Naoko Omura (July 19, 1973) [Female] [Reappointment]	October 1997 July 2001 November 2013 May 2015 January 2019 March 2020 March 2023 June 2023 (Significant concu	Joined Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu (currently Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLC) Admitted as Certified Public Accountant Outside Auditor, VOLARE Inc. (currently Nyle Inc.) Outside Director (Audit and Supervisory Board Member), Nyle Inc. Outside Auditor, DRAFT Inc. Graduated from Graduate School of Management, GLOBIS University Obtained MBA Outside Director (Audit and Supervisory Board Member), DRAFT Inc. (to present) Director, the Company (to present) urrent positions) (Audit and Supervisory Board Member), DRAFT Inc.	
	[Outside] [Independent]	[Reason for nomination of the second	nation as candidate for Outside Director and a summary of expected a has extensive experience and a high level of expertise as a certific ll as the experience as a member of audit committee and an auditor l on such experience and advanced knowledge, she has provided ap the Board of Directors of the Company. The Company believes th bute to the improvement of the effectiveness of the Board of Direct s therefore renominated her as a candidate for Outside Director. She rate management other than by serving as an outside director, but th capable of appropriately performing her duties as an Outside Direct we. Her period in office as Outside Director of the Company will b this General Meeting of Shareholders.	ed public of other propriate advice at she will cors of the e has not been ne Company has tor for the

(Notes)

1. There are no special interests between each of the candidates for Director and the Company.

- Mr. Toshiya Natori, Mr. Michiaki Tanaka, and Ms. Naoko Omura are candidates for Outside Director. The Company has
  registered Mr. Toshiya Natori, Mr. Michiaki Tanaka, and Ms. Naoko Omura as Independent Officers, pursuant to the rules
  of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. In addition, these candidates satisfy the Criteria for Independence of Outside Officers set
  forth by the Company.
- 3. The Company has entered into agreements with Mr. Toshiya Natori, Mr. Michiaki Tanaka, and Ms. Naoko Omura to limit their liabilities for damages provided for in Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act. The maximum amount of liability pursuant to the agreements shall be the minimum amount provided for in Article 425, Paragraph 1 of the same Act. If the candidates are reelected as Directors, the Company intends to continue the agreements with them.
- 4. The Company has concluded a directors and officers liability insurance contract provided for in Article 430-3, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act with an insurance company. The said insurance contract shall cover liability for damages to be borne by insured persons. The candidates shall be included as insured persons under the insurance contract.
- 5. There are no transactions between the Company and the companies at which Mr. Toshiya Natori, Mr. Michiaki Tanaka, or Ms. Naoko Omura holds significant concurrent positions.

#### Proposal 3: Election of One Audit & Supervisory Board Member

As the term of office of Audit & Supervisory Board Member Shinichi Takano will expire at the conclusion of this year's Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, the Company proposes the election of one Audit & Supervisory Board Member.

Submission of this Proposal has been given the consent of the Audit & Supervisory Board.

The candidate for Audit & Supervisory Board Member is as follows:

Name (Date of birth)		Past experience, positions, and significant concurrent positions	Number of shares of the Company held		
	July 2006	Operating Officer, Group Strategy Office Manager, General Manager of the HR Group, Recruit Cosmos Co., Ltd. (currently			
		Cosmos Initia Co., Ltd.)			
	November 2011	Corporate Officer, General Manager of Corporate Planning			
		Department, General Manager of the headquarters of			
		management, Gyosei Corporation			
	October 2015	Director, General Manager of Administration Department,			
		Nihon Kotsu Co., Ltd.			
		Non-Executive Director, TSUKURUBA Inc.			
Shinichi Takano	June 2017	General Manager of Corporate Department, JapanTaxi Co., Ltd.,			
(March 22, 1958)		(currently GO Inc.)			
[Male]	August 2017	Managing Director, Nihon Kotsu Co., Ltd.			
	August 2019	Director, aima Co., Ltd. (to present)			
[Reappointment]	June 2021	Audit & Supervisory Board Member, the Company (to present)			
[Outside]	October 2021	Corporate Auditor, TSUKURUBA Inc.			
[Independent]	(Significant conc				
	Director, aima Co				
	[Reason for nomination as candidate for Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member]				
	Mr. Shinichi Takano has a wealth of experience in corporate management and a wide range of				
	knowledge, which he draws upon to conduct audits of the Company and provide valuable advice on				
	overall management. For these reasons, the Company believes that he will continue to appropriately				
	perform his duties and contribute to strengthening corporate governance, and has therefore				
	renominated him as a candidate for Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member. His period in				
		Audit & Supervisory Board Member of the Company will be four y	ears at the		
	conclusion of this	General Meeting of Shareholders.			

(Notes)

1. There are no special interests between the candidate for Audit & Supervisory Board Member and the Company.

2. Mr. Shinichi Takano is a candidate for Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member. The Company has registered Mr. Shinichi Takano as an Independent Officer, pursuant to the rules of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. In addition, the candidate satisfies the Criteria for Independence of Outside Officers set forth by the Company.

- 3. The Company has entered into an agreement with Mr. Shinichi Takano to limit his liability for damages provided for in Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act. The maximum amount of liability pursuant to the agreements shall be the minimum amount provided for in Article 425, Paragraph 1 of the same Act. If Mr. Shinichi Takano is reelected as Audit & Supervisory Board Member, the Company intends to continue the agreement with him.
- 4. The Company has concluded a directors and officers liability insurance contract provided for in Article 430-3, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act with an insurance company. The said insurance contract shall cover liability for damages to be borne by insured persons. The candidate shall be included as insured persons under the insurance contract.
- 5. There are no transactions between the Company and the companies at which Mr. Shinichi Takano holds significant concurrent positions.

#### Proposal 4: Election of One Substitute Audit & Supervisory Board Member

In order to prepare for a shortage in the number of Audit & Supervisory Board Members stipulated in laws and regulations, the Company proposes the election of one Substitute Audit & Supervisory Board Member in advance.

The effectiveness of election in this Proposal may be rescinded, only prior to the Substitute Audit & Supervisory Board Member's assumption of the position, by resolution of the Board of Directors with the consent of the Audit & Supervisory Board.

Submission of this Proposal has been given the consent of the Audit & Supervisory Board. The candidate for Substitute Audit & Supervisory Board Member is as follows:

Name (Date of birth)	]	Past experience and significant concurrent positions	Number of shares of the Company held
	April 1975	Joined SHIMIZU CORPORATION	
Yukio Inukai	October 2003	General Manager, Operation Control Department, Building Construction Headquarters, SHIMIZU CORPORATION	
(December 7, 1952) [Male]	April 2007	Deputy General Manager, KANTO Branch, SHIMIZU CORPORATION	5,000
[Outside]	June 2011	Full-time Audit & Supervisory Board Member, the Company	
[Outside] [Independent]	June 2023	Retired as Full-time Audit & Supervisory Board Member	
[macpendent]	(Significant con	current positions)	
	None		

(Notes)

- 1. There are no special interest between the candidate for Substitute Audit & Supervisory Board Member and the Company.
- 2. Mr. Yukio Inukai is a candidate for Substitute Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member. Mr. Yukio Inukai satisfies the criteria for Independent Officer, pursuant to the rules of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc., and if he assumes office as Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member, the Company intends to register him as an Independent Officer with the Exchange.
- 3. Mr. Yukio Inukai has a wealth of experience and deep insight in business companies and has served as a Full-time Audit & Supervisory Board Member of the Company. The Company proposes his election as a Substitute Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member so that he can make use of his experience and insight in auditing the Company.
- 4. The Company has entered into agreements with Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members to limit their liability for damages provided for in Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act. The maximum amount of liability pursuant to the agreements shall be the minimum amount provided for in Article 425, Paragraph 1 of the same Act. If Mr. Yukio Inukai is elected as Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member, the Company intends to enter into the agreement with him.
- 5. The Company has concluded a directors and officers liability insurance contract provided for in Article 430-3, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act with an insurance company. The said insurance contract shall cover liability for damages to be borne by insured persons. If Mr. Yukio Inukai is elected as Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member, he shall be included as an insured person under the insurance contract.

#### (Reference) Criteria for Independence of Outside Officers

The Company has set forth the following criteria regarding the independence of Outside Officers at the Company, and Outside Officers who do not fall under any of the criteria shall be declared independent:

- (1) An executive of the Company or a subsidiary of the Company;
- (2) An executive of a business partner accounting for more than 2% of the Company's annual net sales in the most recent fiscal year;
- (3) An executive of a business partner whose net sales to the Company exceed 2% of annual net sales in the most recent fiscal year;
- (4) A consultant, accounting expert, or legal expert receiving cash or other property exceeding 10 million yen annually from the Company (in the case where the person receiving the property is a corporation, partnership, or other organization, a person belonging to an entity when property received from the Company exceeds 2% of the entity's annual revenues);
- (5) An executive of a lender listed as a main lender of the Company in the Business Report for the most recent fiscal year;
- (6) A person who fell under any of the above categories (1) through (5) in the past ten (10) years;
- (7) A relative within the second degree of kinship of a person falling under any of the above categories (1) through (5) (however, this applies only to significant persons);
- (8) A major shareholder of the Company (a person or an entity whose ownership ratio of voting rights at the end of the most recent fiscal year accounts for 10% or more of the total voting rights) or an executive of such entity;
- (9) A person receiving donations exceeding 10 million yen annually from the Company (however, in the case where the person receiving the donations is a corporation, partnership, or other organization, an executive of an entity when property received from the Company exceeds 2% of the entity's annual revenues); or
- (10) A person with special circumstances that prevent him or her from fulfilling his or her duties as an independent Outside Officer.