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To Our Shareholders,

Takashi Kayamoto, President & CEO, Representative Member of the Board **NHK SPRING CO., LTD.** 3-10, Fukuura, Kanazawa-ku, Yokohama

# Notice of the 100th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

NHK SPRING CO., LTD. (the "Company") hereby provides notice of the 100th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company to be held as follows:

1. Date and Time: Thursday, June 25, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. (Reception starts at 9:00 a.m.) (JST)

2. Venue: NHK SPRING CO., LTD. Head Office.

3-10, Fukuura, Kanazawa-ku, Yokohama

### 3. Purpose of the Meeting:

### Matters to be reported:

- 1. The Fiscal Year 2019 Business Report, the Consolidated Financial Statements, and audit results of the Consolidated Financial Statements by the Financial Auditor and the Board of Corporate Auditors for the 100th term (from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020)
- 2. The Fiscal Year 2019 Non-consolidated Financial Statements for the 100th term (from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020)

### Matters to be resolved:

| Proposal 1: | Appropriation of Surplus                         |
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| Proposal 2: | Election of Eight (8) Members of the Board       |
| Proposal 3: | Election of Three (3) Corporate Auditors         |
| Proposal 4: | Election of One (1) Substitute Corporate Auditor |

(Request for taking measures against COVID-19)

- \* The Company will implement necessary measures against the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) to prevent infection. We ask the shareholders who are considering attending the General Meeting of Shareholders to check the status of infections on the day of the meeting and adequately take note of your own physical condition before attending and to take maximum precautions against infection.
- \* Masks will be provided at the venue entrance. Please cooperate by wearing a mask.
- \* Alcohol disinfectant will be supplied at the venue entrance. Please cooperate by <u>disinfecting your hands</u>.
- \* There will be <u>body temperature checks</u> at the venue entrance. Please note that individuals with a body temperature of 37.5°C or higher may not be admitted. Anyone found to be unwell may be approached by the secretariat staff and asked to leave. Your understanding is appreciated.
- \* <u>Shareholders will be seated at a distance from each other, and it may therefore be impossible to provide sufficient seating</u> for all attendees. Please be aware that, if all seats are filled, even shareholders who are present at the venue will not be allowed to enter.
- \* This year, gifts will not be distributed on the day of the meeting.
- \* The Company's officers and secretariat staff will wear masks during the Meeting.
- \* If major changes to the operation of the General Meeting of Shareholders arise due to future developments, the Company will provide that information on its website. Please check the website before attending.

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

### **Proposals and References**

# Proposal 1: Appropriation of Surplus

Basic policy of the Company is to continue to distribute dividends stably, giving comprehensive consideration to the consolidated business performance and dividend payout ratio, as we recognize that distribution of profit to our shareholders is one of the top priorities. After giving comprehensive consideration given to consolidated business performance and the difficult business environment due to the global spread of infection of COVID-19, with sincere regret, the Company proposes that the fiscal year-end dividend for the term is 5 yen per share, a reduction of 7 yen per share.

<The fiscal Year-end dividend>

(1) Type of dividend property

Cash

(2) Assignment of the dividend property to shareholders and the total amount:

5 yen per share of common stock of the Company

Total amount: 1,177,144,325 yen

As the Company has already paid an interim dividend of 12 yen per share, the annual dividend for the term will be 17 yen per share.

(3) Effective date of dividends of surplus

June 26, 2020

# Proposal 2: Election of Eight (8) Members of the Board

The terms of office of all seven (7) Members of the Board will expire at the conclusion of this General Meeting of Shareholders.

At this juncture, the Company wishes to increase the number of Members of the Board (External) by one (1) for the purpose of further enhancement of the management system and accordingly proposes the election of eight (8) Members of the Board, including three (3) Members of the Board (External).

| No. | Name             | (Gender)<br>(Age)          | Positions in the Company  |   |
|-----|------------------|----------------------------|---|---|
| 1   | Kazumi Tamamura  | (Male)<br>(71 years old)   | Chairman & Representative Member of the<br>Board  | Reelection                              |
| 2   | Takashi Kayamoto | (Male)<br>(64 years old)   | President & CEO and Representative<br>Member of the Board   | Reelection                              |
| 3   | Toru Sugiyama    | (Male)<br>(63 years old)   | Executive Vice President & CFO and<br>Representative Member of the Board<br>President of Procurement Division | Reelection                              |
| 4   | Kiyohiko Kanmei  | (Male)<br>(62 years old)   | Executive Vice President & CQO and Representative Member of the Board   | Reelection                              |
| 5   | Kazuhisa Uemura  | (Male)<br>(59 years old)   | Member of the Board<br>Senior Corporate Officer<br>President of Sales Division                                | Reelection                              |
| 6   | Keiichiro Sue    | (Male)<br>(62 years old)   | Member of the Board (External)  | Reelection<br>External<br>Independent   |
| 7   | Katsuko Tanaka   | (Female)<br>(74 years old) | Member of the Board (External)  | Reelection<br>External<br>Independent   |
| 8   | Hiromi Tamakoshi | (Female)<br>(57 years old) | _   | New election<br>External<br>Independent |

The candidates for positions of Members of the Board are as follows:

Reelection

New election External

Independent

Candidate for reelected Member of the Board

Candidate for newly elected Member of the Board

Candidate for Member of the Board (External)

Candidate for Independent Officer

| No. | Name<br>(Date of birth)                                      |                                | mary, position and areas of responsibility in the apany and important concurrent positions   | Number of<br>Company's<br>shares owned   |
|-----|--|--------------------------------|--|--|
|     |  | Apr. 1972                      | Joined the Company   |  |
|     | Kazumi Tamamura<br>(Male)<br>(May 10, 1949)                  | Jun. 2003                      | Member of the Board and Vice President of Seating Division   |  |
|     |  | Jun. 2005                      | Corporate Officer and Vice President of Sales Division   |  |
|     | (71 years old)   | Jun. 2006                      | Member of the Board, Senior Corporate  |  |
|     | [Reelection]   |                                | Officer and President of Sales Division  | 70,900                                   |
| 1   | Attendance at Board of                                       | Jun. 2009                      | Member of the Board and Executive<br>Corporate Officer   |  |
|     |  | Jun. 2010                      | President & CEO and Representative<br>Member of the Board  |  |
|     |  | Apr. 2017                      | Chairman & Representative Member of the Board (present)  |  |
|     | Company through his duties,                                  | and according<br>Apr. 1979     | y, we request his reelection as a Member of the B<br>Joined the Company  | oard.                                    |
|     |  | and according                  | ence and advanced knowledge about the busines<br>y, we request his reelection as a Member of the B<br>Joined the Company   |  |
|     | Takashi Kayamoto<br>(Male)<br>(February 5, 1956)             | Jun. 2010                      | Corporate Officer, Vice President of<br>Research and Development Division and<br>Director of Development Department  |  |
|     | (64 years old)   | Apr. 2013                      | Senior Corporate Officer and President of<br>Suspension Spring Division  | 40.000                                   |
|     | [Reelection]   | Jun. 2015                      | Member of the Board, Senior Corporate<br>Officer and President of Sales Division   | 49,900                                   |
| 2   | Attendance at Board of<br>Directors meetings                 | Apr. 2016                      | Member of the Board, Executive Corporate<br>Officer and President of Sales Division  |  |
|     | 13/13 meetings   | Apr. 2017                      | President & CEO and Representative<br>Member of the Board (present)  |  |
|     | his service as President of S<br>experience and advanced kno | uspension Spri<br>wledge about | dent & CEO and Representative Member of the B<br>ng Division and President of Sales Division, and<br>the business activities of the Company through the<br>development department, and accordingly, we req | l he has abundant<br>ese duties, as well |

| No. | Name<br>(Date of birth)  |                 | mary, position and areas of responsibility in the pany and important concurrent positions  | Number of<br>Company's<br>shares owned |
|-----|--|-----------------|--|--|
|     |  | Dec. 1980       | Joined the Company   |  |
|     |  | Jun. 2001       | President & CEO of NHK International Corporation   |  |
|     | Toru Sugiyama<br>(Male)<br>(August 15, 1956)<br>(63 years old) | Jun. 2010       | Corporate Officer, Vice President of<br>Suspension Spring Division and Director of<br>Administration Department  |  |
|     |  | Apr. 2014       | Senior Corporate Officer, Director of<br>Corporate Planning Department, Corporate<br>Planning and Control Division   | 27,000                                 |
|     |  | Apr. 2017       | Executive Corporate Officer, President of<br>Procurement Division  |  |
| 3   | [Reelection]<br>Attendance at Board of<br>Directors meetings   | Jun. 2018       | Member of the Board, Executive Corporate<br>Officer, President of Corporate Planning and<br>Control Division and President of<br>Procurement Division                  | 27,00                                  |
|     | 13/13 meetings   | Apr. 2019       | Executive Vice President & CFO, Member of<br>the Board, President of Corporate Planning<br>and Control Division and President of<br>Procurement Division               |  |
|     |  | Apr. 2020       | Executive Vice President & CFO, Member of<br>the Board and President of Procurement<br>Division (present)  |  |
|     | Corporate Planning Departm                                     | ent, President  | inistration Department of Suspension Spring Div<br>of Procurement Division and President of Corpo<br>st his reelection as a Member of the Board.<br>Joined the Company |  |
|     |  | Jun. 2011       | Corporate Officer, Vice President of Seating<br>Division and Director of Global Business   |  |
|     | Kiyohiko Kanmei  |                 | Promotion Department   |  |
|     | (Male)<br>(June 10, 1957)<br>(62 years old)<br>[Reelection]    | Apr. 2015       | Senior Corporate Officer and President of Seating Division   |  |
| 4   |  | Apr. 2018       | Executive Corporate Officer, President of<br>Engineering Division  | 12,80                                  |
|     | Attendance at Board of<br>Directors meetings<br>10/10 meetings | Jun. 2019       | Member of the Board, Executive Corporate<br>Officer, President of Engineering Division<br>Director of Takano Co., Ltd. (non-executive)<br>(present)                    |  |
|     |  | Apr. 2020       | Executive Vice President & CQO and<br>Representative Member of the Board<br>(present)  |  |
|     | [Significant concurrent positi<br>Director of Takano Co., Ltd. |                 |  |  |
|     | into these fields, as well as a                                | a wealth of exp | sperience in engineering and manufacturing field<br>berience relating to management through his duti<br>ng Division, and accordingly, we request his reeled            | es as President o                      |

| No. | Name<br>(Date of birth)  |                                   | mary, position and areas of responsibility in the apany and important concurrent positions  | Number of<br>Company's<br>shares owned |  |  |
|-----|--|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
|     | Kazuhisa Uemura  | Apr. 1983                         | Joined the Company  |  |  |  |
|     | (Male)<br>(July 24, 1960)<br>(59 years old)  | Apr. 2014                         | Corporate Officer, Vice President of Sales<br>Division and Director of Seating &<br>Component Sales Department  |  |  |  |
| 5   | [Reelection]   | Apr. 2018                         | Senior Corporate Officer, President of Sales<br>Division  | 9,530                                  |  |  |
|     | Attendance at Board of<br>Directors meetings<br>13/13 meetings                                     | Jun. 2018                         | Member of the Board, Senior Corporate<br>Officer and President of Sales Division<br>(present)   |  |  |  |
|     |  | g to manageme                     | perience in Sales Division and deep insight into th<br>nt through his duties as President of Sales Division<br>e Board.   |  |  |  |
|     | Keiichiro Sue<br>(Male)  | Apr. 1984                         | Registered as Attorney at Law (a member of<br>Dai-Ichi Tokyo Bar Association)<br>Joined the Nobuo Takai Law Firm  |  |  |  |
|     | (July 27, 1957)  | Jan. 1989                         | Joined Matsuo & Kosugi  |  |  |  |
|     | (62 years old)   | Oct. 1995                         | Registered as Attorney at Law in New York<br>State, USA   |  |  |  |
|     | [Reelection]<br>[External]   | Jun. 2009                         | Partner, Blakemore & Mitsuki (present)  | None                                   |  |  |
|     | [Independent]  | Jun. 2014                         | External Director of METAWATER Co., Ltd. (present)  |  |  |  |
| 6   | Attendance at Board of<br>Directors meetings   | Jun. 2014                         | Corporate Auditor (External) of the Company   |  |  |  |
|     | 12/13 meetings   | Jun. 2015                         | Member of the Board (External) of the<br>Company (present)  |  |  |  |
|     | [Significant concurrent positions outside the Company]<br>External Director of METAWATER Co., Ltd. |                                   |   |  |  |  |
|     | the role of overseeing the exe   | cution of busin<br>ngthen the cor | ard (External) in 2015, Mr. Keiichiro Sue has appr<br>ness, as well as having a wealth of experience as a<br>porate governance of the Company, and according<br>l).   | in attorney at law                     |  |  |
|     |  | Apr. 1970                         | Researcher, hygiene class, Okayama<br>University Medical School (Worked in the<br>local hospital.)  |  |  |  |
|     | Katsuko Tanaka   | Jul. 1970                         | Medical license registration (No. 207731)   |  |  |  |
|     | (Female)<br>(September 3, 1945)  | May 1976                          | Worked at Yokohama City Hall  |  |  |  |
|     | (74 years old)   | May 1998                          | Mayor, Sakae Ward, Yokohama City  |  |  |  |
|     | [Reelection]   | Apr. 2000                         | Director General, Social Welfare Bureau,<br>Yokohama City   |  |  |  |
|     | [External]<br>[Independent]  | Apr. 2004                         | Director General, Civic Affairs Bureau,<br>Yokohama City  | Non                                    |  |  |
| 7   | Attendance at Board of<br>Directors meetings<br>13/13 meetings                                     | Apr. 2006                         | Trustee and Secretary General, Public<br>University Corporation Yokohama City<br>University   |  |  |  |
|     |  | Apr. 2013<br>Jun. 2016            | Chairperson of Yokohama City University<br>Member of the Board (External) of the<br>Company (present)   |  |  |  |
|     | fulfilled the role of overseeing<br>management of public bodies                                    | g the execution<br>and can be ex  | Company (present)<br>Board (External) in 2016, Ms. Katsuko Tanaka<br>of business, she has extensive experience relating<br>spected to provide objective opinions on the opera<br>reelection as an Member of the Board (External). | to organizational                      |  |  |

| No. | Name<br>(Date of birth)  | Career summary, position and areas of responsibility in the<br>Company and important concurrent positions |  | Number of<br>Company's<br>shares owned |
|-----|--|---|--|--|
|     | Hiromi Tamakoshi<br>(Female)<br>(June 18, 1962)<br>(57 years old)<br>[New election]<br>[External]<br>[Independent] | Oct. 1987<br>Apr. 1999<br>Apr. 2017   | Joined Chuo Audit Corporation<br>Registered as Attorney at Law (Kanagawa<br>Bar Association)<br>Joined Ryoji Kimura Law Office (present)<br>Auditor of Yokohama City University<br>(present) | None                                   |
| 8   | Attendance at Board of<br>Directors meetings<br>–<br>Reason for election   |   |  |  |
|     | e experience as an<br>ess enterprise, and<br>equest her election   |   |  |  |

Notes: 1. There is no special interest between the candidates and the Company.

2. Mr. Keiichiro Sue, Ms. Katsuko Tanaka and Ms. Hiromi Tamakoshi are candidates for Members of the Board (External).

3. The Company's Articles of Incorporation allow for the conclusion of agreements limiting the liability specified in Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act to two years of remuneration and other consideration received or to be received for the performance of duties, and if the election of Mr. Keiichiro Sue and Ms. Katsuko Tanaka is approved as proposed, the Company plans to renew such limited liability agreement. If the election of Ms. Hiromi Tamakoshi is approved as proposed, the Company plans to enter into such a limited liability agreement with her.

4. The Company has submitted notification to Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. that Mr. Keiichiro Sue and Ms. Katsuko Tanaka have been appointed as independent officers as provided for by the aforementioned exchange. If their reelection is approved, the Company plans for them to continue as independent officers. If the election of Ms. Hiromi Tamakoshi is approved as proposed, the Company plans to register her with Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. as an independent officer as provided for by the aforementioned exchange.

5. Mr. Keiichiro Sue and Ms. Katsuko Tanaka are candidates for Members of the Board (External). At the conclusion of this meeting, their tenures since assuming office as Member of the Board (External) will have been five years and four years, respectively.

# Proposal 3: Election of Three (3) Corporate Auditors

The terms of office of three (3) Corporate Auditors, Mr. Kenji Shimizu, Mr. Shin Komori and Mr. Kazuto Tachibana, will expire at the conclusion of this General Meeting of Shareholders. In addition, Mr. Shin Komori and Mr. Kazuto Tachibana will retire at the conclusion of this General Meeting of Shareholders.

Accordingly, we hereby propose the election of three (3) Corporate Auditors, including two (2) Corporate Auditors (External).

Consent of the Board of Corporate Auditors has been obtained concerning this proposal.

The candidates for positions of Corporate Auditors are as follows:

| No. | Name<br>(Date of birth)   | Career summ                        | ary, position and important concurrent positions   | Number of<br>Company's<br>shares owned |
|-----|---|------------------------------------|--|--|
|     | Kenji Shimizu<br>(Male)<br>(July 20, 1954)<br>(65 years old)            | Apr. 1979<br>Mar. 2005             | Joined the Company<br>Director of Administration Department,<br>Precision Spring and Components Div.   |  |
|     | [Reelection]  | Jun. 2008<br>Jun. 2012             | Director of Internal Auditing Department<br>Full-time Corporate Auditor of the Company   |  |
| 1   | Attendance at Board of<br>Directors meetings<br>13/13 meetings          |                                    | (present)  | 19,832                                 |
|     | Attendance at Board of<br>Corporate Auditors meetings<br>13/13 meetings |                                    |  |  |
|     | accounting and finance departs<br>accounting through his broad e        | ments. In addit<br>experience, par | e and accounting based on his operational experi-<br>ion, he has considerable knowledge concerning f<br>ticularly in sales and production management and<br>, and accordingly we request his reelection as a C | inance and<br>d his service as         |
|     | Ichiro Ebihara<br>(Male)  | Sep. 1985                          | Joined Tohmatsu Awoki & Co. (currently<br>Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLC)  |  |
|     | (April 24, 1959)<br>(61 years old)                                      | Oct. 2013                          | Executive Officer in charge of finance and administration  |  |
|     | [New election]  | Nov. 2015                          | Group CFO of Deloitte Tohmatsu LLC   |  |
|     | [External]<br>[Independent]   | Aug. 2016                          | Managing Partner of Deloitte Tohmatsu<br>Services Co., Ltd.  | None                                   |
| 2   | Attendance at Board of<br>Directors meetings                            | Jun. 2019                          | Ichiro Ebihara Certified Public Tax<br>Accountant Office (present)   |  |
|     | Attendance at Board of<br>Corporate Auditors meetings                   |                                    |  |  |
|     | expected to appropriately perfe   | orm his auditin                    | e and accounting as a certified public accountant<br>g function based on his experience in accounting<br>udit corporation, and accordingly we request his e  | auditing gained                        |

| No. | Name<br>(Date of birth)   | Career summ   | ary, position and important concurrent positions  | Number of<br>Company's<br>shares owned |  |
|-----|---|---------------|---|--|--|
|     | Michiko Ashizawa<br>(Female)<br>(October 23, 1972)  | Oct. 1996     | Joined Century Audit Corporation (currently<br>KPMG AZSA LLC), International<br>Department  |  |  |
|     | (47 years old)  | Sep. 2003     | Joined Industrial Revitalization Corporation of Japan   |  |  |
|     | New election<br>[External]  | Feb. 2006     | Joined Advantage Partners, LLP (currently Advantage Partners Inc.)  |  |  |
|     | [Independent]<br>Attendance at Board of<br>Directors meetings   | Apr. 2013     | Associate Professor of International College<br>of Arts and Science (currently School of<br>Economics and Business Administration),<br>Yokohama City University (present) | None                                   |  |
| 3   | Attendance at Board of  | Jun. 2016     | Outside Director of Netyear Group<br>Corporation (present)  |  |  |
|     | Corporate Auditors meetings   | Jun. 2018     | Outside Director of NEC Networks &<br>System Integration Corporation (present)  |  |  |
|     | [Significant concurrent positio<br>Outside Director of Netyear G<br>Outside Director of NEC Netw  | roup Corporat | ion   |  |  |
|     | Reason for election<br>Ms. Michiko Ashizawa has broad experience as a field expert and researcher in the field of corporate<br>rehabilitation, and she has deep insight in finance and accounting based on her work in the past as a certified<br>public accountant. Although Ms. Michiko Ashizawa has had no experience in corporate management, other<br>than as an outside director, she is expected to appropriately perform her auditing function, and accordingly, v<br>request her election as a Corporate Officer (External). |               |   |  |  |

Notes: 1. There is no special interest between the candidates and the Company.

2. Mr. Ichiro Ebihara and Ms. Michiko Ashizawa are candidates for Corporate Auditor (External).

- 3. The Company's Articles of Incorporation allow for the conclusion of agreements limiting the liability specified in Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act to two years of remuneration and other consideration received or to be received for the performance of duties, and if the election of Mr. Ichiro Ebihara and Ms. Michiko Ashizawa is approved as proposed, the Company plans to enter into such limited liability agreement.
- 4. If the election of Mr. Ichiro Ebihara and Ms. Michiko Ashizawa is approved as proposed, the Company plans to register them with Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. as independent officers as provided for by the aforementioned exchange.

The Company has taken into consideration the following fact regarding Ms. Michiko Ashizawa as independent.

- Ms. Michiko Ashizawa was Representative Director of NPO Aozora Factory until February 2020. The Company has provided donations of ¥600 thousand per year to the organization as part of a regional contribution, but in view of the scale and nature of the donation, we deem that there is nothing that would affect the independence of Ms. Michiko Ashizawa.

# Proposal 4: Election of One (1) Substitute Corporate Auditor

This proposal is to request the election of one (1) Substitute Corporate Auditor to provide for the case in which the number of Corporate Auditors (External) falls short of the number stipulated in laws and regulations.

Consent of the Board of Corporate Auditors has been obtained concerning this proposal.

The candidate for position of Substitute Corporate Auditor is as follows:

| (Date of birth)   | Career                         | Career summary, position and important concurrent positions   |      |  |
|---|--------------------------------|---|------|--|
| Nobuaki Mukai<br>(Male)<br>(April 19, 1969)<br>(51 years old) | Apr. 1996<br>2001<br>Jan. 2004 | Registered as Attorney at Law (Dai-Ichi Tokyo Bar<br>Association)<br>Joined Momo-o, Matsuo & Namba<br>Registered as Attorney at Law in New York State, USA<br>Partner of Momo-o, Matsuo & Namba (present) | None |  |

Reason for election

Mr. Nobuaki Mukai has had no experience in corporate management, but he has professional knowledge and experience in corporate legal affairs as an attorney at law and therefore the Company nominates him as the candidate for Substitute Corporate Auditor of the Company.

Notes: 1. There is no special interest between the candidate and the Company.

2. Mr. Nobuaki Mukai is a candidate for Substitute Corporate Auditor (External).

- 3. The Company's Articles of Incorporation allow for the conclusion of agreements limiting the liability specified in Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act to two years of remuneration and other consideration received or to be received for the performance of duties, and if Mr. Nobuaki Mukai assumes office as Corporate Auditor (External), the Company plans to enter into such limited liability agreement with him.
- 4. If Mr. Nobuaki Mukai assumes office as Corporate Auditor (External), the Company plans to register him with Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. as an independent officer as provided for by the aforementioned exchange.