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Securities Code: 5957

March 8, 2024

To Our Shareholders:

20 Umegahata, Inokura-Cho, Ayabe, Kyoto

### NITTOSEIKO CO., LTD.

Makoto Araga, President

## **Notice of the 118th Annual Meeting of Shareholders**

As always, we would like to start by thanking you for your continued support.

We would like to express our deepest sympathies to those affected by the 2024 Noto Peninsula Earthquake and wish for a speedy recovery.

The Company would hereby like to inform shareholders that the Company's 118th Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held as described below.

As the Annual Meeting of Shareholders has adopted Electronic Provision Measures, pursuant to Article 325-3 of the Companies Act, the items subject to Electronic Provision Measures are posted on our company website, so please visit the following website for your confirmation.

Our company website https://www.nittoseiko.co.jp/ir/ir calendar.html

The items of Electronic Provision Measures are posted on the website of the Tokyo Stock Exchange in addition to our company website. If you are unable to view the items of Electronic Provision Measures on our company website, please visit the following Tokyo Stock Exchange website (Listed Company Search), enter and search "Nittoseiko" in "Issue name (company name)" or our Securities Code "5957" in "Code," select "Basic information" and "Documents for public inspection/PR information," and then view the information listed on the "Notice of General Shareholders Meeting /Informational Materials for a General Shareholders Meeting" page.

Tokyo Stock Exchange website (Listed Company Search)

https://www2.jpx.co.jp/tseHpFront/JJK010010Action.do?Show=Show

If you are unable to attend the meeting on the date, you may also exercise your voting rights via the Internet or in writing (by postal mail). We kindly request you to read the Reference Document for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders and exercise your voting rights in conformity with the guide below no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2024.

1. Date and time: 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27, 2024

**2. Venue:** Meeting Room of the Company, 20 Umegahata, Inokura-Cho, Ayabe,

Kyoto

3. Purposes:

Items to be reported:

- 1. The business report, the consolidated financial statements and the results of consolidated financial statement audits by the Accounting Auditor and the Board of Auditors for the 118th business period (January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023)
- 2. The non-consolidated financial statements for the 118th business period (January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023)

### Items to be resolved:

**Item No. 1:** Appropriation of Retained Earnings

Item No. 2: Election of Nine (9) Directors
Item No. 3: Election of Two (2) Auditors

**Item No. 4:** Election of One (1) Substitute Auditor

### 4. Instructions on exercise of voting rights

(1) When exercising your voting rights via the Internet

If you wish to exercise your voting rights via the Internet, etc., please read the "Instructions on exercising your voting rights via the Internet, etc." below and exercise your voting rights by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2024.

(2) When exercising your voting rights in writing (by postal mail)

Please indicate your approval or disapproval on the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form and return it to us to arrive no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2024. If no approval or disapproval is indicated for each proposal, it will be treated as approved.

(3) If you exercise your voting rights more than once

If you exercise your voting rights both via the Internet, etc. and in writing (by postal mail), the exercise via the Internet will be treated as a valid exercise of voting rights. If you exercise your voting rights more than once via the Internet, etc., the last vote will be treated as a valid exercise of your voting rights.

- When you attend the meeting, we kindly request that you submit the enclosed Voting Right Exercise Form to the receptionist at the venue.
- In accordance with laws and regulations and Article 18, Paragraph 2 of our company's Articles of Incorporation, among the items of Electronic Provision Measures, the following items are not included in the documents to be delivered to shareholders who have requested the delivery of materials in paper-based format.
  - (1) "Matters concerning the development of a system for ensuring the appropriateness of operations" in the business report
  - (2) "Overview of the status of operation of the system for ensuring the appropriateness of operations" in the business report
  - (3) "Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Assets" in the Consolidated Financial Statements
  - (4) Consolidated Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements
  - (5) "Non-consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Assets" in the Financial Statements
  - (6) "Non-consolidated Notes" to Financial Statements

Accordingly, the contents of these documents are part of the business report, consolidated and non-consolidated financial statements audited by the Auditors in preparing the Auditors' Report, and the consolidated and non-consolidated financial statements audited by the Accounting Auditor in preparing the Accounting Auditors' Report.

If any amendment is made to the items of Electronic Provision Measures, a statement to that effect and
the items before and after the amendment will be posted on our above company website and the Tokyo
Stock Exchange website (Listed Company Search).



## Instructions on exercise of voting rights

Voting rights at a meeting of shareholders are precious rights of shareholders. Please ensure you read the Reference Document for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders before exercising your voting rights.

There are three ways to exercise your voting rights, as shown below.



# Exercise your voting rights by attending the meeting in person

Please submit the enclosed Voting Right Exercise Form to the venue reception desk.

Meeting Time & Date
Wednesday, March 27, 2024
1 p.m. (JST)
(reception starts at noon)



# Exercise your voting rights via the Internet

Please input your approval or disapproval for each of the items to be resolved in conformity with the instructions on the next page.

Exercise deadline
Tuesday, March 26, 2024
5 p.m. (JST)
(on an input completion basis)

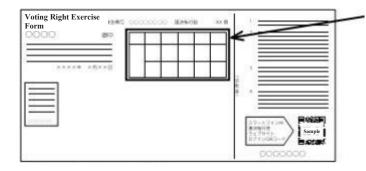


# Exercise your voting rights in writing (by postal mail)

Please indicate your approval or disapproval for each of the items to be resolved on the enclosed Voting Right Exercise Form and return it to the Company.

Exercise deadline
Tuesday, March 26, 2024
5 p.m. (JST)
(on an arrival basis)

### How to fill in your Voting Right Exercise Form



Please indicate here your approval or disapproval for each of the items to be resolved.

### Items 1 and 4

- If approving >> Put a circle in the "Approve" box
- If disapproving >> Put a circle in the "Disapprove" box

### Items 2 and 3

- If approving all the candidates
- If disapproving all >> the candidates
- If disapproving some candidates
- Put a circle in the "Approve" box
  - Put a circle in the "Disapprove" box
- Put a circle in the "Approve" box and fill in the number(s) of the candidates disapproved

<sup>\*</sup>The Voting Right Exercise Form is a conceptual image.

# Instructions on exercising your voting rights via the Internet

# By reading QR code: Smart Exercise®

You can log in to the voting right exercise website without entering your Voting Right Exercise Code and Password.

 Read the QR code shown on the lower right section of your Voting Right Exercise Form.



\*QR code is a registered trademark of Denso Wave Incorporated.

From then onwards, indicate approval or disapproval by inputting according to the diagram instructions.



# Exercise of your voting rights via Smart Exercise® can be done only once.

To revise the exercise of your voting rights after the exercise, you should access the website for PCs and log in by inputting your voting right exercise code and password shown on your Voting Right Exercise Form, and then exercise your voting rights again.

\*Reading the QR code again will let you transition to the website for PCs.

# By inputting voting right exercise code/password

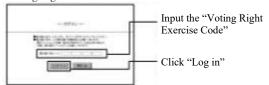
Voting right exercise website

https://www.web54.net

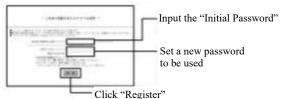
1. Access the voting right exercise website.



Please enter the "Voting Right Exercise Code" shown on the Voting Right Exercise Form.



Input the "Password" shown on your Voting Right Exercise Form.



4. From then onwards, indicate approval or disapproval by inputting according to the diagram instructions.

Should you have any doubt about how to use a PC, smartphone or mobile phone for exercising voting rights via the Internet, please feel free to inquire at the contact point shown on the right.

### Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank Securities proxy web support-dedicated telephone number

Tel.: 0120-652-031 (toll-free number) (Reception hours 9:00 - 21:00)

Institutional investors are able to use a voting rights electronic exercise platform for them that is run by ICJ, Inc.

<sup>\*</sup> The operational diagram is a conceptual image.

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

Meeting Agenda and Referential Matters

### Item No. 1: Appropriation of Retained Earnings

The Company deems the distribution of profits to shareholders as one of its most important management policies. Its basic policy on profit distribution is to continue to pay dividends stably and adequately in ways in keeping with its business performance while working to strengthen its corporate structure and accumulate internal reserves in preparation for future business expansion. The Company intends to pay an ordinary dividend of 9 yen per share, and appropriate retained earnings as follows.

- 1. Year-end dividend
  - (1) Form of dividends Cash payment
  - (2) Allocation of dividends to shareholders and total amount of dividends Dividend per common share of the Company: 9 yen Total amount of dividends: 335,272,815 yen
  - (3) Effective date on which dividends are disbursed from retained earnings March 28, 2024

As the Company paid an interim dividend of 9 yen per share in September last year, the annual dividend will be 18 yen per share.

- 2. Other appropriation of retained earnings
  - (1) Item causing higher retained earnings and its amount General reserve 1,000,000,000 yen
  - (2) Item causing lower retained earnings and its amount Retained earnings brought forward 1,000,000,000 yen

### Item No. 2: Election of Nine (9) Directors

The term of office of all nine (9) Directors will expire at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Accordingly, the Company requests the election of nine (9) Directors.

The candidates for Director are as follows.

Candidate No.	Name		Current Position and Responsibility at Company	Attendance at meetings of Board of Directors
1	Masami Zaiki	Re-election Male	Chairman Chief Executive Officer	14/14 times (100%)
2	Makoto Araga	Re-election Male	President Chief Operating Officer General Manager, Corporate Strategy Division	14/14 times (100%)
3	Shigehiro Yamazoe	Re-election Male	Director and Managing Corporate Officer General Manager, R&D & Production Technology Division General Manager, Control System Division	14/14 times (100%)
4	Nobuhiro Uejima	Re-election Male	Director and Corporate Officer General Manager, New Medical Division	14/14 times (100%)
5	Shinichi Matsumoto Re-election Male		Director and Corporate Officer General Manager, Financial Strategy Division General Manager, Domestic Business Division	13/14 times (93%)
6	Motoki Asai	Re-election Male	Director and Corporate Officer General Manager, Fastener Division	13/14 times (93%)
7	Mitsuru Shiomi	Re-election Male Outside Independent	Director	14/14 times (100%)
8	Kazuyuki Hirao	Re-election Male Outside Independent	Director	14/14 times (100%)
9	Konomi Katsumi	Re-election Female Outside Independent	Director	14/14 times (100%)

Notes: Outside and Independent represent candidates for Outside Director and independent officer, respectively.

Candidate No.	Name (Date of birth)	В	rief profile, position and responsibility, and significant concurrent positions	Number of the Company's shares owned		
1	Masami Zaiki (October 22, 1950) Re-election Male	March 1971 March 2005 March 2010 March 2011 March 2013 March 2019	Joined the Company Director Managing Director Representative Director and President Representative Director, President and Chief Executive Officer Chairman and CEO (incumbent)	87,205 shares		
1	Chairman since M and decision-mak Plan. He is nomin realization of the	served as Presid- Iarch 2023, drive ing ability toward ated for the posit Company's mana- own and sought a	ent of the Company since March 2013 and having bees the business management of the Group with a strong dachieving its long-term vision and the Medium-term ion of Director with the expectation that he will contragement vision of "Offering manufacturing solutions of the worldwide," with his high level of knowledge in the strong manufacturing solutions.	g leadership n Management ribute to the that will make		
2	Makoto Araga (October 11, 1968) Re-election Male	April 1991 March 2018 March 2019 March 2020 March 2021 March 2022	Joined the Company Director General Manager, Corporate Planning Department General Manager, Personnel and General Affairs Department General Manager, Audit Department Director and Corporate Officer in charge of business administration units Managing Director and Managing Corporate Officer in charge of business administration units Representative Director and Managing Corporate Officer in charge of business administration units Representative Director and Senior Managing Corporate Officer in charge of business administration units Representative Director and Senior Managing Corporate Officer in charge of business administration units and Head of Sustainability Promotion Office and President of Nitto Koshin Co., Ltd. President and COO, General Manager, Corporate Strategy Division (incumbent)	27,177 shares		
	(Reasons for nominating as candidate for Director) Mr. Araga has been performing the function of overseeing and supervising our overall operations in his capacity as COO, having been serving as President since March 2023. As General Manager of the Corporate Strategy Division, Mr. Araga also plays a central role in various ways, such as working towards achieving the Medium-term Management Plan, promoting sustainability management, reinforcing governance, and pursuing regional vitalization and health and productivity management under our founding philosophy. We expect that he will continue to play a leading role, and we continue to nominate him as a candidate for Director.					

Candidate No.	Name (Date of birth)	Bri	Number of the Company's shares owned			
3	Shigehiro Yamazoe (February 15, 1960)  Re-election Male	October 1989 April 2011 October 2014 March 2017 March 2019 March 2023	Joined the Company General Manager, Manufacturing Department, Control System Division General Manager, Production Engineering Department Director, General Manager, Control System Division General Manager, Production Engineering Department Director and Corporate Officer, General Manager, Control System Division General Manager, Production Engineering Department Director and Corporate Officer, General Manager, Production Engineering Department Director and Corporate Officer, General Manager, R&D & Production Technology Division and General Manager, Control System Division (incumbent)	14,602 shares		
	(Reasons for nominating as candidate for Director) Mr. Yamazoe has extensive knowledge of the inspection equipment industry through managing the Control System Division. As an officer in charge of R&D and production engineering units, he exercises leadership for promotion of each research theme and development of new businesses as well as our environment control activities towards improving global environments. He continues to be a candidate for Director in anticipation of his role in the expansion of the Control System business in the Medium-term Management Plan, environmental responsiveness in all business activities, and innovative research and development.					

Candidate No.	Name (Date of birth)	Brie:	Number of the Company's shares owned		
4	Nobuhiro Uejima (August 4, 1959) Re-election Male	November 1986 April 2008  October 2012  March 2015  March 2016  March 2019  March 2021	Joined the Company Managing Director of Shiho Screw Industrial Co., Ltd. and Chairman of Nitto Precision Screw Industrial (Zhejiang) Co., Ltd. General Manager, Quality Control Department, Fastener Division, the Company Director, Deputy General Manager of Fastener Division and General Manager of Manufacturing Division Director, General Manager of Fastener Division and Quality Control Division Director and Corporate Officer in charge of branch administration units and Tokyo Branch Manager Director and Corporate Officer, General Manager of Business Department, Medical New Business Division in charge of research & development unit, General Manager, Research & Development Department Director and Corporate Officer, General Manager, New Medical Division (incumbent)	21,328 shares	
	(Reasons for nominating as candidate for Director)  Mr. Uejima demonstrates leadership in promoting new businesses in the medical field by leveraging his awareness for innovation and global matters nurtured through managing the Fastener Division and overseas group companies. He continues to be a candidate for Director in anticipation of his role in the expansion of the medical business in the Medium-term Management Plan, including the practical application of in vivo dissolvable high-purity magnesium materials for medical use and the development of medical devices.				

Candidate No.	Name (Date of birth)		ief profile, position and responsibility, and significant concurrent positions	Number of the Company's shares owned			
		April 1987 April 2015 March 2018	Joined the Company General Manager of Finance Department Director and General Manager of Finance Department				
	Shinichi Matsumoto (October 16,	March 2019	Director and Corporate Officer in charge of finance unit, General Manager of Finance Department				
	1964)	March 2020	Director and Corporate Officer in charge of finance and audit units	13,952 shares			
5	Re-election Male	March 2022	Director and Corporate Officer in charge of finance and branch administration units				
		March 2023	Director and Corporate Officer, General Manager, Financial Strategy Division and General Manager, Domestic Business Division (incumbent)				
	Mr. Matsumoto contributes from a financial aspect to the management of our Company Group by utilizing his extensive knowledge in accounting and finance, while providing leadership in improving the management of bases in Japan and strengthening the governance structure. He continues to be a candidate for Director in anticipation of his role in the financial strategy of the Medium-term Management Plan and in supporting business expansion at bases in Japan.						
	-	April 1985	Joined the Company				
		October 2013 April 2015	Branch Manager, Osaka Branch Branch Manager, Nagoya Branch General				
	Motoki Asai	April 2013	Manager, Sales Department, Fastener Division				
	(January 14, 1967)	March 2019	Corporate Officer, Deputy General Manager of Fastener Division	0.405 -1			
	<b>D</b>	March 2020	Corporate Officer, General Manager of	9,405 shares			
6	Re-election Male	March 2022	Fastener Division Director and Corporate Officer, General				
6		March 2023	Manager, Fastener Division Director and Corporate Officer, General Manager, Fastener Division (incumbent)				
	(Reasons for nom	inating as candida					
			of the Fastener Business by leveraging his extensive				
			vanced information-gathering ability based on his sal				
			ates leadership in our effort to expand the business d				
			nues to be a candidate for Director in anticipation of the Medium-term Management Plan and improving				
		mizing the Group		management			

Candidate No.	Name (Date of birth)	Bri a	Number of the Company's shares owned			
7	Mitsuru Shiomi (July 29, 1962)  Re-election  Male  Outside  Independent	April 1989 July 2002 October 2006 April 2007 March 2008 March 2016 May 2019 October 2019 May 2021	Joined the Company Resigned from the Company Registered as a practicing attorney (Kyoto Bar Association) (incumbent) Established Shiomi Law Office (Kyoto City) Relocated Shiomi Law Office (Fukuchiyama City) (incumbent) Registered as Certified Public Tax Accountant (Kinki Certified Public Tax Accountants' Association) Outside Director of the Company (incumbent) Audit & Supervisory Board Member, SATO, Inc. Director, social welfare corporation Kuushinfukushikai (incumbent) Audit & Supervisory Board Member, Maizuru Warehouse Co., Ltd. (incumbent)	19,343 shares		
	(Reasons for nominating as candidate for Outside Director and outline of expected roles)  Mr. Shiomi provides appropriate advice by leveraging his advanced professional knowledge of legal matters, accounting and taxation. As a member of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, he also carries out an oversight function from an objective viewpoint in the process of nominating Directors and determining their remuneration and in setting the succession plan for the CEO, etc. He continues to be nominated as an outside Director with the expectation that he will provide advice on intellectual property and financial strategies, in addition to ensuring the transparency of the Board of Directors.					

Candidate No.	Name (Date of birth)	Brie ar	Number of the Company's shares owned		
8	Kazuyuki Hirao (May 29, 1951)  Re-election  Male  Outside  Independent	August 1998  December 2006 January 2013  July 2014  March 2017 April 2017  April 2017  June 2017 April 2018	Professor, Department of Material Chemistry, Graduate School of Engineering, Kyoto University President, Kyoto City Innovation Center President, Nanotechnology Hub, Kyoto University Chairman, Kyoto Green Chemical Network (incumbent) Outside Director of the Company (incumbent) Professor Emeritus (incumbent) and Specially Appointed Professor, Kyoto University President, Advanced Chemical Technology Center in Kyoto (incumbent) President, The Ceramic Society of Japan President, Katsura Innovation Center in Kyoto (incumbent)	5,716 shares	
	(Reasons for nominating as candidate for Outside Director and outline of expected roles)  Mr. Hirao has experience as head of many organizations and extensive knowledge as university professor, and gives us appropriate advice although he has not been directly involved in corporate operations expect for as outside director. As a member of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, he also carries out an oversight function from an objective viewpoint in the process of nominating Directors and determining their remuneration and in setting the succession plan for the CEO, etc. He continues to be nominated as an outside Director with the expectation that he will provide advice on monozukuri (manufacturing) contributing to the market materiality and financial strategies, in addition to ensuring the transparency of the Board of Directors.				

Candidate No.	Name (Date of birth)	Brie ar	Number of the Company's shares owned		
9	Konomi Katsumi (September 10, 1964)  Re-election Female Outside Independent	January 2000  January 2000  September 2005 April 2007  April 2007  April 2008 March 2019 July 2019	Registered as a Labor and Social Security Attorney (Osaka Association of Labor and Social Security Attorneys) Established Katsumi Labor and Social Security Attorney Office (incumbent) Founder and President of Three by Three Industrial Counselor (certified by the Association of Industrial Counselors) (incumbent) Registered as a Specified Labor and Social Security Attorney (SR-KYOTO Association) (incumbent) Career consultant (incumbent) Outside Director of the Company (incumbent) Representative Director, Three by Three Co., Ltd. (incumbent)	1,482 shares	
	(Reasons for nominating as candidate for Outside Director and outline of expected roles)  Ms. Katsumi, providing human capital consulting incorporating mental health and work-life balance perspectives as corporate business strategy elements, gives us appropriate advice towards vitalizing human resources as aimed for by the Company. As a member of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, she also carries out an oversight function from an objective viewpoint in the process of nominating Directors and determining their remuneration and in setting the succession plan for the CEO, etc. She continues to be nominated as an outside Director with the expectation that she will provide advice on human capital management to revitalize the organization, in addition to ensuring transparency of the Board of Directors.				

#### Notes:

- 1. There are no special conflicts of interest between each of the candidates and the Company.
- 2. Mr. Mitsuru Shiomi, Mr. Kazuyuki Hirao, and Ms. Konomi Katsumi are the candidates for Outside Director.
- 3. Mr. Mitsuru Shiomi's term in office as Outside Director of the Company will be eight years at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting of Shareholders.
- 4. Mr. Kazuyuki Hirao's term in office as Outside Director of the Company will be seven years at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting of Shareholders.
- 5. Ms. Konomi Katsumi's term in office as Outside Director of the Company will be five years at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting of Shareholders.
- 6. Mr. Mitsuru Shiomi served the Company as an employee in the past but satisfies the independence criteria stipulated by the Tokyo Stock Exchange in addition to requirements for an outside director prescribed by the Companies Act. If Mr. Shiomi is re-elected, the Company will continue to designate him as an independent officer and file the designation with the Exchange.
- 7. Mr. Kazuyuki Hirao and Ms. Konomi Katsumi satisfy the independence criteria stipulated by the Tokyo Stock Exchange in addition to requirements for an outside director prescribed by the Companies Act. If they are reelected, the Company will continue to designate them as independent officers and file the designation with the Exchange.
- 8. Pursuant to the provisions of Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, the Company has concluded an agreement with each of Mr. Mitsuru Shiomi, Mr. Kazuyuki Hirao, and Ms. Konomi Katsumi to limit their liability under Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Act. The Company will continue the agreement in the event they are reelected. The amount of liability under the agreement shall be limited to the minimum amount provided for by laws and regulations.
- 9. The Company has concluded with an insurance company a director liability insurance agreement as stipulated in Article 430-3, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, and the insurance agreement is intended to indemnify for legal damage liability and litigation expenses, etc. to be incurred by an insured entity. If nominees are re-elected, they will continue to be included as the insured under the insurance policy. The next renewal is expected to be without alteration.

### Item No. 3 Election of Two (2) Auditors

The term of office of Auditor Akira Kitatani and Hirokazu Tagano will expire at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Accordingly, the Company requests the election of two (2) Auditors.

In addition, the Board of Auditors has given consent to this proposed Item.

The candidate for Auditor is as follows.

Candidate No.	Name (Date of birth)	:	Number of the Company's shares owned			
1	Akira Kitatani (December 25, 1960)  Re-election  Male	April 1984 October 2005 October 2011 October 2014 March 2020 March 2021	Joined the Company General Manager, Planning Department General Manager, Planning Department General Manager, Internal Control Promotion Department Branch Manager, Tokyo Brach General Manager, Audit Department Corporate Auditor (incumbent)	17,776 shares		
	(Reasons for nominating as candidate for Auditor) Mr. Akira Kitatani assumed the position of Auditor in March 2021, and has been responsible for auditing the Company based on the insight he has accumulated in the internal audit at the Company, and his broad knowledge as a corporate person, including compliance. We continue to nominate Mr. Kitatani as a candidate for Auditor as we think he will appropriately perform audit and supervision duties at the Company.					
2	Masahiko Naka (June 20, 1960)  New candidate  Male  Outside  Independent	April 1985 June 2012 June 2015 June 2017 June 2019 June 2023	Joined the Bank of Kyoto, Ltd. Director, the Bank of Kyoto, Ltd. Managing Director, the Bank of Kyoto, Ltd. Senior Managing Director, the Bank of Kyoto, Ltd. Standing Corporate Auditor, the Bank of Kyoto, Ltd. President, Kyoto Soken Institute Co., Ltd. (currently Kyoto Soken Consulting Co., Ltd.)	0 shares		
	(Reasons for nominating as candidate for outside Auditor)  We have nominated Mr. Naka as a candidate for Outside Auditor as we think he will apply his advanced knowledge of corporate finance gained from his long years of experience at financial institutions to improve soundness and transparency of the Company's auditing operations from an independent standpoint.					

#### Notes:

- 1. There are no special conflicts of interest between Mr. Kitatani and Mr. Naka and the Company.
- 2. Mr. Naka is a new candidate for Outside Auditor.
- 3 There is no business relationship between Kyoto Soken Consulting Co., Ltd., where Mr. Naka serves as the President, and the Company.
- 4. Mr. Naka satisfies the independence criteria stipulated by the Tokyo Stock Exchange in addition to the requirements for an outside auditor prescribed by the Companies Act. If he is elected, the Company will designate him as an independent officer and file the designation with the Exchange.
- 5. If Mr. Naka is elected as Auditor, the Company will conclude an agreement with him to limit his liability under Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act pursuant to the provisions of Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the same Act. The amount of liability under the agreement shall be limited to the minimum amount provided for by laws and regulations.
- 6. The Company has concluded with an insurance company a director liability insurance agreement as stipulated in Article 430-3, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, and the insurance agreement is intended to indemnify for legal damage liability and litigation expenses, etc. to be incurred by an insured entity. If Mr. Kitatani is re-elected, he will continue to be included as the insured under the insurance policy. If Mr. Naka is elected, he will be included as the insured under the insurance policy. The next renewal is expected to be without alteration.

< Reference > Skill Matrix for Directors and Auditors (Planned) after Election

If Items No. 2 and No. 3 are approved as proposed, the composition of Directors and Auditors will be as shown below. In light of the Company's management strategy, we have elected those with expertise and experience to enable the Company to make appropriate and prompt decisions and supervise execution.

	Name	Organizational	Legal Affairs, Governance	Finance, Accounting		Sales, Marketing		Sustainability, ESG
	Masami Zaiki	•			•	•	•	
	Makoto Araga	•	•			•		•
	Shigehiro Yamazoe	•			•			•
<b>1</b>	Nobuhiro Uejima	•			•		•	
Director	Shinichi Matsumoto		•	•			•	
	Motoki Asai	•			•	•		
	Mitsuru Shiomi (Outside)		•	•				
	Kazuyuki Hirao (Outside)				•			•
	Konomi Katsumi (Outside)		•					•
Auditor	Akira Kitatani		•	•		•		
	Shinichiro Morita (Outside)	•	•		•			
▼	Masahiko Naka (Outside)	•	•	•				

### Item No. 4: Election of One (1) Substitute Auditor

As the appointment of a Substitute Auditor will expire at the commencement of this Annual Meeting of Shareholders, in preparing for the event where the number of Outside Auditors stipulated by law is not met, the Company requests the election of Mr. Hiroto Shikata as a substitute for Outside Auditor Shinichiro Morita and Outside Auditor Masahiko Naka, who will assume the office of Outside Auditor if Item No. 3 is approved as proposed.

In addition, the Board of Auditors has given consent to this proposed Item.

The candidate for substitute Auditor is as follows.

Name (Date of birth)	Brief pr	Number of the Company's shares owned	
Hiroto Shikata (July 27, 1968)  Outside Independent Male	April 1995  June 2006  November 2007  July 2011  July 2017  June 2019  June 2022	Registered as Registered Management Consultant (Kyoto Small and Medium Enterprise Management Consultant Association) (incumbent) Registered as Certified Public Accountant (The Japanese Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Keijikai) (incumbent) Registered as Certified Public Tax Accountant (Kinki Certified Public Tax Accountants' Association) (incumbent) Established MHC Advisory Service Co., Ltd. President (incumbent) Established MHC Tax Co. Representative Partner (incumbent) Vice Chairman, The Japanese Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Keijikai Vice Chairman, Kyoto Small and Medium Enterprise Management Consultant Association (incumbent)	0 shares

(Reasons for nominating as candidate for substitute outside Auditor)

As a certified public accountant and certified public tax accountant, Mr. Shikata is equipped with advanced specialized knowledge in corporate accounting and tax affairs. We have nominated Mr. Shikata as a candidate for Substitute Outside Auditor as we expect he will utilize such knowledge for enhancing the soundness and transparency of audit duties at the Company.

#### Notes:

- 1. There are no special conflicts of interest between Mr. Hiroto Shikata and the Company.
- 2. Mr. Hiroto Shikata is the candidate for Substitute Outside Auditor.
- 3. Mr. Hiroto Shikata satisfies the independence criteria stipulated by the Tokyo Stock Exchange in addition to requirements for an outside auditor prescribed by the Companies Act. If he is elected and assumes office, the Company will designate him as an independent officer and file the designation with the Exchange.
- 4. In the event Mr. Hiroto Shikata is elected and assumes office, the Company will conclude an agreement with him to limit his liability under Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act pursuant to the provisions of Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the same Act. The amount of liability under the agreement shall be limited to the minimum amount provided for by laws and regulations.
- 5. The Company has concluded with an insurance company a director liability insurance agreement as stipulated in Article 430-3, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, and the insurance agreement is intended to indemnify for legal damage liability and litigation expenses, etc. to be incurred by an insured entity. If Mr. Hiroto Shikata is elected and assumes office as Auditor, he will be included as the insured under the insurance policy. The next renewal is expected to be without alteration.