

(Translation)

Securities Code: 8377

June 2, 2011

Dear Shareholders:

Shigeo Takagi
President & CEO
Hokuhoku Financial Group, Inc.
1-2-26 Tsutsumicho-dori, Toyama-city, Toyama

Convocation Notice of the 8th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders

We would like to express our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to all those who have suffered from disasters as a result of Great East Japan Earthquake. We wish and pray for the earlier revival.

This is to inform you that the 8th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of Hokuhoku Financial Group, Inc. (“the Company”) will be held as described below. You are cordially invited to attend the meeting.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may exercise your voting rights in writing or by electromagnetic method (using the Internet* etc.) after careful examination of the Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders contained herein. Please indicate your approval or disapproval of the proposals on the Voting Rights Exercise Form enclosed herewith or vote by electromagnetic method for exercise of voting rights designated by the Company after reading instruction in Page 11 and 12 of this notice, so as to ensure that such vote reaches us by 5:10 p.m., Thursday, June 23, 2011.

* For voting via the Internet, please access website (<http://www.it-soukai.com/>) designated by the Company.

1. Date and time: June 24, 2011 (Friday) at 10:00 a.m.

2. Place: 6th floor Conference Room
Head office of The Hokuriku Bank, Ltd.
1-2-26 Tsutsumicho-dori, Toyama-city, Toyama

3. Agenda:

Matters to be reported:

8th business year (April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011) Business Report, Consolidated Financial Statements, Non-Consolidated Financial Statements, and Audit Report on Consolidated Financial Statements by the Accounting Auditor and Board of Corporate Auditors

Matters to be resolved:

- Proposal 1: Appropriation of Surplus
- Proposal 2: Election of Eight (8) Directors
- Proposal 3: Election of two (2) Corporate Auditors
- Proposal 4: Election of one (1) Corporate Auditor as a substitute
- Proposal 5: Granting a condolence benefit for a retired Corporate Auditor and a retirement benefit for a retiring Corporate Auditor

4. Exercise of Voting Rights

- (1) No indication on the voting form of your approval or disapproval for any proposal shall be treated as an indication of approval.
- (2) Treatment of voting rights exercised multiple times
 - A. If you send Voting Rights Exercise Form multiple times, the last vote cast shall be treated as the valid vote.
 - B. Should you exercise your voting rights by completing the Voting Rights Exercise Form and by using the designated electromagnetic method, the vote cast by electromagnetic method shall be deemed to be the valid vote regardless of the time the Voting Rights Exercise Form reaches us.
 - C. If you exercise your voting rights by electromagnetic method more than once, the last vote cast shall be the valid vote.
- (3) If you wish to exercise your voting rights through a proxy, you must appoint only one
 - (1) proxy from shareholders with voting rights and submit a letter of attorney attached with the Voting Rights Exercise to the receptionist.
- (4) If you attend the meeting, please present the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form to the reception desk.
- (5) If any revisions are made to Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders, Business Report, Non-Consolidated Financial Statements and Consolidated Financial Statements, the revisions will be posted on the Company website (<http://www.hokuhoku-fg.co.jp/>).
- (6) The reception desk is open at 9:00A.M.

<p>This is a partial translation of the original Japanese “Convocation Notice of the 8th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders” prepared for the convenience of non-resident shareholders. In case of any discrepancy between any part of this translation and the original Japanese text, the Japanese original shall prevail.</p>
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Proposal 1: Appropriation of Surplus

Our dividend policy is to ensure financial foundation and stable distribution of dividends, based on the public function of financial services that our group companies provide. We propose to JPY 0.25 increases in year-end dividend per common share, considering for the business results of this year and accumulation of capital surplus.

(1) Type of dividend property: Cash

(2) Matters concerning the allocation and total amount of dividend property:

	(Dividend per share)	(Dividend amount)
Common shares	¥3.75	¥5,210,949,361
1st series Type 5 Preferred shares	¥7.50	¥805,734,675
Total		¥6,016,684,036

(Notes) There were no interim dividends for common shares in the end of 2nd quarter. Interim and year-end dividends for 1st series Type 5 Preferred shares are JPY 7.5 per share respectively, as specified in advance.

(3) Date on which dividends from surplus shall be effective: June 27, 2011

Proposal 2: Election of Eight (8) Directors

In order to fill the vacant offices of all eight (8) Directors, whose terms of office will expire upon the conclusion of this Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, we ask for the election of eight (8) Directors.

The candidates for Directors are as follows:

No	Name (Date of birth) Career Summary (Titles and Assignments in the Company and subsidiary banks and concurrent positions of other organizations)	Type and Number of Shares of the Company held
1	<p>Shigeo Takagi (April 2,1948)</p> <p>April 1971 Joined The Hokuriku Bank, Ltd. June 1996 Head of Planning Division, Secretary Office and Accounting Office of the said bank June 1998 Director and Head of Planning Division, Secretary Office and Accounting Office of the said bank January 2000 Director and Head of Planning Division and Secretary Office of the said bank June 2002 President of the said bank (present position) September 2003 President and CEO of the Company (present position) April 2009 Representative Manager of Toyama Association of Corporate Executives (present position)</p> <p>(Important concurrent positions of other organizations) President and Representative Director of The Hokuriku Bank, Ltd. Representative Manager of Toyama Association of Corporate Executives</p>	Common shares 102,000 shares
2	<p>Yoshihiro Sekihachi (May 26,1955)</p> <p>April 1979 Joined The Hokkaido Bank, Ltd. July 1999 Manager and Head of Management Planning Group of the said bank June 2001 Director and Executive Officer of the said bank June 2002 Representative Director and Executive Officer of the said bank June 2003 President of the said bank (present position) September 2004 Deputy President of the Company (present position)</p> <p>(Important concurrent position of another organization) President and Representative Director of The Hokkaido Bank, Ltd.</p>	Common shares 39,200 shares
3	<p>Satoshi Kawai (October 26,1948)</p> <p>April 1971 Joined The Hokuriku Bank, Ltd. June 1996 Head of Branch Division of the said bank June 1998 Director and Head of Branch Division and Sales Promotional Planning Office of the said bank June 1999 Director and General Manager of Head Office Business Division of the said bank June 2002 Senior Managing Director of the said bank September 2003 Representative Director of the Company June 2004 Deputy President and Representative Director of the said bank (present position) September 2004 Director of the Company Part-time Director of the Hokkaido Bank, Ltd. (present position) June 2009 Director of the Company (Sub-charge of Audit Group) (present position)</p> <p>(Important concurrent position of another organization) Deputy President and Representative Director of The Hokuriku Bank, Ltd.</p>	Common shares 85,000 shares

No	Name (Date of birth) Career Summary (Titles and Assignments in the Company and subsidiary banks and concurrent positions of other organizations)	Type and Number of Shares of the Company held
4	<p>Masahiro Sasahara (February 21,1957)</p> <p>April 1979 Joined The Hokkaido Bank, Ltd. June 2001 General Manager of Tsukisamu Branch of the said bank July 2002 Manager and head of Sales Promotion Planning Group of the said bank May 2003 Executive Officer of the said bank June 2003 Director and Executive Officer of the said bank June 2005 Director and Managing Executive Officer of the said bank (Head of Sales Promotion Section) October 2005 Director and Managing Executive Officer of the said bank (Head of Sales Promotion Section and Corporate Sales Division) June 2006 Director and Managing Executive Officer of the said bank (Head of Sales Promotion Section) June 2010 Deputy President and Representative Director of the said bank (present position) Director of the Company (present position) (Important concurrent position of another organization) Deputy President and Representative Director of The Hokkaido Bank, Ltd.</p>	Common shares 12,600 shares
5	<p>Taminori Iwasaki (February 17,1949)</p> <p>April 1971 Joined The Hokuriku Bank, Ltd. June 1998 Head of First Loan Division of the said bank June 2001 Executive Manager and General Manager of Fukui Branch of the said bank April 2003 Executive Officer and General Manager of Fukui Branch of the said bank June 2003 Managing Executive Officer, Head of Fukui Regional Business Division and General Manager of Fukui Branch of the said bank September 2003 Managing Executive Officer and Head of Fukui Regional Business Division of the said bank April 2004 Managing Executive Officer and Head of Fukui Regional Business Division and Meihan Regional Business Division of the said bank June 2006 Director, Managing Executive Officer, Head of Fukui Regional Business Division and Deputy Head of Meihan Regional Business Division of the said bank June 2007 Director, Managing Executive Officer and Head of Fukui Regional Business Division of the said bank April 2009 Director, Managing Executive Officer and Deputy Head of Fukui Regional Business Division of the said bank June 2009 Director and Senior Managing Executive Officer of the said bank (present position) Director of the Company (present position) (Important concurrent position of another organization) Director and Senior Managing Executive Officer of The Hokuriku Bank, Ltd.</p>	Common shares 36,000 shares

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6	<p>Tetsuya Kitani (November 11,1956)</p> <p>April 1979 Joined The Hokkaido Bank, Ltd.</p> <p>April 1998 General Manager of Tottori Branch of the said bank</p> <p>April 2000 Manager of Risk Management Group of the said bank</p> <p>June 2001 General Manager of Kita-Nijuyojo Branch of the said bank</p> <p>April 2003 Deputy General Manager of Head office Business Division of the said bank</p> <p>June 2005 General Manager of Sapporo-ekimae Branch of the said bank</p> <p>June 2008 Executive Officer of the said bank (Head of loan section and loan division)</p> <p>June 2009 Managing Executive Officer of the said bank (Head of loan section and loan division)</p> <p>June 2010 Director of the Company (In charge of Risk Management and Audit Groups) (present position)</p> <p>Part-time Director of the Hokuriku Bank, Ltd. (present position)</p>	Common shares 13,000 shares
7	<p>Eishin Ihori (August 20,1956)</p> <p>April 1979 Joined The Hokuriku Bank, Ltd.</p> <p>June 2004 Deputy General Manager of Planning Division of the said bank</p> <p>September 2004 Deputy General Manager of Planning Division of the said bank (Transferred to and in charge of the Company)</p> <p>June 2005 General Manager of Planning Division of the said bank (Transferred to and in charge of the Company)</p> <p>June 2009 Director and Executive Officer of the said bank Director of the Company (In charge of Planning and Administration Groups) (present position)</p> <p>June 2010 Managing Executive Officer of the said bank (present position)</p> <p>(Important concurrent position of another organization) Managing Executive Officer of The Hokuriku Bank, Ltd.</p>	Common shares 44,000 shares

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8	<p>Yuji Oshima (October 25,1929)</p> <p>October 1954 Joined Yasuda Life Insurance Company</p> <p>July 1979 Director and Head of Sales Promotion Division of the said company</p> <p>February 1983 Managing Director and Head of Sales Promotion Division of the said company</p> <p>April 1983 Managing Director and Head of Osaka Business Headquarter of the said company</p> <p>April 1986 Managing Director and Head of Asset Investment Headquarter of the said company</p> <p>April 1988 Representative Senior Managing Director and Head of Asset Investment Headquarter of the said company</p> <p>April 1989 Representative Senior Managing Director and Head of Sales Headquarter of the said company</p> <p>April 1990 Representative Senior Managing Director and Head of Sales General Headquarter of the said company</p> <p>April 1991 Representative Director, Deputy President and Head of Sales General Headquarter of the said company</p> <p>April 1993 Representative Director and President of the said company</p> <p>April 1999 Representative Director and Chairman of the said company</p> <p>January 2004 The said company renamed Meiji Yasuda Life Insurance Company after merger Became Counselor of the said company</p> <p>September 2004 (Part-time) Director of the Company (present position)</p> <p>December 2005 Special Advisor of the said company(present position)</p> <p>(Important concurrent position of another organization) Special Advisor of Meiji Yasuda Life Insurance Company</p>	Common shares 26,000 shares

(Notes)

1. No special interests exist between any of the candidates and the Company.
2. Descriptions on a candidate for an Outside Director
 - (1)Mr. Yuji Oshima is a candidate for an Outside Director of the Company Law and an Independent Director of the rules prescribed by Tokyo Stock Exchange and Sapporo Securities Exchange.
 - (2) The reason for appointment of the candidate for an Outside Director is as follows:
Mr. Yuji Oshima, who had long held position as a president of Yasuda Life Insurance Company (currently Meiji Yasuda Life Insurance Company), is expected to contribute to the Company in supervision and check of other directors by his accumulated management experience and discernment as an expert for management of a financial institution.
 - (3) Mr. Yuji Oshima has been an Outside Director of the Company since September 1, 2004, and his terms of office will be 6 years and 10 months as of the conclusion of this General Meeting of Shareholders.
 - (4)The Company has executed an agreement on limitation of responsibilities with Mr. Yuji Oshima to effect that the Company ensure that an Outside Director shall assume the liability for damages with limits of minimum amount prescribed in Article 425, Paragraph 1 of the Company Law, as long as acting in good faith and without gross negligence in performing in his duties. If re-elected as an Outside Director at this meeting, the Company shall continue the said agreement.

Proposal 3: Election of two (2) Corporate Auditors

As Mr. Masato Matsumoto and Mr. Takashi Hirase offered to resign as Corporate Auditors upon the conclusion of this Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, we request to newly elect two (2) Corporate Auditors.

The Board of Corporate Auditors has approved this proposal in advance.

The candidates for Corporate Auditors are as follows.

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1	<p>Koichi Sugawa (June 20,1955)</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>April 1978</td> <td>Joined The Hokuriku Bank, Ltd.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>April 1998</td> <td>General Manager of Nonoichi Branch of the said bank</td> </tr> <tr> <td>January 2000</td> <td>General Manager of Nagano Branch of the said bank</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 2002</td> <td>General Manager of Kanazawa-chuo Branch of the said bank</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 2004</td> <td>General Manager of Nagoya Branch of the said bank</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 2007</td> <td>Deputy General Manager of Managerial Administration Division of the said bank</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 2008</td> <td>General Manager of Takefu Branch of the said bank</td> </tr> <tr> <td>April 2010</td> <td>Deputy Head of Ishikawa Regional Business Division and General Manager of Kanazawa Branch of the said bank (present position)</td> </tr> </table>	April 1978	Joined The Hokuriku Bank, Ltd.	April 1998	General Manager of Nonoichi Branch of the said bank	January 2000	General Manager of Nagano Branch of the said bank	June 2002	General Manager of Kanazawa-chuo Branch of the said bank	June 2004	General Manager of Nagoya Branch of the said bank	June 2007	Deputy General Manager of Managerial Administration Division of the said bank	June 2008	General Manager of Takefu Branch of the said bank	April 2010	Deputy Head of Ishikawa Regional Business Division and General Manager of Kanazawa Branch of the said bank (present position)	Common shares 14,000 shares						
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2	<p>Yozo Maeizumi (May 4,1949)</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>April 1973</td> <td>Joined Hokkaido Gas Co., Ltd.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 1998</td> <td>Director and Head of Planning Division and Promotional Team of project for business revolution of the said company</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 1999</td> <td>Director and Head of Planning Division and Information System Office of the said company</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 2000</td> <td>Managing Director and Head of Planning Division of the said company</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 2002</td> <td>President and Representative Director of the said company</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 2006</td> <td>President CEO and Representative Director of the said company</td> </tr> <tr> <td>April 2008</td> <td>Director and Counselor of the said company</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 2008</td> <td>Counselor of the said company (present position)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 2010</td> <td>President of Hokkaido Employers' Association (present position)</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">(Important concurrent positions of another organization)</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">President of Hokkaido Employers' Association</td> </tr> </table>	April 1973	Joined Hokkaido Gas Co., Ltd.	June 1998	Director and Head of Planning Division and Promotional Team of project for business revolution of the said company	June 1999	Director and Head of Planning Division and Information System Office of the said company	June 2000	Managing Director and Head of Planning Division of the said company	June 2002	President and Representative Director of the said company	June 2006	President CEO and Representative Director of the said company	April 2008	Director and Counselor of the said company	June 2008	Counselor of the said company (present position)	June 2010	President of Hokkaido Employers' Association (present position)	(Important concurrent positions of another organization)		President of Hokkaido Employers' Association		—
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1. No special interests exist between the candidates and the Company.
2. Description on a candidate for an Outside Corporate Auditor
 - (1) Mr. Yozo Maeizumi is a candidate of an Outside Corporate Auditor.
 - (2) The reason for appointment of the candidate for an Outside Corporate Auditor is as follows:
Mr. Yozo Maeizumi is expected to contribute to the Company in supervision and advice to directors by his accumulated experience and broad discernment as a corporate manager.
 - (3) Hokkaido Gas Co., Ltd. received strict notes from the Head of Nuclear Industrial Safety Agency of METI and the disposal notification of revising safety regulations based on the Gas Business Act from the Head of Hokkaido Industrial and Safety Inspection Department in April 2007, because of the gas leakage accident that occurred in Kitami City of Hokkaido in January, 2007.
 - (4) After Mr. Yozo Maeizumi is elected as Corporate Auditor, the Company will make an agreement on limitation of responsibilities with him to effect that the Company ensure that an Outside Corporate Auditor shall assume the liability for damages with limits of minimum amount prescribed in Article 425, Paragraph 1 of the Company Law, as long as acting in good faith and without gross negligence in performing in his duties.

Proposal 4: Election of one (1) Corporate Auditor as a substitute

In order to facilitate the effective audit operation, we request to elect in advance a Corporate Auditor as a substitute. The Substitute formally assumes a Corporate Auditor when the company lacks the number of auditors prescribed by the Articles of Incorporation. The term of office of the newly assumed Corporate Auditor shall expire at the time of expiration of the term of office of the retired predecessor. The resolution of this proposal shall expire at the beginning of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held in respect of the last business term ending four (4) years after this election.

This resolution can be cancelled by the decision of Board of Directors and consent from the Board of Corporate Auditors, only when the substitute doesn't assume a Corporate Auditor.

The Board of Corporate Auditors has approved this proposal in advance.

The candidate for a Corporate Auditor as a Substitute is as follows.

Name (Date of birth) Career Summary (Titles in the Company and subsidiary banks and concurrent positions of other organizations)	Type and Number of Shares of the Company held												
Takashi Hirase (December 5,1953) <table border="1" data-bbox="277 824 1193 1187"><tr><td data-bbox="277 824 555 857">April 1976</td><td data-bbox="555 824 1193 857">Joined The Hokuriku Bank, Ltd.</td></tr><tr><td data-bbox="277 857 555 891">June 2007</td><td data-bbox="555 857 1193 891">Head of Audit Division of the said bank</td></tr><tr><td data-bbox="277 891 555 981">January 2008</td><td data-bbox="555 891 1193 981">Deputy Head of Sales Promotional Division and Head of Division of financial or public institutions of the said bank</td></tr><tr><td data-bbox="277 981 555 1048">June 2009</td><td data-bbox="555 981 1193 1048">Full-time Corporate Auditor of the said bank (present position)</td></tr><tr><td data-bbox="277 1048 555 1137">January 2011</td><td data-bbox="555 1048 1193 1137">Substitute Corporate Auditor of the Company (Part-time) Corporate Auditor of the Company (present position)</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2" data-bbox="277 1137 1193 1187">(Important concurrent positions of another organization) Corporate Auditor of the Hokuriku Bank Ltd.</td></tr></table>	April 1976	Joined The Hokuriku Bank, Ltd.	June 2007	Head of Audit Division of the said bank	January 2008	Deputy Head of Sales Promotional Division and Head of Division of financial or public institutions of the said bank	June 2009	Full-time Corporate Auditor of the said bank (present position)	January 2011	Substitute Corporate Auditor of the Company (Part-time) Corporate Auditor of the Company (present position)	(Important concurrent positions of another organization) Corporate Auditor of the Hokuriku Bank Ltd.		Common shares 31,189 shares
April 1976	Joined The Hokuriku Bank, Ltd.												
June 2007	Head of Audit Division of the said bank												
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(Note)

1. No special interests exist between the candidate and the Company.

Proposal 5: Granting a condolence benefit for a retired Corporate Auditor and a retirement benefit for a retiring Corporate Auditor

We propose to grant a condolence benefit to Mr. Yasuhiro Ishiguro, who died and retired as Corporate Auditor in January 2011, and a retirement benefit to Mr. Masato Matsumoto, who offered to resign a Corporate Auditor upon the conclusion of this Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, so as to reward for their contribution to the business during terms of office. The total amount of proposed benefits is JPY 21.5 million, which is specified in the Company's standards.

We ask that determination of the specific amounts, timing, method and other details of the payments be entrusted to the consultation of the Corporate Auditors.

The brief personal profiles of the Corporate Auditors are as follows.

Name	Brief personal profiles	
Yasuhiro Ishiguro	September 2004 January 2011	Corporate Auditor of the Company Died and Retired as Corporate Auditor of the Company
Masato Matsumoto	June 2009	Corporate Auditor of the Company (present position)

With regard to Mr. Takashi Hirase, who replaced Mr. Yasuhiro Ishiguro as a substitute of corporate auditor and offered to resign upon the conclusion of this Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, a retirement benefit is not proposed by the Company, because he continues to perform his duties as Corporate Auditor of the Hokuriku Bank Ltd.

Guidance Notes on the Exercise of the Voting Rights by electromagnetic method

This is to introduce the procedure to exercise voting rights of shareholders of the Company by electromagnetic method (using the Internet, etc.).

1. Exercise of Voting Rights via the Internet

Access the website for exercising voting rights specified by the Company. (<http://www.it-soukai.com/>) and enter the “Code for the Exercise of Voting Rights” and the “Password”. Exercise your voting rights by following the directions on the screen. Your voting rights are to be exercised by no later than 5:10 p.m. on Thursday, June 23, 2011.

(1) Notes

- A. You will not be able to access the website for exercise of voting rights between 3:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. during the exercise period.
- B. When no operation is exercised more than 30 minutes, security program in the platform will work and make the login void. Be careful when using for a long time.
- C. It is highly recommended that password be periodically renewed for security.
- D. Capital letters (ABC) and small letters (abc) are differently recognized in the website.
- E. The cost of Internet access (access fees to providers, telecommunications fees, etc.) will be borne by the shareholders.

(2) System Requirements

A. Personal Computer

Windows computer (Cellular phone, PDAs and game machines etc. are not supported.)

B. Browser

Microsoft® Internet Explorer 5.5 or higher

Change the settings in Internet Explorer as follows in case of inconveniences.

- Use of SSL3.0: Enable
- Use of Cookie: Enable
- Use of Active Script: Enable

C. Internet Environment

It is a requirement that you have Internet access such as through a contract with an Internet service provider.

D. Monitor Resolution

1024×768 pixels or higher is recommended.

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(3) Security

You may exercise your voting rights safely due to the encryption technology (SSL128bit) used to protect your voting information from tampering and interception.

In addition, the code for the exercise of voting rights and the password described in the voting form are very important to authenticate shareholders, so please ensure that you do not disclose them to other people. Please note that the Company does not and will not make any inquiries regarding your password.

(4) For Inquiries with respect to the Exercise of Voting Rights via the Internet

Please contact:

Internet Help Dial

Stock Transfer Agency Department

Mizuho Trust and Banking Co., Ltd.

Telephone: 0120-768-524 (toll-free number)

Operating Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays)

2. Exercise of Voting Rights using the electronic voting platform

The electronic voting platform for institutional investors operated by Investor Communications Japan Inc., which was established by the Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc., etc., is available as electromagnetic method for custodian banks and any other nominal shareholders (including standing proxies) that have applied to use such platform in advance.

Please refer to instructions on the screen after log-in to the platform with regard to environment for Exercise of Voting Rights such as acceptable period.

The cost of Internet access (access fees to providers, telecommunications fees, etc.) for using this platform will be borne by the shareholders.