Securities Code: 8377

June 3, 2014

Dear Shareholders:

Eishin Ihori President Hokuhoku Financial Group, Inc. 1-2-26 Tsutsumicho-dori, Toyama-city, Toyama

Convocation Notice of the 11th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders

This is to inform you that the 11th 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.). Please exercise voting rights after careful examination of the Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders contained herein by 5:10 p.m., Tuesday June 24, 2014.

1. Date and time: June 25, 2014 (Wednesday) 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:

11th business year (April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014) Business Report, Non-Consolidated Financial Statements, 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 One (1) Corporate Auditor

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

4. Exercise of Voting Rights

- (1) If you attend the meeting, please present the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form to the reception desk.
 - 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.
- (2) If you are unable to attend the meeting, please exercise voting right by any of the following method.

A. Exercise of Voting Rights in Writing

Please indicate your approval or disapproval of the proposals on the Voting Rights Exercise Form enclosed herewith, and send back to arrive by the time limit of the preceding page.

No indication on the voting form of your approval or disapproval for any proposal shall be treated as an indication of approval.

B. Exercise of Voting Rights by Electromagnetic Method (using the Internet, etc.)

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 the time limit of the preceding page. In addition, on the occasion of the voting right used by the Internet, please confirm "Guidance Notes on the Exercise of the Voting Rights by the Internet" on page 11.

- (3) 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.
- (4) 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/).
- (5) The reception desk is open at 9:00A.M.

This is a partial translation of the original Japanese "Convocation Notice of the 11th 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.

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 JPY 0.25 increase in year-end dividend per common share as below, considering the business results of this fiscal year, enhancement of financial foundation and accumulation of internal 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	¥4.00	¥ 5,358,845,788
1st series Type 5 preferred shares	¥7.50	¥ 805,729,350
Total		¥ 6,164,575,138

(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 26, 2014

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 propose 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	Yoshihiro Sekihachi (May 26, 1955)		Common shares	
		April 1979	Joined The Hokkaido Bank, Ltd.	65,200 shares
		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 and Representative Director of the said bank (present position)	
		September 2004	Deputy President of the Company	
		June 2013	Chairman of the Company (present position)	
		(Important concurr	rent position of another organization)	
		President and Repr	resentative Director of The Hokkaido Bank, Ltd.	
2	Eis	shin Ihori (August	20, 1956)	Common shares
		April 1979	Joined The Hokuriku Bank, Ltd.	53,000 shares
		June 2004	Deputy General Manager of Planning Division of the said bank	
		September 2004	Deputy General Manager of Planning Division of the said bank (Transferred to and in charge of the Company)	
		June 2005	General Manager of Planning Division of the said bank (Transferred to and in charge of the	
		June 2009	Company) Director and Executive Officer of the said bank Director of the Company (In charge of Planning and Administration Groups)	
		June 2010	Managing Executive Officer of the said bank	
		June 2013	President and Representative Director of the said	
		_	bank (present position)	
			President of the Company (present position)	
		(Important concurr	rent position of another organization)	
		President and Repr	resentative Director of The Hokuriku Bank, Ltd.	

No		y (Titles and Assignments in the Company and subsidiary arrent positions of other organizations)	Type and Number of Shares of the Company held
3	Hidenori Mugino (March 18, 1957)		Common shares
	April 1979	Joined The Hokuriku Bank, Ltd.	40,379 shares
	June 2005	Head of Managerial Administration Division of the said bank	
	June 2007	Deputy Head of Toyama Regional Business Division and General Manager of Head Office Business Division of the said bank	
	June 2009	Director, Deputy Head of Toyama Regional Business Division and General Manager of Head Office Business Division of the said bank	
	June 2010	Director, Managing Executive Officer and Head of Toyama Regional Business Division of the said bank	
	June 2013	Chairman and Representative Director of the said bank (present position) Director of the Company (Sub-charge of Audit Group) (present position)	
	_	urrent position of another organization) epresentative Director of The Hokuriku Bank, Ltd.	
4	Masahiro Sasahar	a (February 21, 1957)	Common shares
	April 1979	Joined The Hokkaido Bank, Ltd.	30,600 shares
	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)	
	_	urrent position of another organization) It and Representative Director of The Hokkaido Bank,	

No	-	(Titles and Assignments in the Company and subsidiary arrent positions of other organizations)	Type and Number of Shares of the Company held
5		September 10, 1954)	Common shares
	April 1977	Joined The Hokuriku Bank, Ltd.	67,000 shares
	April 2005	Head of Risk Management Division of the said bank	
	June 2007	Head of Planning Division and Secretary Office of the said bank	
	June 2008	Executive Officer and Head of Planning Division and Secretary Office of the said bank	
	June 2009	Managing Executive Officer and Head of Tokyo Regional Business Division and General Manager of Tokyo Branch of the said bank	
	January 2012	Managing Executive Officer and Head of Tokyo Regional Business Division	
	June 2012	Director, Managing Executive Officer and Head of Hokkaido Regional Business Division	
	June 2013	Director and Senior Managing Executive Officer of the said bank (present position) Director of the Company (present position) (Part-time) Director of The Hokkaido Bank, Ltd. (present position)	
	_	urrent position of another organization) nior Managing Executive Officer of The Hokuriku Bank,	
6	Tsutomu Morita (September 8, 1954)		Common shares
	April 1977	Joined The Hokuriku Bank, Ltd.	27,000 shares
	June 2004	Deputy Head of Takaoka Regional Business Division and General Manager of Takaoka Branch of the said bank	
	June 2007	President of Toyama Prefecture Credit Union	
	June 2010	Executive Officer and Head of First Loan Division of The Hokuriku Bank, Ltd.	
	January 2012	Managing Executive Officer of the said bank	
	June 2013	Director and Managing Executive Officer of the said bank (present position)	
		Director of the Company (In charge of Planning and Administration Groups) (present position)	
	· •	urrent position of another organization) naging Executive Officer of The Hokuriku Bank, Ltd.	

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
7	Hirotaka Nikaido (March 1, 1958)		Common shares
	April 1981 October 2001 July 2004 July 2006	Joined The Hokkaido Bank, Ltd. General Manager of Kikonai Branch of the said bank General Manager of Asabu Branch of the said bank Head of Asabu Area and General Manager of Asabu Branch of the said bank	27,600 shares
	October 2007	Head of Shiroishi Area and General Manager of Shiroishi Branch of the said bank	
	June 2010	Executive Officer, General Manager of Tokyo Branch and Head of Tokyo Office of the said bank	
	June 2011	Executive Officer, General Manager of Tokyo Branch of the said bank	
	June 2013	Director of the Company (In charge of Risk Management and Audit Groups) (present position) (Part-time) Director of The Hokuriku Bank, Ltd. (present position)	
8	Yuji Oshima (Octob	per 25, 1929)	Common shares
	October 1954 July 1979	Joined Yasuda Life Insurance Company Director and Head of Sales Promotion Division of the said company	26,000 shares
	February 1983	Managing Director and Head of Sales Promotion Division of the said company	
	April 1983	Managing Director and Head of Osaka Business Headquarter of the said company	
	April 1986	Managing Director and Head of Asset Investment Headquarter of the said company	
	April 1988	Representative Senior Managing Director and Head of Asset Investment Headquarter of the said company	
	April 1989	Representative Senior Managing Director and Head of Sales Headquarter of the said company	
	April 1990	Representative Senior Managing Director and Head of Sales General Headquarter of the said company	
	April 1991	Representative Director, Deputy President and Head of Sales General Headquarter of the said company	
	April 1993	Representative Director and President of the said company	
	April 1999	Representative Director and Chairman of the said company	
	January 2004	The said company renamed Meiji Yasuda Life Insurance Company after merger Became Counselor of the said company	
	September 2004 December 2005 July 2013	(Part-time) Director of the Company (present position) Special Advisor of the said company Honorary Advisor of the said company(present position)	
	_	rrent position of another organization) r of Meiji Yasuda Life Insurance Company	

(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. If re-elected, the Company shall continue to appoint him as an Independent Director.
- (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. Although Mr. Yuji Oshima is concurrently in office as a Honorary Advisor of Meiji Yasuda Insurance Company which offers insurance for directors to the Company, he is considered to work adequately as a Outside Director and Independent Director of the Company, because the traded amount is not so large as to influence his performance as a result of relationship between him and his insurance company.
- (3) Mr. Yuji Oshima has been an Outside Director of the Company since September 1, 2004, and his terms of office will be 9 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 One (1) Corporate Auditor

Mr. Koichi Sugawa will resign from his position as Corporate Auditor at the conclusion of this Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders. Accordingly, we propose the election of one (1) Corporate Auditor, whose term of office shall continue until the conclusion of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders for the last business year ending within four (4) years from the time of his election.

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

The candidate for a Corporate Auditor is as follows.

Name (Date of b Career Sum	Type and Number of Shares of the Company held		
Junichi Inaba	Junichi Inaba (April 7, 1955) (New candidate)		
April 1979	Joined The Hokuriku Bank, Ltd.	39,103 shares	
January 200	8 General Manager of Hakodate Branch of the said bank		
June 2009	Deputy Head of Hokkaido Regional Business		
	Division and General Manager of Sapporo Branch of		
	the said bank		
June 2010	Executive Officer and Deputy Head of Hokkaido		
	Regional Business Division and General Manager of		
	Sapporo Branch of the said bank		
January 201	2 Executive Officer and Head of First Loan Division of		
	the said bank		
June 2013	Executive Director of Hokuriku Economic Research		
	Institute (present position)		

(Note) No special interests exist between the candidate and the Company.

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

Mr. Masaru Nanbu will resign from his position as Corporate Auditor as a substitute at the conclusion of this Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders. Accordingly, we propose the election of one(1) Corporate Auditor as a substitute in advance, in order to facilitate the effective audit operation. 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 from the time of this election. This resolution can be cancelled by the decision of Board of Directors and the consent of the Board of Corporate Auditors, until the substitute assumes the 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 and concurrent positions of other organizations)			Type and Number of Shares of the Company held
Satoshi Kikushima (July 27, 1958) (New candidate)			Common shares
	April 1981	Joined The Hokuriku Bank, Ltd.	9,000 shares
	June 2004	General Manager of Toyama-marunouchi Branch of	
		the said bank	
	June 2006	General Manager of Fukumitsu Branch of the said bank	
	June 2008	Deputy General Manager of Branch Division	
	June 2010	Head of Branch Division and General Manager of	
	Hokugin Direct Branch of the said bank		
	January 2014	Head of Sales Promotion Division of the said bank	
		(present position)	

(Note) No special interests exist between the candidate and the Company.

Guidance Notes on the Exercise of the Voting Rights by the Internet

1. Exercise of Voting Rights via the Internet

(1) In substitution for the writing, you may exercise your voting rights via the Internet by accessing the website for exercising voting rights specified by the Company (the following URL). When exercising your voting rights via the Internet, you will be required to enter the "Code for the Exercise of Voting Rights" and the "Password" shown in the Voting Rights Exercise Form.

In addition, for securing of security, it is necessary to have you change a password in the case of the first login.

http://www.it-soukai.com

- (2) Please exercise your voting rights via the Internet by 5:10 p.m., June 24, 2014 (Tuesday).
- (3) 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. If you exercise your voting rights more than once, the last vote cast shall be the valid vote.
- (4) The "Password" (including the password shareholders revise after the first login) is effective only about this general meeting. In the case of the next general meeting, we publish a password newly.
- (5) The cost of Internet access will be borne by the shareholders.

(Attention)

- The password is means to authenticate shareholders. Please note that the Company does not and will not make any inquiries regarding your password.
- The password is locked when you fail to input more than the predetermined times. When it is locked, please follow the guidance of the screen.

2. For Inquiries with respect to the Exercise of Voting Rights via the Internet

Please contact:

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)

Reference: Exercise of Voting Rights using the electronic voting platform

Institutional investors can use the electronic voting platform for institutional investors operated by Investor Communications Japan Inc.

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