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Securities Code: 2531 June 2, 2017

To our shareholders:

Toshio Kakimoto Director and President **TAKARA HOLDINGS INC.** 20 Naginataboko-cho, Shijo-dori Karasuma Higashi-iru, Shimogyo-ku, Kyoto, Japan

# Notice of the 106th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

You are cordially invited to attend the 106th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of TAKARA HOLDINGS INC. (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 by either of the following methods. Please review the attached Reference Documents for General Meeting of Shareholders and exercise your voting rights by Wednesday, June 28, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. (JST)

## Voting by Mail

Please indicate your approval or disapproval of the proposals in the enclosed voting form and return it so that your vote is received by the voting deadline indicated above.

#### Voting via the Internet

Please review the "Instructions on Exercise of Voting Rights via the Internet" (in Japanese only), access to the voting website designated by the Company, and enter your approval or disapproval of the proposals according to on-screen instructions by the deadline indicated above.

- **1. Date and Time:** Thursday, June 29, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. (JST)
- 2. Venue: RIHG

RIHGA Royal Hotel Kyoto, 2nd floor, "Shunju"

Shimogyo-ku Higashihorikawa-dori Shiokoji-sagaru Taimatsu-cho 1, Kyoto

- Please note that the venue has changed this year.

## **3.** Purpose of the Meeting

## Matters to be reported:

- 1. The Business Report and the Consolidated Financial Statements for the 106th fiscal year (from April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017), and the results of audits of the Consolidated Financial Statements by the Accounting Auditor and the Audit & Supervisory Board
- 2. The Non-consolidated Financial Statements for the 106th fiscal year (from April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017)

## Matter to be resolved:

- Proposal No. 1 Appropriation of Surplus
- Proposal No. 2 Election of Nine Directors
- Proposal No. 3 Election of Three Audit & Supervisory Board Members
- Proposal No. 4 Revision of Remuneration Amount for Directors and Audit & Supervisory Board Members
- If you attend the meeting in person, please present the enclosed voting form at the venue's reception. The reception desk is scheduled to open at 9:00 a.m.
- If you attend the meeting in person, voting by mail or via the Internet in advance is not necessary.
- Of the documents that should be attached to the notice, the following documents are posted on the Company's website (http://www.takara.co.jp), pursuant to laws and regulations and the provisions of the Company's Articles of Incorporation, and are not attached to the notice. Consequently, the documents attached to the notice are part of the Consolidated Financial Statements and the Non-consolidated Financial Statements that were audited by the Accounting Auditor in preparing the financial audit report

and part of the Business Report, the Consolidated Financial Statements and the Non-consolidated Financial Statements that were audited by the Audit & Supervisory Board Members in preparing the audit report.

- (i) "Overview of Systems to Ensure Properness of Operations and Outline of Management of such Systems" and "Basic Guidelines on Company's Control" in the Business Report
- (ii) "Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity" and "Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements" in the Consolidated Financial Statements
- (iii) "Statement of Changes in Equity" and "Notes to the Non-consolidated Financial Statements" in the Non-consolidated Financial Statements
- If any revision is made to the Business Report, the Consolidated Financial Statements, the Non-consolidated Financial Statements and the Reference Documents for General Meeting of Shareholders, the Company will post such revision on the Company's website (http://www.takara.co.jp).
- The Company participates in "electronic voting platforms" for institutional investors operated by ICJ Inc.

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

# **Proposals and Reference Information**

## Proposal No. 1 Appropriation of Surplus

The Company views proactive profit returns to shareholders as one of its important management issues, and returns are provided after comprehensive consideration of a range of factors that include business performance, financial position and future business development.

In accordance with this policy, the Company proposes to pay year-end dividends for the fiscal year under review, increasing its common dividends by ¥2 from ¥11 per share in the previous fiscal year to ¥13 per share as follows:

## Year-end dividends

- (1) Type of dividend property Cash
- Allotment of dividend property to shareholders and their aggregate amount ¥13 per common share of the Company Total amount of dividend: ¥2,615,912,156
- (3) Effective date of dividends of surplus June 30, 2017

## (Reference)

Results in previous fiscal year	Current fiscal year
¥12 per share	
(Common dividends: ¥11)	¥13 per share
(90th anniversary commemorative dividends: ¥1)	-

## Proposal No. 2 Election of Nine Directors

The terms of office of all nine Directors, Hisashi Omiya, Toshio Kakimoto, Mutsumi Kimura, Koichi Nakao, Kazuyoshi Ito, Minoru Washino, Kenji Murata, Yukiko Yabu and Toshihiko Yoshida will expire at the conclusion of this meeting.

Therefore, the Company proposes the election of nine Directors.

The candidates for Director are as follows:

Please refer to page 15 and thereafter for the criteria for candidates for Director and the independence criteria for outside officers established by the Company.

Candidate no.	Name, date of birth, etc.	Career summary, position and responsibility in the Company, and significant concurrent positions outside the Company		Number of the Company's shares owned		
		Apr. 1968	Joined the Company			
		May 1974 June 1982	Director of the Company			
		June 1982 June 1988	Managing Director of the Company			
		June 1988 June 1991	Senior Managing Director of the Company Representative Director and Vice President of			
		June 1991	the Company			
	Hisashi Omiya	June 1993	Representative Director and President of the			
	[Reelection]		Company			
	June 9, 1943	Apr. 2002	Representative Director and President of the Company			
	Relationship of special interest		Representative Director and President of			
	in the Company: None		Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd.	435,450 shares		
			Chairman of Takara Bio Inc.			
1	Attendance at the Board of	June 2012	Representative Director and Chairman of the			
1	Directors meeting during the		Company			
	fiscal year under review:		Representative Director and Chairman of			
	12 of 12		Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd.			
			Chairman of Takara Bio Inc.			
			(to the present)			
		Significant concurrent positions outside the Company				
		<u>^</u>	e Director and Chairman of Takara Shuzo Co.,			
		Ltd.				
			Takara Bio Inc.			
	Reasons for nomination as candic					
			resentative Director of the Company for many years	•		
	~		ses and areas at the Group including the Company, T			
	Ltd. and Takara Bio Inc., and meets the criteria for candidates for Director established by the Company. Therefore, the Company nominated him as a candidate to continue serving as a Director.					
	Company nominated him as a car	nalidate to conti	inue serving as a Director.			

Candidate no.	Name, date of birth, etc.		nary, position and responsibility in the Company, cant concurrent positions outside the Company	Number of the Company's shares owned	
2	Toshio Kakimoto [Reelection] August 9, 1950 Relationship of special interest in the Company: None Attendance at the Board of Directors meeting during the	Apr. 1973 Apr. 2003 June 2003 June 2004 June 2010	Joined the Company Executive Officer of Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd. Director of Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd. Managing Director of Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd. Representative Director and Vice President of the Company Representative Director and Vice President of Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd. Representative Director and President of the Company Representative Director and President of	73,900 shares	
	fiscal year under review: 12 of 12		Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd. (to the present) ncurrent positions outside the Company e Director and President of Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd.		
	Reasons for nomination as candidate for Director Toshio Kakimoto has displayed his leadership as Representative Director of the Company, possesses not only abundant experience and track records in the areas of technology and supply at the Company and Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd. but also experience in supervision of personnel, alcoholic beverages business and seasonings business, and meets the criteria for candidates for Director established by the Company. Therefore, the Company nominated him as a candidate to continue serving as a Director.				
3	Mutsumi Kimura [Reelection] February 3, 1963 Relationship of special interest in the Company: None Attendance at the Board of Directors meeting during the fiscal year under review: 12 of 12 Reasons for nomination as candid	In charge of B Personnel, Ac & IT Promotic Significant co Senior Manag of Business M	ncurrent positions outside the Company ing Director of Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd. (in charge anagement, Accounting and Personnel)	27,300 shares	
	Reasons for nomination as candidate for Director Mutsumi Kimura has displayed leadership as Representative Director of the Company, possesses abundant experience and track records in the areas of management planning, finance, accounting, etc., at the Company, Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd., and Takara Bio Inc., and meets the criteria for candidates for Director established by the Company. Therefore, the Company nominated him as a candidate to continue serving as a Director.				

Candidate no.	Name, date of birth, etc.		mary, position and responsibility in the Company, icant concurrent positions outside the Company	Number of the Company's shares owned	
4	Koichi Nakao [Reelection] June 16, 1962 Relationship of special interest in the Company: See below Attendance at the Board of Directors meeting during the fiscal year under review: 12 of 12 Reasons for nomination as candid Kajabi Nakao possesses abundan	Representativ		17,600 shares	
	<ul> <li>Koichi Nakao possesses abundant experience and a track record at the bio business of Takara Bio Inc., and meets the criteria for candidates for Director established by the Company. Therefore, the Company nominated him as a candidate to continue serving as a Director.</li> <li>Relationship of special interest in the Company</li> <li>The Company has the following transactions with Takara Bio Inc., where Mr. Nakao serves as Representative Director.</li> <li>Licensing of the Company's trademarks</li> <li>Consigned operations and maintenance of information systems, consigned development, equipment rental, and sales of equipment, software and supplies</li> <li>Office (part of building owned by Takara Bio Inc.) rental</li> </ul>				
5		Senior Manag General Mana Directeur Gén Chairman of Chairman of late for Director t experience an or Director esta	Joined the Company Managing Executive Officer of Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd. Director of the Company Director and Managing Executive Officer of Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd. Director of the Company Managing Director of Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd. Director of the Company Senior Managing Director of Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd. (to the present) oncurrent positions outside the Company ging Director of Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd. (Chief ager of Overseas Business Division) néral of FOODEX S.A.S. the Board of The Tomatin Distillery Co., Ltd. the Board of Cominport Distribucion S.L. or d a track record in the overseas business at Takara S ablished by the Company. Therefore, the Company r		

Candidate no.	Name, date of birth, etc.	Career summary, position and responsibility in the Company, and significant concurrent positions outside the Company	Number of the Company's shares owned		
6	Minoru Washino [Reelection] April 23, 1955 Relationship of special interest in the Company: None Attendance at the Board of Directors meeting during the fiscal year under review: 12 of 12	Apr. 1978       Joined the Company         June 2013       Executive Officer of Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd.         June 2014       Director of the Company         Director of Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd.       (to the present)         Current responsibility in the Company       In charge of Environment & Public Relations and General         Affairs       Significant concurrent positions outside the Company         Director of Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd. (in charge of Environment & Public Relations, General Affairs and Quality Assurance)	33,800 shares		
	Reasons for nomination as candidate for Director Minoru Washino possesses abundant experience and track records in the areas of general affairs, legal affairs and compliance at the Company and Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd., and meets the criteria for candidates for Director established by the Company. Therefore, the Company nominated him as a candidate to continue serving as a Director.				
	Kenji Murata [Reelection] November 27, 1959	Apr. 1983Joined the CompanyJune 2010Director and Managing Executive Officer of Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd.June 2014Managing Director of Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd.June 2016Director of the Company			
7	Relationship of special interest in the Company: None Attendance at the Board of	Representative Director and Vice President of Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd. (to the present)	28,900 shares		
7	Directors meeting during the fiscal year under review: 7 of 7 (after appointment as Director)	Significant concurrent positions outside the Company Representative Director and Vice President of Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd. (In supervision of Domestic Business)			
	Reasons for nomination as candidate for Director Kenji Murata possesses not only abundant experience and track records in the areas of technology and supply, but also experience in charge of the seasonings and alcohol business and in supervision of domestic business at Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd., and meets the criteria for candidates for Director established by the Company. Therefore, the Company nominated him as a candidate to continue serving as a Director.				

Candidate no.	Name, date of birth, etc.		mary, position and responsibility in the Company, ficant concurrent positions outside the Company	Number of the Company's shares owned
		Apr. 1981 Apr. 2006 Jan. 2011	Joined Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. (currently Panasonic Corporation) Director of Lifestyle Value Research Laboratory, R&D Headquarters, Home Appliances Company of Panasonic Corporation Director of Global Consumer Research Center,	
	Yukiko Yabu [Reelection] <outside> <independent></independent></outside>	Apr. 2012	Corporate Brand Strategy Division of Panasonic Corporation Director of Consumer Research Center, Global Consumer Marketing Sector of Panasonic	
	June 23, 1958 Relationship of special interest in the Company: None	Apr. 2013	Corporation Director in charge of Consumer Research and Group Manager, Global Marketing Planning Center, Appliances Company of Panasonic Corporation	
	Attendance at the Board of Directors meeting during the fiscal year under review: 12 of 12	Mar. 2014 June 2014 June 2015	Retired from Panasonic Corporation Outside Director of Duskin Co., Ltd. (current position) Outside Director of the Company (current	0 share
	Tenure as outside Director of the Company: 2 years (at the conclusion of this meeting)	June 2016 June 2016	position) Outside Director of Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd. Outside Director of Daiwa House Industry Co., Ltd. (current position) Director (non-Executive Director) of Takara	
8		Director (nor Outside Dire	Shuzo Co., Ltd. (current position) (to the present) oncurrent positions outside the Company n-Executive Director) of Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd. ctor of Duskin Co., Ltd.	
	<ul> <li>records in the areas of plannin marketing, etc., could be incor meets the criteria for candidate nominated her as a candidate t</li> <li>She has never been involved in However, the Company judge reasons.</li> <li>She is a Director (non-Executi operator (subsidiary) of the Company o</li></ul>	ate for outside r outside Dire g and develop porated in the es for outside l o continue ser n the managen s that she will ve Director) o ompany.	ctor. The Company judges that her abundant experie ment of general consumable products, market resear- further enrichment of the Company's management s Director established by the Company. Therefore, the	ch and analysis, an tructure, and she Company n-executive officer based on the abov ted business
	concerning her appointment as exchange. Please note that tran she serves as outside Director, accounts for less than 0.1% of which is insignificant. Limited liability agreement The Company has entered into a l	s an independe nsactions (buil and the Comp each consolid imited liability	Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc., where the shares of the ent officer as provided for by the regulations of the at ding leases) exist between Daiwa House Industry Cobany's subsidiaries. However, the annual amount of the ated net sales of the Company and Daiwa House Industry of agreement with her to limit her liability for damage ph 1 of the Companies Act. If her election is approved	forementioned o., Ltd., for which he transactions ustry Co., Ltd., es to the total

Candidate no.	Name, date of birth, etc.		mary, position and responsibility in the Company, icant concurrent positions outside the Company	Number of the Company's shares
	Name, date of birth, etc. Toshihiko Yoshida [Reelection] <outside> <independent> March 18, 1955 Relationship of special interest in the Company: None Attendance at the Board of Directors meeting during the fiscal year under review: 7 of 7 (after appointment as Director) Tenure as outside Director of</independent></outside>		Icant concurrent positions outside the Company Joined Sendai Regional Taxation Bureau of National Tax Agency Special Officer for Research on Tax of Tax Bureau of Ministry of Finance District Director of Choshi Tax Office, Tokyo Regional Taxation Bureau of National Tax Agency Special Officer (Liquor Tax and Industry) of Second Taxation Department, Tokyo Regional Taxation Bureau of National Tax Agency Director (Liquor Tax and Industry) of Liquor Tax and Industry Division, Taxation Department of National Tax Agency Director of the Planning Division, Management and Co-ordination Department, Tokyo Regional Taxation Bureau of National Tax Agency Director of the Liquor Tax and Industry Division, Second Taxation Department, Tokyo Regional Taxation Bureau of National Tax Agency Director of the Liquor Tax and Industry Division, Second Taxation Department, Tokyo Regional Taxation Bureau of National Tax Agency Director of the Consumption Tax Office, Taxation Department of National Tax Agency Regional Commissioner of the Takamatsu Regional Taxation Bureau of National Tax	
9	1 year (at the conclusion of this meeting)	Director of Ta	Agency Retired from National Tax Agency Tax accountant of Toshihiko Yoshida Certified Tax Accountant Office (current position) Outside Director of the Company (current position) Director (non-Executive Director) of Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd. (current position) (to the present) oncurrent positions outside the Company akara Shuzo Co., Ltd. (non-Executive Director) nt of Toshihiko Yoshida Certified Tax Accountant	
	<ul> <li>record in tax affairs could be i meets the criteria for candidat nominated him as a candidate</li> <li>He has never been involved in However, the Company judge reasons.</li> <li>He is a Director (non-Executiv (subsidiary) of the Company.</li> <li>He fulfills the requirements of Company has submitted notific concerning his appointment as exchange.</li> <li>Limited liability agreement The Company has entered into a line</li> </ul>	Office late for outside late for outside ncorporated in es for outside I to continue ser the manageme s that he will ap ve Director) of the independe cation to the To s an independer	Director, etc. Director. The Company judges that his abundant ex the further enrichment of the Company's managem Director established by the Company. Therefore, the	ent structure, and he Company -executive officer. based on the above ed business operator ompany, and the Company are listed, orementioned es to the total

## Proposal No. 3 Election of Three Audit & Supervisory Board Members

The terms of office of the three Audit & Supervisory Board Members, Toshihito Yamanaka, Shinji Ueda and Tomoyuki Mieda will expire at the conclusion of this meeting.

Therefore, the Company proposes the election of three Audit & Supervisory Board Members.

In addition, the consent of the Audit & Supervisory Board has been obtained for this proposal.

The candidates for Audit & Supervisory Board Member are as follows:

Please refer to page 15 and thereafter for the criteria for candidates for Audit & Supervisory Board Member and the independence criteria for outside officers established by the Company.

Candidate no.	Name, date of birth, etc.		nary and position in the Company, and significant oncurrent positions outside the Company	Number of the Company's shares owned
1	Toshihito Yamanaka [Reelection] <outside> January 26, 1961 Relationship of special interest in the Company: None Attendance at the Board of Directors meeting during the fiscal year under review: 12 of 12 Attendance at the Audit &amp; Supervisory Board meeting during the fiscal year under review: 14 of 14 Tenure as Audit &amp; Supervisory Board Member of the Company: 4 years (at the conclusion of this meeting)</outside>	Apr. 1984 Oct. 2006 Apr. 2009 Apr. 2010 Apr. 2012 Apr. 2013 June 2013 June 2013 June 2016 Significant co	Joined The Fuji Bank, Limited General Manager of Meguro Branch of Mizuho Bank, Ltd. General Manager of Financial Institutions and Public-Sector Entities Management Department, Corporate Officer Assistant to Supervising Officer of Financial Institutions and Public Sector Business Unit, and Councilor of Human Resource Management Department, of Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd. General Manager of Sapporo Branch of Mizuho Bank, Ltd. General Manager of Branch Banking Department No. 3 of Mizuho Bank, Ltd. Deputy Director-General of Group Human Resources Division of Mizuho Bank, Ltd. Retired from Mizuho Bank, Ltd. Standing Audit & Supervisory Board Member (outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member) of the Company (current position) Audit & Supervisory Board Member) of Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd. Audit & Supervisory Board Member of Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd. (current position) (to the present)	4,500 shares
	<ul> <li>Toshihito Yamanaka is a cand successive key positions he se experience and track records i Company's audit system, and established by the Company. To outside Audit &amp; Supervisory II</li> <li>He has never been involved in However, the Company judge Member based on the above reference He has a solid knowledge of ffinancial institutions, and othe</li> <li>He is an Audit &amp; Supervisory operator (subsidiary) of the Con affiliated business operator of Business Report; however, the Except for this, there is no con Limited liability agreement The Company has entered into a I amount under each item of Article</li> </ul>	late for outside idate for outside idate for outside rved at Mizuho n financial inst he meets the ci Therefore, the G Board Member the managemo s that he will a easons. inance and acc r experience. Board Membe ompany. He was the Company e amount of loa afflict with the i imited liability e 425, paragrag	ervisory Board Member of Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd. Audit & Supervisory Board Member, etc. de Audit & Supervisory Board Member. The Compa o Bank, Ltd. and Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd. and h itutions could be incorporated in the further enrichm riteria for candidates for outside Audit & Supervisor Company nominated him as a candidate to continue ent of a company except as an outside officer or non ppropriately fulfill his duties as an outside Audit & S ounting gained through many years of operational ez r of Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd., which is a specified aff as also a business executive of Mizuho Bank, Ltd., w (a lender noted in 1. (10) "Major lenders" of the abo uns was less than 2% of consolidated total assets of t ndependence criteria established by the Company. v agreement with him to limit his liability for damago oh 1 of the Companies Act. If his election is approve ue this limited liability agreement.	his many years of hent of the y Board Member serving as an -executive officer. Supervisory Board xperience at filiated business which is a specified ve-mentioned he Company).

Candidate no.	Name, date of birth, etc.	Career summary and position in the Company, and significant concurrent positions outside the Company		Number of the Company's shares owned	
2	Shinji Ueda [Reelection] January 24, 1953 Relationship of special interest in the Company: None Attendance at the Board of Directors meeting during the fiscal year under review: 11 of 12 Attendance at the Audit & Supervisory Board meeting during the fiscal year under review: 13 of 14	-	Joined the Company General Manager of Secretarial Office of the Company General Manager of Secretarial Office of the Company General Manager of Secretarial Office of Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd. Audit & Supervisory Board Member of the Company Standing Audit & Supervisory Board Member of Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd. (to the present) oncurrent positions outside the Company dit & Supervisory Board Member of Takara Shuzo	6,800 shares	
	Reasons for nomination as candidate for Audit & Supervisory Board Member Shinji Ueda possesses abundant experience and a track record as General Manager of the Secretarial Office of the Company and of Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd., and meets the criteria for candidates for Audit & Supervisory Board Member established by the Company. Therefore, the Company nominated him as a candidate to continue serving as an Audit & Supervisory Board Member.				

Candidate no.	Name, date of birth, etc.		mary and position in the Company, and significant oncurrent positions outside the Company	Number of the Company's shares owned
3	Tomoyuki Mieda [Reelection] <outside> June 20, 1956 Relationship of special interest in the Company: None Attendance at the Board of Directors meeting during the fiscal year under review: 12 of 12 Attendance at the Audit &amp; Supervisory Board meeting during the fiscal year under review: 14 of 14 Tenure as Audit &amp; Supervisory Board Member of the Company: 4 years (at the conclusion of this meeting)</outside>	-	Joined The Norinchukin Bank General Manager of Akita Branch of The Norinchukin Bank Deputy General Manager of Development Investment Division of The Norinchukin Bank Deputy General Manager of Personnel Division of The Norinchukin Bank General Manager of Fukuoka Branch of The Norinchukin Bank General Manager of Treasury & Forex Division of The Norinchukin Bank General Manager of the Internal Audit Division and Chief Internal Auditor of The Norinchukin Bank Audit & Supervisory Board Member of The Norinchukin Bank Retired as Audit & Supervisory Board Member of The Norinchukin Bank Audit & Supervisory Board Member (outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member) of the Company (current position) Standing Audit & Supervisory Board Member (outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member) of Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd. Standing Audit & Supervisory Board Member of Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd. (current position) (to the present) oncurrent positions outside the Company dit & Supervisory Board Member of Takara Shuzo	6,400 shares
	<ul> <li>Tomoyuki Mieda is a candidat successive key positions he se financial institutions could be the criteria for candidates for of the Company nominated him a</li> <li>He has never been involved in However, the Company judge: Member based on the above re</li> <li>He has a solid knowledge of fi financial institutions, and othe</li> <li>He is a Standing Audit &amp; Supp business operator (subsidiary) which is a specified affiliated above-mentioned Business Re Company). Except for this, the Limited liability agreement The Company has entered into a 1 amount under each item of Article</li> </ul>	te for outside <i>A</i> rved at the No incorporated i outside Audit <i>d</i> as a candidate the managem s that he will a easons. inance and acc r experience. ervisory Board of the Compa business opera port; however ere is no confli imited liability e 425, paragrag	Audit & Supervisory Board Member, etc. Audit & Supervisory Board Member. The Company rinchukin Bank and his many years of experience an n the further enrichment of the Company's audit syst & Supervisory Board Member established by the Con to continue serving as an outside Audit & Supervisor ent of a company except as an outside officer or non ppropriately fulfill his duties as an outside Audit & S counting gained through many years of operational est Member of Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd., which is a spect ny. He was also a business executive, etc., of The No tor of the Company (a lender noted in 1. (10) "Majo , the amount of loans was less than 2% of consolidation to the the independence criteria established by the of y agreement with him to limit his liability for damage ph 1 of the Companies Act. If his election is approve ue this limited liability agreement.	d track records in teem, and he meets mpany. Therefore, ry Board Member. -executive officer. Supervisory Board xperience at dified affiliated princhukin Bank, r lenders" of the ed total assets of the Company.

#### Proposal No. 4 Revision of Remuneration Amount for Directors and Audit & Supervisory Board Members

The annual fixed remuneration amount of not more than ¥126 million for the Company's Directors (including the annual amount of not more than ¥10 million for outside Directors) was resolved at the 104th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 26, 2015, and a monthly remuneration amount of not more than ¥6 million for the Company's Audit & Supervisory Board Members (equivalent to not more than ¥72 million annually) was resolved at the 82nd Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 29, 1993, respectively. Each amount has remained unchanged to the present. However, taking into consideration such factors as the increase of duties of outside Directors and Audit & Supervisory Board Members to strengthen the Company's corporate governance and changes in economic conditions and the business environment, the Company would like to change each remuneration amount as follows:

- 1. Fixed remuneration amount for Directors
- Not more than ¥136 million annually (of which not more than ¥20 million is for outside Directors)
- 2. Fixed remuneration amount for Audit & Supervisory Board Members
  - Not more than ¥120 million annually

The Company proposes that the allocation of remuneration shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors for the payment to the Directors and to deliberations among the Audit & Supervisory Board Members for the payment to the Audit & Supervisory Board Members. In addition, the remuneration amount for Directors will not include the portion paid as salaries to employees serving concurrently as Directors as before.

The current number of Directors is nine (including two outside Directors). If Proposal No. 2 is approved in its original form, the number of Directors will be nine (including two outside Directors), which is the same as the current number. The current number of Audit & Supervisory Board Members is five (including three outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members). If Proposal No. 3 is approved in its original form, the number of Audit & Supervisory Board Members will be five (including three outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members), which is the same as the current number.

(Note) Remuneration for the Company's Directors is comprised of the amount of fixed remuneration and performance-linked remuneration (The annual amount of performance-linked remuneration shall not exceed 1% of consolidated operating profit for the previous fiscal year. However, this only applies to Directors other than outside Directors.), and the Company does not revise the amount of performance-linked remuneration.

### (Reference)

# Policy and Procedure for Election of Senior Management and Nomination of Candidates for Director and Audit & Supervisory Board Member

Representative Director and President and the other Representative Directors, based on the following criteria, hold discussions about senior management and candidates for Director and then submit proposals to the Board of Directors meeting for final decisions.

- These individuals must have outstanding character and knowledge, as well as the ability to recognize and solve management issues from a perspective of management as a whole.
- Inside Directors must have sufficient knowledge, experience and track records in their respective fields of expertise, as well as outstanding skill concerning the operation of an organization.
- Outside Directors must have considerable experience in their respective fields, as well as the capability to provide advice and suggestions from an independent standpoint for ensuring that decisions of the Board of Directors meeting are valid and appropriate.

Representative Director and President and the other Representative Directors, based on the following criteria, hold discussions about candidates for Audit & Supervisory Board Member, obtain consent from the Audit & Supervisory Board, and then submit proposals to the Board of Directors meeting for final decisions.

- These individuals must have outstanding character and knowledge, as well as the ability to recognize management issues and advise management from a perspective of management as a whole.
- Inside Audit & Supervisory Board Members must have sufficient knowledge, experience and track records in their respective fields of expertise.
- Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members must have considerable experience in their respective fields, as well as the capability to provide advice and suggestions from an independent standpoint for ensuring that decisions of the Board of Directors meeting are valid and appropriate.

# **Independence Criteria for Outside Officers**

The Company determines that outside Directors and outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members (hereinafter "outside officers") are independent of the Company if they fulfill all of the following requirements.

- Fulfillment of the following requirement presently and at any time in the past: The individual was never a business executive (an Executive Director, an Executive Officer, or a manager or other employee, same hereinafter) of the Company or a subsidiary or related company of the Company (hereinafter the "Group").
- 2. Fulfillment of all of the following requirements presently and at any time during the previous five years:
  - (1) Not a major shareholder (a party who owns at least 10% of the total of voting rights directly or indirectly) or a business executive thereof
  - (2) Not a company or other organization in which the Group owns at least 10% of the total of voting rights or a business executive thereof
  - (3) Not a major business partner (an entity where transactions with the Group account for at least 2% of consolidated sales in the Company's fiscal year) with the Group or a business executive thereof
  - (4) Not an entity where the Group is a major business partner (an entity where transactions with the Group account for at least 2% of consolidated sales of that entity's fiscal year) or a business executive thereof
  - (5) Not a major provider of loans to the Group (a lender where loans to the Group account for at least 2% of the Company's consolidated total assets; however, even when this is not applicable, a lender is treated as a major provider of loans to the Group if it is included in the list of major lenders in the Company's Business Report or other report) or a business executive thereof
  - (6) Not an attorney at law, certified public accountant, tax accountant, consultant or other provider of professional services (for services provided by companies and other organizations, not an individual who provides the service as a member of the company or organization) who has received from the Group annual compensation, etc., of at least ¥10 million separately from compensation received from the Group as an officer

- (7) Not an Accounting Auditor (for a company, not an individual performing the service as a member of the company) of the Group
- (8) Not an individual (for a company or other organization, not an individual performing business activities as a member of the company or organization) who has received an annual donation of at least ¥10 million from the Group
- (9) Not a business executive of a company, between which and the Company outside officers are mutually appointed (a business executive of the Group is an outside officer of a company outside the Group and a business executive of that company outside the Group is an outside officer of the Company)
- (10) Not a close relative (spouse or persons within the second degree of kinship) is a business executive (if an employee, must be a department's general manager or higher) of the Group or violates any of the preceding criteria (1) through (9) (but for a company business executive, if an employee, must be a department's general manager or higher; if the individual is a member of an organization other than a company, must be a person who performs significant business tasks)
- 3. In addition, not an individual for whom there is justification for a rational judgment that the individual is unable to perform the duties of an independent outside officer