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Securities Code: 9843 April 22, 2020

To our shareholders:

Toshiyuki Shirai, Representative Director & Chief Operating

Nitori Holdings Co., Ltd.

1-2-39 Shinkotoni 7-jo, Kita-ku, Sapporo-shi, Hokkaido

Notice of the 48th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

You are cordially invited to attend the 48th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Nitori Holdings Co., Ltd. (the "Company"), which will be held as indicated below.

If you are unable to attend the Meeting in person, you may exercise your voting rights in writing or via the internet. Please review the attached Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders, and exercise your voting rights following the guidance below by 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 (JST).

1. Date and Time: Thursday, May 14, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. (JST)

2. Venue: Conference Room, 6th floor, Sapporo Head Office of the Company

1-2-39 Shinkotoni 7-jo, Kita-ku, Sapporo-shi, Hokkaido

3. Purpose of the Meeting

Matters to be reported

- The Business Report and the Consolidated Financial Statements for the 48th fiscal year (from February 21, 2019 to February 20, 2020), and the results of audits of the Consolidated Financial Statements by the Financial Auditor and the Audit & Supervisory Committee
- 2. The Non-consolidated Financial Statements for the 48th fiscal year (from February 21, 2019 to February 20, 2020)

Matters to be resolved

Proposal No. 1: Election of Seven Directors (Excluding Directors who are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members)

Proposal No. 2: Election of Four Directors who are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members

- If you attend the Meeting in person, please present the enclosed voting form at the reception.
- Of the documents that should be provided with the original Japanese version of this notice, the "Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity," "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements," "Non-consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity" and "Notes to Non-consolidated Financial Statements" are posted (in Japanese only) on the Company's website (https://www.nitorihd.co.jp/ir/) pursuant to the provisions of laws and regulations and the Article 16 of the Company's Articles of Incorporation, and are not included in the original Japanese version of this notice.
 - Accordingly, the original Japanese version of the attached documents constitutes one part of the documents that were audited by the Audit & Supervisory Committee in preparing the audit report and by the Financial Auditor in preparing the financial audit reports.
- Any corrections in the Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders, Business Report, Consolidated Financial Statements or Non-consolidated Financial Statements will be posted (in Japanese only) on the Company's website above.

Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders

Proposal No. 1: Election of Seven Directors (Excluding Directors who are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members)

The terms of office of all seven Directors (excluding Directors who are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members; applicable to the rest of this proposal) will expire at the conclusion of this General Meeting. Therefore, the Company proposes the election of seven Directors.

Regarding this proposal, the Audit & Supervisory Committee has judged that all the candidates for Director are qualified for the role.

The candidates for Director are as follows:

Candidate No.	Na	me	Current positions and responsibilities in the Company	Attendance at meetings of the Board of Directors
1	[Reappointment]	Akio Nitori	Representative Director & Chairperson	11 out of 13 meetings (84.6%)
2	[Reappointment]	Toshiyuki Shirai	Representative Director & President	13 out of 13 meetings (100%)
3	[Reappointment]	Fumihiro Sudo	Director, Executive Officer & Vice President Manager of Business System Improvement Office	13 out of 13 meetings (100%)
4	[Reappointment]	Fumiaki Matsumoto	Director, Executive Officer & Vice President Manager of Global Business Development Office In charge of Overseas Sales Business and Logistics Division	10 out of 10 meetings (100%)
5	[Reappointment]	Masanori Takeda	Director General Manager of Global Merchandising Division	13 out of 13 meetings (100%)
6	[Reappointment] [Outside] [Independent]	Sadayuki Sakakibara	Outside Director	8 out of 10 meetings (80%)
7	[New appointment] [Outside] [Independent]	Yoshihiko Miyauchi	_	_

Candidate No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career	ummary, position and responsibility in the Company, and significant concurrent positions outside the Company	Number of the Company's shares owned	
		Mar. 197	2 Founded the Company, Senior Managing Director		
		May 197	8 Representative Director & President of the Company		
		Feb. 200			
		Oct. 200	3 Director of MARUMITSU-VIETNAM EPE (currently NITORI FURNITURE VIETNAM EPE) (current position)		
		Nov. 200	9 Representative Director & Chairperson of Nitori Public Co., Ltd.		
		May 201	0 Chairperson of DECOHOME CHINA Co., Ltd.		
		Aug. 201			
			Representative Director & President of Home Logistics Co., Ltd.		
		Aug. 201	-		
Í		_	2 Director & Chairperson of Nitori USA, Inc.		
		May 201	-		
			Representative Director & Chairperson of Home Logistics Co., Ltd.		
	Akio Nitori (March 5, 1944)		Representative Director & Chairperson of Nitori Facility Co., Ltd. (current position)		
	[Reappointment]	Feb. 2016	Representative Director & Chairperson (CEO) of the Company (current position)		
1	Attendance at meetings of the	May 2010	Outside Director of KOHNAN SHOJI CO., LTD. (current position)	3,410,482 shares	
	Board of	June 201	6 Chairperson of NITORI (CHINA) HOLDING Co., Ltd.		
	Directors:	Mar. 201	7 Director & Senior Advisor of Nitori Public Co., Ltd.		
	11 out of 13 meetings (84.6%)	May 201	7 Director & Senior Advisor of Home Logistics Co., Ltd. (current position)		
	(*)		Outside Director of IZUMI Co., Ltd. (current position)		
		Dec. 201	B Director & Founder of N Plus Co., Ltd.		
		Feb. 2020	Representative Director & Chairperson of N Plus Co., Ltd. (current position)		
			Representative Director & Chairperson of Nitori Furniture Co., Ltd. (current position)		
		Mar. 202	Representative Director & Chairperson of Nitori Public Co., Ltd. (current position)		
		Reasons	for nomination as candidate for Director:		
		the Comp living to excellent furniture	The candidate founded the Company in 1972 and since then, aiming to achieve the Company's <i>Roman</i> (vision), "to provide the foundation of prosperous home living to the global community," and while always making the most of his excellent foresight and strong leadership, has led Nitori to grow from being one furniture store to one of Japan's top home furnishing chains. The Company		
		qualified related to	the election of the candidate for Director, believing him to be to continue as a Director that takes responsibility of decision making management policies and corporate strategy and supervisory regarding business execution.		

Apr. 1979 Joined the Company May 2001 Director of the Company May 2004 Managing Director of the Company May 2005 Senior Managing Director of the Company May 2010 Director & Senior Managing Executive Officer of the Company Aug. 2010 Director & Senior Managing Executive Officer of the Company Aug. 2010 Director & Senior Managing Executive Officer of the Company Aug. 2010 Director of Nitori Co., Ltd. Dec. 2010 Director of Home Logistics Co., Ltd. May 2012 Director of Nitori USA, Inc. May 2014 Representative Director & Executive Vice President of the Company Representative Director & President of Nitori Facility Co., Ltd. Representative Director & President of Nitori Public Co., Ltd. Representative Director & Chairperson of Home Logistics Co., Ltd. (current position) Representative Director & Chairperson of Home Logistics Co., Ltd. (current position) Feb. 2016 Representative Director & President of the Company (current position) Feb. 2017 Representative Director & President of the Company (current position) Representative Director & Chairperson of Nitori Public Co., Ltd. Chairperson of NITORI (CHINA) HOLDING Co., Ltd. (current position) Apr. 2017 Chairperson of Nitori Taicang Trading & Logistics Co. Ltd. (current position) Apr. 2017 Chairperson of Nitori Taicang Trading & Logistics Co. Ltd. (current position) Dec. 2018 Director of Nitori To., Ltd. (current position) Dec. 2018 Director of Nitori Co., Ltd. (current position) Chairperson of SIAM NITORI CO., LTD. (Thailand) (current position) Reasons for nomination as candidate for Director: The candidate has had a broad range of business experience such as being involved in store operations, personnel, product development, logistics, and overseas business, and has abundant experience and knowledge related to
overall management of the Group gained from serving positions such as Representative Director & President of Nitori Co., Ltd. from May 2014 to

Candidate No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career sum	nmary, position and responsibility in the Company, and significant concurrent positions outside the Company	Number of the Company's shares owned
3	Fumihiro Sudo (May 5, 1956) [Reappointment] Attendance at meetings of the Board of Directors: 13 out of 13 meetings (100%)	The candida operations, a management	Joined SHIMACHU CO., LTD. Representative Director of KANSAI SHIMACHU CO., LTD. Joined the Company Executive Officer of the Company Managing Director of the Company Managing Executive Officer & General Manager of Store Development Division of the Company Senior Managing Director & General Manager of Store Development Division of the Company Director & Vice President, General Manager of Store Development Division of the Company Director & Vice President, in charge of Store Development and National Sales Business of the Company Director, Executive Officer & Vice President, Manager of Business System Improvement Office (current position) nomination as candidate for Director: te has abundant business experience, including store development and has abundant experience and knowledge related to overall agained from serving positions such as Vice President from August dingly, the Company proposes the election of the candidate for	16,638 shares
4	Fumiaki Matsumoto (December 8, 1958) [Reappointment] Attendance at meetings of the Board of Directors: 10 out of 10 meetings (100%)	Aug. 2008 Apr. 2010 Apr. 2014 June 2014 June 2018 Sept. 2018 Nov. 2018 Apr. 2019 May 2019 Feb. 2020 Reasons for The candidadevelopment business of t	Joined NISSAN MOTOR CO., LTD. President of Nissan Motor Ibérica, S.A. (Spain) President of Dongfeng Nissan Passenger Vehicle Company (China) Executive Vice President of NISSAN MOTOR CO., LTD. (Corporate Officer) Director of NISSAN MOTOR CO., LTD. Retired from Director of NISSAN MOTOR CO., LTD. Joined the Company Executive Officer & Vice President of the Company Executive Officer & Vice President, Project Leader of Japan-China Global Business Development Project of the Company Executive Officer & Vice President, in charge of Overseas Sales Business and Logistics Division Director & Vice President, Project Leader of Japan-China Global Business Development Project of the Company, in charge of Overseas Sales Business and Logistics Division Director, Executive Officer & Vice President, Manager of Global Business Development Office, in charge of Overseas Sales Business and Logistics Division (current position) nomination as candidate for Director: te has abundant experience and knowledge in overseas business and is currently in charge of promoting the overseas sales the Company as Director, Executive Officer & Vice President.	shares

Candidate No.	Name (Date of birth)	Car	Career summary, position and responsibility in the Company, and significant concurrent positions outside the Company			
		Mar.	2004	Joined the Company		
		May	2014	Executive Officer of the Company Merchandising Manager of Furniture Department of Merchandising Division of Nitori Co., Ltd.		
		Oct.	2015	Executive Officer of the Company General Manager of Merchandising Division of Nitori Co., Ltd.		
		May	2016	Senior Executive Officer of the Company General Manager of Merchandising Division of Nitori Co., Ltd		
	Masanori	May	2017	Managing Director of the Company Managing Director & General Manager of Merchandising Division of Nitori Co., Ltd.		
	Takeda (January 10,	Aug.	2018	Director & General Manager of Merchandizing Division of Nitori Co., Ltd.		
	1966)	Oct.	2018	Managing Director & General Manager of Global Merchandising Division of the Company		
_	[Reappointment]	Dec.	2018	Representative Director & President of N Plus Co., Ltd.	10 170 1	
5	Attendance at meetings of the Board of Directors: 13 out of 13 meetings (100%)	Apr.	2019	Managing Director, in charge of Global Product Development, Inventory Control, Procurement Division and Deco Home Business	10,178 shares	
		Feb.	2020	Director & General Manager of Global Merchandising Division of the Company (current position)		
				Representative Director & President of Nitori Co., Ltd. (current position)		
		Reas	ons for	nomination as candidate for Director:		
		The candidate has abundant business experience and keen business insight owing to his broad experience in major operations of the Store Operations Division, Recruitment Division, and Merchandising Division, etc. and contributes to the promotion of product development and the expansion of overseas product procurement and sales channels as Director & General Manager of Global Merchandising Division of the Company. In addition, he assumed the position as Representative Director & President of Nitori Co., Ltd. from February 2020. Accordingly, the Company proposes the election of the				

Candidate No.	Name (Date of birth)	Caro	eer sun	nmary, position and responsibility in the Company, and significant concurrent positions outside the Company	Number of the Company's shares owned		
		Apr.	1967	Joined Toyo Rayon Co., Ltd. (currently Toray Industries, Inc.)			
		June	2002	President and Representative Member of the Board of Toyo Rayon Co., Ltd.			
		June	2010	Chairman and Representative Member of the Board of Toyo Rayon Co., Ltd.			
	C 1 1:			Outside Director of Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd.			
	Sadayuki Sakakibara (March 22,	June	2012	Outside Director of Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation (current position)			
	1943)	June	2013	Outside Director of Hitachi, Ltd.			
	[Reappointment]	June	2014	Chairman of Japan Business Federation (Keidanren) Chairman of the Board of Toray Industries, Inc.			
6	[Outside] [Independent]	June	2018	Honorary Chairman of Japan Business Federation (Keidanren) (current position)	shares		
	Attendance at	Mar.	2019	Outside Director of SHIMANO, INC. (current position)			
	meetings of the	May	2019	Outside Director of the Company (current position)			
	Board of Directors: 8 out of 10	Dec.	2019	Outside Director of Japan Investment Corporation (current position)			
	meetings (80%)	Reaso					
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		super	governance by making use of his experience and insight to provide appropriate supervision and useful advice for the Company's overall management. Tenure as Outside Director: 1 year (at the conclusion of this meeting)				

Candidate No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career sur	Career summary, position and responsibility in the Company, and significant concurrent positions outside the Company			
		Aug. 1960	Joined Nichimen & Co., Ltd. (currently Sojitz Corporation)			
		Apr. 1964	Joined Orient Leasing Co., Ltd. (currently ORIX Corporation)			
		Mar. 1970	Director, Orient Leasing Co., Ltd.			
	Yoshihiko Miyauchi	Dec. 1980	Representative Executive Officer, President and Chief Executive Officer, Orient Leasing Co., Ltd., Group CEO			
	(September 13, 1935)	Apr. 2000	Representative Executive Officer, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, ORIX Corporation, Group CEO			
	[New appointment] [Outside] [Independent]	June 2003	Director, Representative Executive Officer, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, ORIX Corporation, Group CEO			
_		Apr. 2006	Outside Director, ACCESS CO., LTD. (current position)	_		
7		June 2014	Senior Chairman, ORIX Corporation (current position)	shares		
		June 2017	Outside Director, Calbee, Inc. (current position)			
	Attendance at meetings of the	Oct. 2019	Outside Director, RAKSUL INC. (current position)			
		Reasons for				
	Board of Directors:	managemen ORIX Corp Outside Dir business exc	The candidate has abundant experience and deep insight in corporate management gained from his extensive years of engaging in management of ORIX Corporation. The Company proposes the election of the candidate for Outside Director, believing that he will provide appropriate supervision for the business execution of the Company and useful advice from a broader perspective for the Company's overall management by utilizing his experience			

Notes:

- 1. There is no special interest between any of the candidates and the Company.
- Sadayuki Sakakibara and Yoshihiko Miyauchi are candidates for Outside Director. Both of them meet the "Independence Criteria for Outside Directors" established by the Company. Please refer to page 14 for the "Independence Criteria for Outside Directors."
 - Furthermore, the Company has entered into a special advisor (part-time) agreement with Sadayuki Sakakibara for the period from September 2018 to May 2019. The primary purpose for the agreement was to receive his opinions and suggestions concerning overall corporate management based on his abundant experience and insight, as well as to retain him until the 47th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on May 16, 2019 to which the proposal regarding the election of Directors is submitted, when obtaining informal consent from him to assume the position of Outside Director. His remuneration for this role was a total amount of less than ¥5 million, and therefore is considered to be an immaterial amount and judged not to affect his independence.
- 3. The Company reported Sadayuki Sakakibara and Yoshihiko Miyauchi as independent officers pursuant to the regulations of the Tokyo Stock Exchange and the Sapporo Securities Exchange. If their election is approved, the Company plans for their designation as independent officers.
- 4. Pursuant to the provisions of Article 427, paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, the Company has entered into an agreement with Sadayuki Sakakibara to limit his liability for damages under Article 423, paragraph 1 of the Companies Act to the minimum liability amount provided for by Article 425, paragraph 1 of the same Act. If his reelection is approved, the Company plans to renew the limited liability agreement with him. Also, with respect to Yoshihiko Miyauchi, if his election is approved, pursuant to the provisions of Article 427, paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, the Company plans to enter into an agreement with him to limit his liability for damages under Article 423, paragraph 1 of the Companies Act to the minimum liability amount provided for by Article 425, paragraph 1 of the same Act.
- 5. Regarding the attendance of Fumiaki Matsumoto and Sadayuki Sakakibara at meetings of the Board of Directors, since they were elected as Directors at the 47th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on May 16, 2019, the number indicated is the number of meetings held after they assumed office as Directors. Meetings of the Board of Directors were held 10 times since their appointment.

Proposal No. 2: Election of Four Directors who are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members

The terms of office of all four Directors who are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members will expire at the conclusion of this General Meeting. Therefore, the Company proposes the election of four Directors who are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members.

The Audit & Supervisory Committee has given its approval to this proposal.

The candidates for Directors who are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members are as follows:

Candidate No.	Nai	me	Current positions and responsibilities in the Company	Attendance at meetings of the Board of Directors	Attendance at meetings of the Audit & Supervisory Committee
1	[Reappointment]	Takao Kubo	Director (Full-time Member of Audit & Supervisory Committee)	13 out of 13 meetings (100%)	10 out of 10 meetings (100%)
2	[New appointment] [Outside] [Independent]	Takaharu Ando	Outside Director	13 out of 13 meetings (100%)	_
3	[Reappointment] [Outside] [Independent]	Kazuhiro Suzuki	Outside Director (Audit & Supervisory Committee Member)	13 out of 13 meetings (100%)	10 out of 10 meetings (100%)
4	[Reappointment] [Outside] [Independent]	Tsuneyoshi Tatsuoka	Outside Director (Audit & Supervisory Committee Member)	13 out of 13 meetings (100%)	10 out of 10 meetings (100%)

Candidate No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summary, position and responsibility in the Company, and significant concurrent positions outside the Company	Number of the Company's shares owned
1	Takao Kubo (January 14, 1946) [Reappointment] Attendance at meetings of the Board of Directors: 13 out of 13 meetings (100%) Attendance at meetings of the Audit & Supervisory Committee: 10 out of 10 meetings (100%)	Dec. 1977 Joined the Company Feb. 1989 General Manager of Management Policy Office of the Company May 1993 Full-time Corporate Auditor of the Company May 2001 Director & General Manager of Management Planning Office of the Company Apr. 2003 Director & General Manager of President's Office of the Company May 2004 Full-time Corporate Auditor of the Company Aug. 2010 Corporate Auditor of Nitori Co., Ltd. (current position) Corporate Auditor of Home Logistics Co., Ltd. (current position) May 2016 Director (Full-time Member of Audit & Supervisory Committee) of the Company (current position) Reasons for nomination as candidate for Director: The candidate has considerable knowledge regarding finance and accounting and has abundant experience covering the overall management gained from serving positions of Director & Corporate Auditor at the Company. Accordingly, the Company proposes the election of the candidate for Director who is Audit & Supervisory Committee Member.	20,652 shares

Candidate No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career sur	Career summary, position and responsibility in the Company, and significant concurrent positions outside the Company			
		Apr. 1972 Sept. 1994	Joined National Police Agency Chief of Gunma Prefectural Police Headquarters			
		Aug. 1999	Director of Public Security Department of Metropolitan Police Department			
	Takaharu Ando (August 31,	Aug. 2004	Director General of Commissioner-General's Secretariat of National Police Agency			
	1949)	Aug. 2007	Deputy Commissioner General of National Police Agency			
	[New	June 2009	Commissioner General of National Police Agency			
	appointment]	Oct. 2011	Retired from National Police Agency			
	[Outside]	May 2013	Outside Director of the Company (current position)			
	[Independent]	June 2016	Outside Director of AMUSE INC. (current position)			
2	Attendance at meetings of the Board of Directors: 13 out of 13 meetings (100%) Attendance at meetings of the	June 2017	Outside Director of ZENSHO HOLDINGS CO., LTD. (current position)	2,000		
2		June 2018	Outside Director of TOBU RAILWAY CO., LTD. (current position)	shares		
		Reasons for	nomination as candidate for Outside Director:			
		The candida	te has abundant experience and broad insight gained from serving			
		important p				
		Agency and appropriate				
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			utside Director: 7 years (at the conclusion of this meeting)			
			irector who is an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member: –			

Candidate No.	Name (Date of birth)	Car	eer sum	mary, position and responsibility in the Company, and significant concurrent positions outside the Company	Number of the Company's shares owned
		Apr.	1976	Appointed as public prosecutor	
		Jan.	2009	Director of the Criminal Affairs Department of Supreme Public Prosecutors Office	
		June	2010	Chief Prosecutor of Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office	
	V1-: C1-:	Aug.	2011	Superintending Prosecutor of Hiroshima High Public Prosecutors Office	
	Kazuhiro Suzuki (September 4, 1951)	June	2012	Superintending Prosecutor of Fukuoka High Public Prosecutors Office	
	1,01)	Jan.	2014	Retired from prosecutor position	
	[Reappointment]	May	2014	Registered as attorney (Dai-Ichi Tokyo Bar Association)	
	[Outside] [Independent]	June	2014	President of Japan International Training Cooperation Organization	
	Attendance at	May	2015	Corporate Auditor (Outside Corporate Auditor) of the Company	
	meetings of the Board of Directors: 13 out of 13 meetings (100%)	June	2015	Outside Auditor of Saitama Resona Bank, Limited	
3		May	2016	Outside Director (Audit & Supervisory Committee Member) of the Company (current position)	shares
		June	2019	Outside Director (Audit & Supervisory Committee Member) of Saitama Resona Bank, Limited (current position)	
	Attendance at	Reas	ons for	nomination as candidate for Outside Director:	
	meetings of the Audit & Supervisory Committee: 10 out of 10 meetings (100%)	as the Office approximate Continuous Compandi Tenui	The candidate is a legal professional who has served important positions such as the Superintending Prosecutor of the Fukuoka High Public Prosecutors Office and, utilizing his abundant experience and specialist insight, he provides appropriate opinions for the Company's management as an Outside Director of the Company. Although the candidate has not directly taken part in corporate management, based on the above reasons, the Company judges that he will continue to appropriately fulfill his duties as Outside Director. Accordingly, the Company proposes the election of the candidate for Outside Director who is Audit & Supervisory Committee Member. Tenure as Outside Director: 4 years (at the conclusion of this meeting) Tenure as Director who is an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member: 4 years (at the conclusion of this meeting)		

Candidate No.	Name (Date of birth)	Car	Career summary, position and responsibility in the Company, and significant concurrent positions outside the Company				
		Apr.	1980	Joined the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (currently Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry)			
	Tsuneyoshi	July	2008	Deputy Director-General in the Manufacturing Industries Bureau of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry			
	Tatsuoka (January 29,	July	2009	Director-General for Policy Planning and Coordination of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry			
	1958)	Jan.	2010	Councilor of Cabinet Secretariat			
	[Reappointment] [Outside]	Aug.	2011	Deputy Vice-Minister of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry			
	[Independent]	June	2013	Vice-Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry			
	Attendance at	July	2015	Retired from office			
4	meetings of the Board of	May	2016	Outside Director (Audit & Supervisory Committee Member) of the Company (current position)	_		
7	Directors:	June	2016	Outside Director of Asahi Kasei Corporation (current position)	shares		
	13 out of 13 meetings (100%)	June	2018	Outside Director of Mitsubishi Corporation (current position)			
	meetings (10070)	Reas	ons for	nomination as candidate for Outside Director:			
Attendance a meetings of t Audit & Supervisory Committee 10 out of 10 meetings (100		serving Industry and corporate with According to Direct Tenus	ng impostry and complia orate maill contingly orton who re as Our	te has abundant experience and specialist insight gained from ortant positions such as the Vice-Minister of Economy, Trade and utilizes them to strengthen the Company's corporate governance nee system. Although the candidate has not directly taken part in anagement, based on the above reasons, the Company judges that nue to appropriately fulfill his duties as Outside Director. In the Company proposes the election of the candidate for Outside to is Audit & Supervisory Committee Member. Lutside Director: 4 years (at the conclusion of this meeting) irector who is an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member: 4 years			
		(at th	e concl	usion of this meeting)			

Notes:

- 1. There is no special interest between any of the candidates and the Company.
- 2. Takaharu Ando, Kazuhiro Suzuki and Tsuneyoshi Tatsuoka are candidates for Outside Director, who all meet the "Independence Criteria for Outside Directors" established by the Company. Please refer to page 14 for the "Independence Criteria for Outside Directors."
- 3. The Company reported Takaharu Ando, Kazuhiro Suzuki and Tsuneyoshi Tatsuoka as independent officers pursuant to the regulations of the Tokyo Stock Exchange and the Sapporo Securities Exchange. If their election in this proposal is approved, the Company plans for their designation as independent officers.
- 4. Pursuant to the provisions of Article 427, paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, the Company has entered into agreements with Takao Kubo, Takaharu Ando, Kazuhiro Suzuki and Tsuneyoshi Tatsuoka to limit their liabilities for damages under Article 423, paragraph 1 of the Companies Act to the minimum liability amount provided for by Article 425, paragraph 1 of the same Act. If their election is approved, the Company plans to renew the limited liability agreement with each candidate.
- 5. Regarding the attendance of Takaharu Ando at meetings of the Board of Directors, the number indicated is the number of the attendance as Director (excluding Director who is Audit & Supervisory Committee Member).

Independence Criteria for Outside Directors

The Company designates Outside Directors who do not fall under any of the following items as independent Directors.

- 1) A person who is currently or was in the past ten years an executive director, executive officer, manager, or any other employee (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Executive") of the Company or a subsidiary of the Company.
- 2) A person or the Executive of a corporation who holds either directly or indirectly 10% or more of the total number of the voting rights of the Company.
- 3) A person or the Executive of a corporation for whom the Company or a subsidiary of the Company is a major business partner (Note 1), and a person or the Executive of a corporation who is a major business partner (Note 2) of the Company or a subsidiary of the Company.
- 4) The financial auditor or one of their employees, etc., for the Company or for a subsidiary of the Company.
- 5) A consultant, attorney at law, certified public accountant, certified public tax accountant, etc., who received from the Company or a subsidiary of the Company monetary payment or other property benefits exceeding \mathbb{\cuparrow}10 million annually other than director/corporate auditor remuneration (referring to the person belonging to the organization if the one who received the relevant property is an organization such as a corporation or partnership).
- 6) A person or the Executive of a corporation who received donations or aid funds exceeding ¥10 million annually from the Company or a subsidiary of the Company.
- 7) A person who has fallen under any of 2) through 6) in the past three years.
- 8) A person whose spouse or relative who is within the second degree of kinship falls under any of 1) through 7). However, in the event that the person who falls under 1) through 7) is the Executive, this is limited to the important Executive (Note 3).
- 9) Any other person, even if they do not fall under 1) through 8), for whom there is potential for constant conflict of interests with general shareholders as a whole.

Notes: 1. A business partner for whom 2% or more of its annual consolidated net sales in the most recent fiscal year was paid by the Company or a subsidiary of the Company.

- 2. A business partner who paid 2% or more of the annual consolidated net sales of the Company to the Company or a subsidiary of the Company in the most recent fiscal year, or a business partner who loaned money that makes up 2% or more of the consolidated total assets of the Company to the Company or a subsidiary of the Company at the end of the most recent fiscal year.
- 3. A person, among the Executives, who executes important business such as a director (excluding an outside director), executive officer, manager or a person in charge of a department.