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# Corporate Governance Report

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The corporate governance of SoftBank Corp. (the "Company") is described below.

# I. Basic Views on Corporate Governance, Capital Structure, Corporate Profile and Other Basic Information

#### 1. Basic Views

The Softbank Group is guided by a fundamental concept of "free, fair, and innovative," and a corporate philosophy of "Information Revolution — Happiness for everyone." SoftBank Corp. (the "Company") aims to be a provider of essential technologies and services to people around the world through its endeavors in various businesses in the information and technology industries.

The Group recognizes that it is vital to maintain effective corporate governance in order to realize this vision. The Company continues to strengthen corporate governance within the Group by taking measures such as formulating the SoftBank Charter of Corporate Behavior to share the fundamental concept and corporate philosophy of the Company. The Company also sets out various rules with which group companies and their officers and employees must comply.

The Company's corporate governance system centers on the board of directors, audit & supervisory board members, and the audit & supervisory board. Six of the 13 directors are external directors to ensure robust mutual monitoring between the directors. The nominating committee, remuneration committee and SDGs promotion committee are established voluntarily as advisory bodies to the board of directors. The nominating committee and remuneration committee comprise the CEO and four independent external directors (the four independent external directors serving as committee members are elected by a resolution of the board of directors) to ensure independence of the committees. Two of the four audit & supervisory board members are external members to ensure independent auditing functions, thereby strengthening the monitoring of management.

The Company aims to ensure that at least one third of the directors is represented by external directors. At present, six of the 13 directors are external directors (well in excess of the one third target), whereby the independence and transparency of the board of directors is secured. In addition, all directors are requested to achieve the target rate of attendance at board of directors meetings, which is set at 75% or higher.

## [Reasons for Non-compliance with the Principles of the Corporate Governance Code]

# Supplementary principle 4.1.(2) Efforts to realize the medium- to long-term management plan and response in the event of failure to deliver on the plan

The Company constantly reviews the entire group's medium-term business plans based on their progress and market trends and discussions are also held by the board of directors. While the Company believes that external disclosure of such medium-term business plans should enable deeper dialogue with stakeholders including shareholders, it also believes in the importance of maintaining the flexibility and agility of management, in order to promptly respond to changes in the business environment. In consideration of the balance between the aforementioned matters, the Company is reviewing the feasibility of public disclosure of medium-term business plans.

### [Disclosure Based on the Principles of the Corporate Governance Code]

### **Principle 1.4 Cross-shareholdings**

The Company may hold shares under a so-called "cross-shareholdings" structure when it has an important purpose in terms of management strategy other than pure investment purposes, such as anticipating a business alliance or business synergies to sustainably increase enterprise value.

Every year the Company verifies that the shares are held according to the purpose, and appropriately disposes of shares for which either the dilution of purpose of holding or the absence of economic rationality, or both, are found, after taking into consideration the share price and market trends.

With regard to whether or not having cross-shareholdings is appropriate, the Company verifies the purpose of holding and economic rationality and reports the results to the board of directors.

The exercise of voting rights related to the shares in these cross-shareholdings is handled appropriately after comprehensively considering whether the proposal will contribute to the sustainable improvement of corporate activities.

# Principle 1.7 Related party transactions

Prior to their approval, all transactions at the Company are deliberated by specialist divisions such as the Accounting, Finance, and Legal divisions, based on internal regulations and according to the scale and materiality of the transaction. The process for approval is structured to enable audit & supervisory board members and the Internal Audit Department to check on the details at all times.

The Board of Directors Rules stipulate that the board of directors must approve transactions conducted by directors if these may compete or cause conflicts with the Company's interests. Each transaction is subject to approval by the board of directors and the transaction results are reported to the board of directors. In addition, related party transactions are monitored regularly based on the Related Party Regulations, while the status of transactions is disclosed in the Annual Securities Report and non-consolidated financial statements, and the board of directors oversees conflicts of interest.

# Principle 2.6 Roles of corporate pension funds as asset owners

The Company has not joined a specific corporate pension fund but has introduced a defined contribution corporate pension plan. In addition to selecting the operation and administration body and investment products as well as providing educational opportunities to employees, the Company gives an explanation at the time new employees join the Company.

# Principle 3.1 Full disclosure

- (i) Guided by a corporate philosophy of "Information Revolution Happiness for everyone," the Company aims to be a provider of essential technologies and services to people around the world through its endeavors in various businesses in the information and technology industries. The Company discloses these endeavors on its website.
- (ii) The Company discloses its basic views on and basic guidelines for corporate governance based on the principles of Japan's Corporate Governance Code in the Corporate Governance Report.
- (iii) Directors' remuneration at the Company is intended to motivate directors to increase enterprise value and grow profits, and to function as consideration for their performances. This remuneration comprises basic remuneration, bonuses, and share-based payments and is deliberated by the remuneration committee within the aggregate amount approved by the General Meeting of Shareholders. The board of directors shall give the greatest possible respect to recommendations made by the remuneration committee, and remuneration shall be determined by a resolution of the board of directors. The decisions on the amount of individual

remuneration are entrusted to the representative director, president & CEO, on the condition that due respect should be paid to the resolution of the board of directors, as well as the recommendations made by the remuneration committee. The remuneration committee deliberates on details regarding the system such as the remuneration determination process, in addition to basic remuneration, bonuses, and share-based payments. Individual remuneration is determined based on individual roles, responsibilities, performances, and other factors, taking the results of operations and management environment into account.

(iv) In electing directors and dismissing director candidates of the Company, recommendations are made to the board of directors following deliberations by the nominating committee. The board of directors gives the greatest possible respect to the recommendations made by the nominating committee and elects director candidates in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and the Board of Directors Rules, proposing them for election and dismissal at the General Meeting of Shareholders. Criteria for electing director candidates include qualities and abilities that will contribute to increasing enterprise value and a deep knowledge of the candidate's respective field of specialization.

In electing audit & supervisory board member candidates, the board of directors elects candidates in accordance with the Audit & Supervisory Board Rules and the Audit & Supervisory Board Members Audit Regulations with the approval of the audit & supervisory board, and these candidates are proposed at the General Meeting of Shareholders. Criteria for the election of audit & supervisory board member candidates include independence and a fair, unbiased attitude. The Audit & Supervisory Board Members Audit Regulations stipulate that at least one of the audit & supervisory board members must have considerable knowledge of finance and accounting.

(v) The Company discloses the reasons for the appointment of each of the candidates for director and audit & supervisory board member in the Notice of the General Meeting of Shareholders in which the election of these candidates is proposed.

# Supplementary principle 4.1.(1) Determination of scope of delegation to management and disclosure thereof

The board of directors exists as a decision-making body of the Company, and the agenda items for discussion in the board of directors are set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and the Board of Directors Rules.

In addition, the Company has introduced the executive officer system with the aim of strengthening corporate governance and speeding up decision-making and execution.

At the Company, decision-making authority is delegated to the management by the board of directors with respect to matters deemed necessary in management, and the specific scope of matters to be delegated and decision-making authority according to the job position are stipulated in the Internal Approval Regulations.

## Principle 4.9 Independence standards and qualification for independent directors

The Company elects independent external directors in accordance with the independence criteria set by the Tokyo Stock Exchange. The independent external director candidates to be elected are persons who can contribute to increasing enterprise value through qualifications, ability, and deep knowledge in their fields of expertise. In addition, those who can participate actively in constructive discussion and express their opinions frankly at the board of directors meetings are also elected. Independent external director candidates are elected by a resolution of the board of directors based on discussions at nominating committee meetings.

# Supplementary principle 4.11.(1) Views on overall balance of knowledge, etc., diversity, and size of the board of directors

The Company stipulates the maximum number of directors at 15 in the Articles of Incorporation. The board of directors elects director candidates who are considered the most suitable for the position, with their nationality, ethnicity, gender, or age also taken into consideration, based on discussions by the nominating committee.

At present, there are 13 directors serving, all of whom have a wealth of knowledge and experience regarding business management. Five independent external directors have been elected, and they hold constructive and lively discussions at the board of directors meetings from diverse perspectives, including outside perspectives.

The Company explains the views regarding the overall composition of the board of directors, and the policy and procedures regarding election, as necessary.

# Supplementary principle 4.11.(2) Status of concurrent positions of external directors and external audit & supervisory board members

The Company's directors and audit & supervisory board members ensure that the number of their concurrent positions at other companies is limited to three and take care to see that these positions do not interfere with the performance of their duties.

The Company discloses the main concurrent positions held by each director and audit & supervisory board member in the Notice of the General Meeting of Shareholders.

# Supplementary principle 4.11.(3) Analysis and evaluation of the overall effectiveness of the board of directors

With a view to continuously enhancing its effectiveness, the Company's board of directors has been carrying out evaluations of the effectiveness of the board of directors once each year since 2018, with the support of an independent organization. For this fiscal year, a new evaluation methodology has been formulated that is focused on a more practical perspective, based on the recognition that a framework of governance involving the board of directors has largely been successfully established, as a result of the improvement initiatives derived from the evaluations undertaken on the past two occasions by the independent organization commissioned to conduct questionnaire-based surveys, interviews, etc.

#### ■ Evaluation process

- (1) Subjects of evaluation: Three representative directors, four external directors, and four audit & supervisory board members
- (2) Method of evaluation: Questionnaire-based survey and interview
- (3) Evaluation period: From January 2021 to June 2021

#### (4) Evaluation process

The effectiveness evaluation for FY2020 was carried out as follows.

- January 2021: Review of the key points of the evaluation and the items to be included in the questionnaire, based on the opinions of the independent organization
- February 2021: Distribution and collection of the questionnaire (compiled and analyzed by the independent organization)
- March 2021: Interviews based on the results of the analysis of the questionnaire (conducted by the independent organization)
- April 2021: Decision by the chairperson of the board on the issues to be addressed and a draft of the strategic direction for improvement, based on an identification of such issues and associated recommendations presented by the independent organization
- June 2021: Decision at the board of directors on the issues to be addressed and the strategic direction for improvement as a result of the evaluation of the effectiveness of the board of directors for this fiscal year

#### (5) Key points of the evaluation

- I. Ensuring that an autonomous PDCA cycle has been established at the board of directors (clarification of the annual and medium- to long-term targets at the board of directors, quality/expertise/diversity of the board of directors, validity/adequacy of the themes to be deliberated, validity/adequacy of the decision-making process regarding executive nominations and remuneration, adequacy of the information provided to the external directors, validity/adequacy of audits as a significant component of the supervisory function, etc.)
- II. Critical themes on both offensive and defensive aspects of the supervision by the board of directors (supervision of SDGs/ESG initiatives, monitoring of expectations/requirements for stakeholders, supervision over the status and others of business model transformation, supervision of group governance and group risk management, etc.)
- III. Adequacy of engagement in tackling the issues pointed out in the previous fiscal year, and the status of improvement

#### (6) Results of the evaluation

#### **Summary**

The Company's board of directors confirmed that the vision of corporate governance envisaged by the Company has largely been materialized, with its effectiveness adequately ensured. Good scores were also given to the expertise/skill balance of the board of directors and the adequacy of information sharing, such as

through pre-meeting briefings to the external directors. Supervision over the status and others of business model transformation particularly received a high evaluation, for speedy and in-depth discussions.

# Status of the response to the issues pointed out in the previous fiscal year

Many opinions indicated that improvement was made as a whole regarding the points identified as issues to be addressed in the evaluation for the previous fiscal year. In particular, a high evaluation was given to the speedy actions in sharing of information on the deliberation at the nominating committee, as well as in establishing a system of reporting on the SDGs/ESG initiatives. On the other hand, not a few respondents voiced the concern that more should be done to enhance risk monitoring across the Group, as well as to further deepen the operation of the board of directors so that more substantial discussion is materialized.

Issues to be addressed as identified in this fiscal year; group strategies in line with the pace of expansion of the Group, enhancing the supervision of the status of execution of risk management, ensuring sufficient time for discussion on strategies at the board of directors, and reflecting the opinions of the external directors in setting the agenda for board of directors and other meetings

With regard to the aforementioned issues, the Company's board of directors will remain engaged in initiatives to enhance its effectiveness, in view of the strategic direction of the Company and the business environment it faces.

# **Supplementary principle 4.14.(2)**

The Group conducts the following training for its directors and audit & supervisory board members to enable them to learn important skills and knowledge needed to stay abreast of current developments.

- The Group distributes the Directors' Handbook covering the responsibilities and obligations of directors to the Company's directors and audit & supervisory board members. The Group distributes the Audit & Supervisory Board Members' Handbook covering the responsibilities and obligations of audit & supervisory board members to the audit & supervisory board members mainly of the major subsidiaries.
- The Group regularly conducts training regarding important topics related to compliance for directors and audit & supervisory board members of the Company and directors of its major domestic subsidiaries.

The Company's full-time audit & supervisory board members also actively participate in seminars and training sessions held by Public Interest Incorporated Association Japan Audit & Supervisory Board Members Association, as well as meetings to exchange information with audit & supervisory board members of listed companies.

#### Principle 5.1 Policy for constructive dialogue with shareholders

The Company works to promote constructive dialogue with shareholders and other investors by assigning IR duties to Director, Executive Vice President & CFO and has established the Investor Relations Department as the responsible department. The department conducts IR activities in close coordination with related departments such as Accounting, Finance, Legal, and General Administration. The Company discloses this structure on its website and in its Corporate Governance Report.

The management and the Investor Relations Department respond to requests for dialogue from shareholders and other investors within reason, paying careful attention to the handling of material facts subject to insider trading regulations.

In addition to individual discussions, the Company holds earnings results briefings and briefings for retail investors to explain the status of its businesses to shareholders and other investors. The Investor Relations Department compiles the opinions received from shareholders and other investors through dialogue and periodically reports them to management.

# 2. Capital Structure

Foreign Shareholding Ratio	10 % or more and less than 20%
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# [Status of Major Shareholders]

Name / Company Name	Number of Shares Owned	Percentage (%)
SoftBank Group Japan Corporation	1,914,858,070	40.86
JP MORGAN CHASE BANK 385632	273,340,024	5.83
The Master Trust Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust Account)	159,822,900	3.41
Custody Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust Account)	92,773,400	1.98
STATE STREET BANK WEST CLIENT-TREATY 505234	50,135,800	1.07
Custody Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust Account 7)	49,076,300	1.05
SSBTC CLIENT OMNIBUS ACCOUNT	39,884,534	0.85
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	35,143,159	0.75
505103	33,143,139	0.73
JP MORGAN CHASE BANK 385781	34,331,561	0.73
SMBC Nikko Securities Inc.	33,485,800	0.71

Controlling Shareholder (except for Parent Company)	_
Parent Company	SoftBank Group Corp.
Listed Stock Market	Tokyo Stock Exchange

# Supplementary Explanation

- SBG owns 100% of the shares of SoftBank Group Japan Corporation.
- Although the Company holds 100,659,500 shares of treasury stock as of March 31, 2021, it is excluded from the list of principal shareholders presented above.

# 3. Corporate Attributes

Listed Stock Market and Market Section	Tokyo Stock Exchange, First Section
Fiscal Year-End	March
Type of Business	Information & Communication
Number of Employees (consolidated) as of	More than 1000
the End of the Previous Fiscal Year	More than 1000
Sales (consolidated) as of the End of the	More than ¥1 trillion
Previous Fiscal Year	More than #1 trinion
Number of Consolidated Subsidiaries as of	From 100 to less than 300
the End of the Previous Fiscal Year	From 100 to less than 500

# 4. Policy on Measures to Protect Minority Shareholders in Conducting Transactions with Controlling Shareholder

The Company recognizes that related party transactions including transactions with the parent company group are transactions that may have an impact on the financial position or the results of operations by using the

advantageous position of the related party. As such, in implementing related party transactions, the Company carries out especially important transactions upon approval of the board of directors each time, by paying particular attention to whether such transactions are rational from a managerial standpoint of the Group and whether the terms and conditions of the transactions are appropriate compared to external transactions, in accordance with the Related Party Regulations and Related Party Transactions Management Manual.

Even with regard to related party transactions that do not fall under especially important transactions, the Finance and Accounting Division monitors the aggregate amount and details of such transactions once a year in principle.

In addition, the Board of Directors Rules stipulate that the board of directors must approve transactions conducted by directors if these may compete or cause conflicts with the Company's interests. Each transaction is subject to approval by the board of directors and the transaction results are reported to the board of directors.

## 5. Other Special Circumstances Which May Have Material Impact on Corporate Governance

### Parent companies of the Company

(1) Relationship with the parent companies

SoftBank Group Corp., which is a parent company of the Company, holds 40.86% of the voting rights of the Company (as of March 31, 2021) through its subsidiary SoftBank Group Japan Corporation. Three of 13 directors and one of four audit & supervisory board members of the Company concurrently serve as directors and a managing executive officer of SoftBank Group Corp., respectively.

(2) Views and policy of the parent companies on group management

Please refer to the Corporate Governance Report of SoftBank Group Corp. for the views and policy of the company on group management.

Among investees of SoftBank Group Corp. and its subsidiaries (the "SoftBank Group"), the Company collaborates with companies that possess cutting-edge technologies and companies that provide solutions to expand new businesses, and enjoys the benefits of belonging to the SoftBank Group.

(3) Measures to ensure independence from the parent companies

The Company took measures to ensure independence from the parent companies, such as the removal of matters to be resolved by and matters to be reported to the parent companies in advance, the reduction of personnel relationships such as concurrent positions of officers and employees, and the elimination of borrowings and debt guarantees from the parent companies, in preparation for listing in December 2018. In addition, the Company has appointed five independent external directors and two independent external audit & supervisory board members in accordance with the independence standards established by the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

As a result, the Company has been able to establish systems that enable independent business operation through minimized involvement of the parent companies.

#### **Listed subsidiaries of the Company**

(1) Views and policy of the Company on group management

The Company has several listed subsidiaries that are engaged in a variety of businesses in the information and technology fields under the shared corporate philosophy of "Information Revolution — Happiness for everyone." While valuing and ensuring the independence of its subsidiaries, the Company aims to create synergies and continue to evolve and grow together with them, with a view to maximizing the enterprise value of the Group.

(2) Measures to ensure the effectiveness of the corporate governance systems of listed subsidiaries

The Company has established the Subsidiaries and Affiliates Management Regulations for the purpose of managing the companies in which the Company invests, and requires prior approval of or reporting to the Company regarding important decision-making at subsidiaries. With respect to listed subsidiaries, from the perspective of their independence, the Company limits the items that require such prior approval only to the conclusion of contracts that include clauses that are binding on (including non-compete clauses) non-contracting parties, such as SoftBank Group Corp. and its subsidiaries and affiliates, so that the Company will not unfairly constrain their decision-making.

In addition to the above, each subsidiary, before using the SoftBank brand, asks for prior approval of the Company and enters into an agreement that stipulates conditions of use and other compliance issues. The purpose of this is to maintain and improve the brand image, and it does not unfairly constrain the decision-making of each subsidiary.

#### (3) Significance of having listed subsidiaries

The Company believes that it is desirable for each listed subsidiary to conduct its business while receiving recognition in the stock market and to carry out autonomous management that takes into account the interests of minority shareholders, which will contribute to the growth of each subsidiary. At this time, the Company deems that it is desirable for each listed subsidiary to remain listed.

\* For more information on the listed subsidiaries of Z Holdings Corporation, please refer to the Corporate Governance Report of Z Holdings Corporation.

#### • Z Holdings Corporation

Z Holdings Corporation is a holding company whose subsidiaries include Yahoo Japan Corporation, one of the largest Internet service providers in Japan, and became a consolidated subsidiary of the Company in June 2019.

The Company believes that maintaining the independence and autonomy of Z Holdings Corporation as a listed company, while it collaborates as a member of the Group in various business fields including non-telecommunications business, optimally allocating management resources based on an integrated strategy, and maximizing synergies, will contribute to improving the enterprise value of the Group as a whole.

### • SB Technology Corp.

SB Technology Corp. is the core ICT services company of the Group. The Company believes that maintaining the independence and autonomy of SB Technology Corp. as a listed company, while it effectively uses its management resources such as the SoftBank brand and collaborates with other companies in the Group as a member of the Group, will contribute to improving the enterprise value of the Group as a whole.

#### • ITmedia Inc.

ITmedia Inc. specializes in media management that provides IT-related information on the Internet. The Company believes that maintaining the independence and autonomy of ITmedia Inc. as a listed company and a media company, while it collaborates with other companies in the Group as a member of the Group, will contribute to improving the enterprise value of the Group as a whole.

#### • Vector Inc.

Vector Inc. is mainly engaged in the App Pass business (started the contracted operation of the Company's App Pass service in January 2019), the software sales business, and the site advertisement sales business. The Company believes that maintaining the independence and autonomy of Vector Inc. as a listed company, while it collaborates with other companies in the Group as a member of the Group, will contribute to improving the enterprise value of the Group as a whole.

# II. Business Management Organization and Other Corporate Governance Systems regarding Decision-making, Execution of Business, and Oversight in Management

# 1. Organizational Composition and Operation

Organization Form	Company with audit & supervisory board members
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#### [Directors]

Maximum Number of Directors Stipulated in the Articles of Incorporation	15
Term of Office of Directors stipulated in the Articles of Incorporation	1 year
Chairperson of the Board	President
Number of Directors	13
Appointment of External Directors	Appointed
Number of External Directors	6
Number of Independent Directors	5

### External Directors' Relationship with the Company (1)

Name	A 44 -: 1 4 -		Relationship with the Company*									
Name	Attribute	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k
Atsushi Horiba	From another company								0			
Takehiro Kamigama	From another company								Δ			
Kazuaki Oki	CPA											
Kyoko Uemura	Lawyer											
Reiko Hishiyama	Scholar	Δ							0			
Naomi Koshi	Lawyer								0			

<sup>\*</sup> Categories for "Relationship with the Company"

- a. Executive of the Company or its subsidiaries
- b. Non-executive director or executive of a parent company of the Company
- c. Executive of a fellow subsidiary company of the Company
- d. A party whose major client or supplier is the Company or an executive thereof
- e. Major client or supplier of the Company or an executive thereof
- f. Consultant, accountant, or legal professional who receives a large amount of monetary consideration or other property from the Company besides compensation as a director/audit & supervisory board member
- g. Major shareholder of the Company (or an executive of said major shareholder if the shareholder is a legal entity)
- h. Executive of a client or supplier company of the Company (which does not correspond to any of d, e, or f) (the director himself/herself only)
- i. Executive of a company, between the Company and which external directors/audit & supervisory board members are mutually appointed (the director himself/herself only)
- j. Executive of a company or organization that receives a donation from the Company (the director himself/herself only)
- k. Others

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;○" when the director presently falls or has recently fallen under the category, and "△" when the director fell under the category in the past

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;•" when a close relative of the director presently falls or has recently fallen under the category, and "▲" when a close relative of the director fell under the category in the past

External Directors' Relationship with the Company (2)

	Designation as	Supplementary	
Name	Independent	Explanation of	Reasons of Appointment
	Director	the Relationship	
Atsushi Horiba	0	Although the Company	Having served as Representative
		has business	Director of HORIBA, Ltd. for
		relationships, such as	approximately 29 years from 1992 to
		service outsourcing and telecommunications	date, Mr. Horiba has been leading the
		services, with HORIBA,	growth of HORIBA group and therefore has a wealth of management experience.
		Ltd., where Mr. Atsushi	The Company expects him to supervise
		Horiba serves as	the Company's management based on
		Representative Director,	his knowledge and experience and give
		the amount of	advice on the overall management of
		transactions accounts for	the Company. He is elected as external
		less than 0.1% of the	director so he can contribute to the
		Company's operating	Group's further growth and
		expenses or revenue.	strengthening corporate governance.
		Therefore it does not	
		raise any issues	
		regarding his	
Takehiro Kamigama	0	independence.	Having served as Representative
Takeiiio Kaiiigaiiia		Although the Company has business	Director of TDK Corporation for 12
		relationships, such as a	years from 2006, Mr. Kamigama has a
		secondment agreement	wealth of management experience to
		and telecommunications	demonstrate leadership in enhancing
		services, with TDK	profitability of TDK's business and
		Corporation, where Mr.	expanding business fields. The
		Takehiro Kamigama	Company expects him to supervise the
		serves as Mission	Company's management based on his
		Executive, the amount	knowledge and experience and give
		of transactions accounts	advice on the overall management of
		for less than 0.1% of the	the Company. He is elected as external director so he can contribute to the
		Company's operating	Group's further growth and
		expenses or revenue. Although the Company	strengthening corporate governance.
		also has business	strengthening corporate governance.
		relationships, such as	
		telecommunications	
		services, with OMRON	
		Corporation, where Mr.	
		Kamigama serves as	
		External Director, the	
		amount of transactions	
		accounts for less than	
		0.1% of the Company's	
		revenue. Although the Company	
		also has business	
		relationships, such as the	
		establishment of a base	
		station and	
		telecommunications	
		services, with Yamaha	
		Motor Co., Ltd., where	

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		Mr. Kamigama also	
		serves as External	
		Director, the amount of	
		transactions accounts for	
		less than 0.1% of the	
		Company's operating	
		expenses or revenue.	
		Although the Company	
		also has business	
		relationships, such as	
		office engineering work	
		and telecommunications	
		services, with	
		KOKUYO Co., Ltd.,	
		where Mr. Kamigama	
		serves as External	
		Director, the amount of	
		transactions accounts for	
		less than 0.1% of the	
		Company's operating	
		expenses or revenue.	
		Therefore they do not	
		raise any issues	
		regarding his	
Kazuaki Oki		independence.	Mr. Olzi has aytansiya knayyladas and
Kazuaki Oki		_	Mr. Oki has extensive knowledge and experience as a certified public
			accountant. The Company expects him
			to supervise the Company's
			management based on his knowledge
			and experience and give advice on the
			overall management of the Company.
			He is elected as external director so he
			can contribute to the Group's further
			growth and strengthening corporate
			governance.
Kyoko Uemura	0		Ms. Uemura has extensive knowledge
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			Company expects her to supervise the
			Company's management based on her
			knowledge and experience and give
			advice on the overall management of
			the Company. She is elected as external
			director so she can contribute to the
			Group's further growth and
			strengthening corporate governance.
Reiko Hishiyama	0	Ms. Reiko Hishiyama	Ms. Hishiyama is a professor of the
_		worked at JAPAN	Faculty of Science and Engineering at
		TELECOM CO., LTD.	Waseda University, and her research
		(currently the Company)	interests include management system
		from January 1991 to	engineering. She has a wealth of
		March 2005. However,	knowledge and experience in the area of
		it has been more than 10	cutting-edge technology such as AI and
		years since she left the	IoT. The Company expects her to
		company, and the	supervise the Company's management
		Company judges that	based on her knowledge and experience
		this does not affect her	and give advice on the overall

	indonandanaa aa	management of the Company Chair
	independence as	management of the Company. She is
	External Director.	elected as external director so she can
	Although the Company	contribute to the Group's further growth
	has business	and strengthening corporate
	relationships, such as the	governance.
	establishment of a base	
	station and	
	telecommunications	
	services, with Waseda	
	University, where Ms.	
	Hishiyama serves as a	
	professor, the amount of	
	transactions accounts for	
	less than 0.1% of the	
	Company's operating	
	expenses or revenue.	
	Therefore it does not	
	raise any issues	
	regarding her	
	independence.	
Naomi Koshi	Although the Company	In addition to her extensive knowledge
	has business	and experience as a lawyer in Japan and
	relationships, such as	overseas, Ms. Koshi engages in a broad
	legal advisory services,	range of activities including municipal
	with Miura & Partners,	government initiatives and support
	where Ms. Naomi Koshi	measures for the promotion of women's
	serves as a partner	career advancement. The Company
	lawyer, the amount of	expects her to supervise the Company's
	transactions accounts for	management based on her knowledge
	less than 0.1% of the	and experience and give advice on the
	Company's operating	overall management of the Company.
	expenses. Therefore it	She is elected as external director so she
	does not raise any issues	can contribute to the Group's further
	regarding her	growth and strengthening corporate
	independence.	governance.

## [Voluntary Establishment of Committee(s)]

Voluntary Establishment of Committee(s)	
Corresponding to Nomination Committee or	Established
Remuneration Committee	

Status of Establishment of Voluntary Committee, Composition of Committee and Attributes of Committee Chair (Chairperson)

	Voluntary committee corresponding to a nominating committee	Voluntary committee corresponding to a remuneration committee
Name of committee	Nominating committee	Remuneration committee
Total number of members	5	5
Number of full-time members	0	0
Number of internal directors	1	1
Number of external directors	4	4
Number of internal experts	0	0
Number of other members	0	0
Committee chair (chairperson)	External director	External director

### Supplementary Explanation

The voluntary nominating committee and remuneration committee are comprised of the CEO and four independent external directors (the four independent external directors serving as committee members are elected by a resolution of the board of directors), deliberate on matters regarding the election and dismissal of directors, the nomination of representative directors, and remuneration of directors, and make recommendations to the board of directors. The board of directors treats the recommendations from these committees as matters to be discussed at the board of directors meetings while giving the greatest possible respect to such recommendations.

## [Audit & Supervisory Board]

Establishment of Audit & Supervisory Board	Established
Maximum Number of Audit & Supervisory	
Board Members Stipulated in the Articles of	6
Incorporation	
Number of Audit & Supervisory Board	4
Members	4

Cooperation among Audit & Supervisory Board Members, Independent Auditors and Internal Audit Departments

# Cooperation between the audit & supervisory board members and the independent auditor

The audit & supervisory board members receive briefings from the independent auditor (Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLC) on the audit policy and audit plan, and exchange opinions. The audit & supervisory board members receive reports on the main items to be audited and the method and results of audit, regarding the audit during and at the end of the fiscal year (including quarterly review). Full-time audit & supervisory board members cooperate with the independent auditor mainly by exchanging information and opinions with the

independent auditor on a monthly basis, as well as attending the accounting audits conducted by the independent auditor.

#### Cooperation between the audit & supervisory board members and the Internal Audit Department

The audit & supervisory board members regularly provide opportunities to exchange information with the Company's Internal Audit Department and Internal Control Division, cooperating organically with them including requesting them to conduct an investigation as necessary.

In particular, the audit & supervisory board members confirm the progress of the internal audit plan and exchange opinions with the Internal Audit Department every month such as by holding regular meetings attended by full-time audit & supervisory board members. In addition, the general manager of the Internal Audit Department reports the internal audit plan and results, among other matters, to the audit & supervisory board members semi-annually, and provides explanation regarding the report of audit results to representative directors as appropriate, through sharing of materials each time.

# Cooperation between the independent auditor and the Internal Audit Department

The independent auditor receives briefings from the Internal Audit Department on the audit plan and, when necessary, on the results of internal audits and other matters. The Internal Audit Department receives regular briefings from the independent auditor regarding audit results and other matters. Moreover, both parties cooperate with each other as necessary by exchanging information and opinions, among other measures.

Appointment of External Audit & Supervisory Board Members	Appointed
Number of External Audit & Supervisory Board Members	2
Number of Independent Audit & Supervisory Board Members	2

#### External Audit & Supervisory Board Member's Relationship with the Company (1)

Nama	A 44	Relationship with the Company*												
Name	Attribute		b	c	d	e	f	G	h	i	j	k	1	m
Yasuharu Yamada	From another company													
Kenichiro Abe	CPA													

<sup>\*</sup> Categories for "Relationship with the Company"

- a. Executive of the Company or its subsidiaries
- b. Non-executive director or accounting advisor of the Company or its subsidiaries
- c. Non-executive director or executive of a parent company of the Company
- d. audit & supervisory board member of a parent company of the Company
- e. Executive of a fellow subsidiary company of the Company
- f. A party whose major client or supplier is the Company or an executive thereof
- g. Major client or supplier of the Company or an executive thereof
- h. Consultant, accountant, or legal professional who receives a large amount of monetary consideration or other property from the Company besides compensation as an audit & supervisory board member
- i. Major shareholder of the Company (or an executive of said major shareholder if the shareholder is a legal entity)

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;O" when the audit & supervisory board member presently falls or has recently fallen under the category, and "\D" when the audit & supervisory board member fell under the category in the past

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;•" when a close relative of the audit & supervisory board member presently falls or has recently fallen under the category, and "▲" when a close relative of the audit & supervisory board member fell under the category in the past

- j. Executive of a client or supplier company of the Company (which does not correspond to any of f, g, or h) (the audit & supervisory board member himself/herself only)
- k. Executive of a company, between the Company and which external directors/audit & supervisory board members are mutually appointed (the audit & supervisory board member himself/herself only)
- l. Executive of a company or organization that receives a donation from the Company (the audit & supervisory board member himself/herself only)
- m. Others

External Audit & Supervisory Board Members' Relationship with the Company (2)

Name	Designation as Independent Audit & Supervisory Board Member	Supplementary Explanation of the Relationship	Reasons of Appointment
Yasuharu Yamada			Mr. Yamada has extensive knowledge and experience relating to risk management and compliance at financial institutions as well as considerable expertise of finance and accounting. The Company designated him as an external audit & supervisory board member to leverage his knowledge and experience to perform audits from a specialist perspective and to ensure a more independent perspective in the audits.
Kenichiro Abe	0		Mr. Abe has extensive knowledge and experience as a CPA. The Company designated him as an external audit & supervisory board member to leverage his knowledge and experience to perform audits from a specialist perspective and to ensure a more independent perspective in the audits.

# [Independent Directors/Audit & Supervisory Board Members]

Number of Independent Directors/Audit & Supervisory Board Members	7					
Other Matters Relating to Independent Directors/Audit & Supervisory Board Members						
None						

# [Incentives]

Incentive Policies for Directors	Stock options plan / performance-based remuneration plan
Supplementary Explanation	

The Company and the Group have allotted stock acquisition rights to be used as stock options for officers and employees, in order to provide them incentives to improve business results.

In addition, the Company has introduced a plan to grant restricted stock as performance-based remuneration in order to incentivize certain directors and executive officers to sustainably increase the enterprise value of the Company and promote further sharing of value with shareholders.

Recipients of Stock Options	Internal directors / employees / subsidiaries' directors / subsidiaries' employees
	substanties employees

#### Supplementary Explanation

The Company and the Group have allotted stock acquisition rights to be used as stock options for directors, executive officers, and other employees of the Company, as well as directors, executive officers and other employees of subsidiaries of the Company. The stock option plan is aimed at providing incentives for participants to increase the performance of the Company and its subsidiaries and maximizing shareholder value.

In addition, the Company pays performance-based remuneration in the form of restricted stock to certain directors and executive officers of the Company who play a key role in enhancing the performance and enterprise value of the Company and the Group.

# [Director Remuneration]

Disclosure of Individual Directors'	Selected directors
Remuneration	Selected directors

# Supplementary Explanation

<Total remuneration for directors and audit & supervisory board members with subtotals for each type of remuneration and numbers of recipients (FY2020)>

		Subtotals for each	ch type of rer	nuneration (¥ m	nillions)		
			Perform	ance-based			
	Total			neration	Other	Number of	
Title	remuneration	Basic	(Note 1)		(Note	recipients	
	(¥ millions)	remuneration	Cash payment	Share-based payment (Note 2)	3)		
Directors				(= := := )			
(excluding	2.071	422	701	701	220		
external	2,061	432	701	701	228	6	
directors)							
Audit &							
supervisory							
board							
members							
(Note 4)	17	17				1	
(excluding	1 /	1 /	-	_	_	1	
external Audit							
& supervisory							
board							
members)							
External	40	40				_	
directors	48	48	-	-	-	4	

ternal audit						
supervisory board	22	22	-	-	-	2
members						

#### Notes:

- 1. Performance-based remuneration comprises cash payment and share-based payment.
- 2. Share-based payment is scheduled to be granted on July 20, 2021 in the form of restricted stock, which will be accounted for (expensed) in FY2021.
- 3. "Other" represents the amounts accounted for (expensed) in FY2020 concerning the stock options allotted as non-monetary payment in March 2018, which are different from the amounts to be gained as a result of the exercise or sale of the stock options.
- 4. The annual aggregate remuneration paid to audit & supervisory board members shall not exceed ¥80 million, pursuant to the resolution of the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held on February 25, 2015 (at which time, the Company was served by six audit & supervisory board members).

<Total remuneration and other compensation paid to respective directors (FY2020)>

				Subtotals for e	ach type of rem	uneration (¥ m	nillions)
	Total consolidated	Title	Company	Basic	Performar remune		
Name	remuneration (¥ millions)	Title	name	remuneration	Cash payment	Share- based payment	Other
Ken Miyauchi	635	Director	SoftBank Corp.	120	228	228	59
Jun Shimba	373	Director	SoftBank Corp.	84	130	130	29
Yasuyuki Imai	373	Director	SoftBank Corp.	84	130	130	29
Junichi Miyakawa	373	Director	SoftBank Corp.	84	130	130	29
Kazuhiko Fujihara	250	Director	SoftBank Corp.	60	84	84	22
Kentaro Kawabe	265	Director	Z Holdings Corporation	85	112	68	-

#### Note:

1. Only directors whose total consolidated remuneration and other compensation is \\$100 million or more.

Policy on Determining Remuneration Amounts	Established
and Calculation Methods	Established

Disclosure of Policy on Determining Remuneration Amounts and Calculation Methods

The Company shall determine the remuneration of the Company's directors and audit & supervisory board members by verifying whether the amount is at a level that is highly competitive with the remuneration of the

executives at the Japanese and overseas companies with largely comparable scale of business, based on the survey of domestic executive remuneration carried out by a third party organization.

The remuneration of directors shall be intended as incentive for achieving sustainable growth as well as enhancement of corporate value over the medium to long term, along with the creation of constant earnings growth, stable cash flows and sound relationship with stakeholders, while ensuring to restrain excessive risk-taking but to enhance motivation of directors to contribute to improving corporate performance not only over the short term, but also medium to long term.

The basic remuneration shall be determined by position on an annual basis, specifically at ¥96 million for the representative director & chairman, ¥120 million for the representative director, president & CEO, ¥84 million for the representative director, and ¥60 million for the board director & executive vice president, which shall be paid in cash in monthly installments. The performance-based remuneration shall consist of short-term performance-based remuneration and medium-term performance-based remuneration, which shall be paid wholly in the form of restricted stock. The amount of the medium-term performance-based remuneration shall be determined based on the Company's performance over a three-year term, and the determined remuneration shall be paid to the grantee directors after the finalization of performance for the three-year evaluation period. Under the basic policy of the Company, the composition ratio between the basic remuneration and the short-term performance-based remuneration shall, in principle, be 1:2.3-3.2, while the short-term performance-based remuneration shall fluctuate in a range of 0 to 2.5 times the base amount by position. The composition ratio between the basic remuneration and the medium-term performance-based remuneration shall, in principle, be 1:1.7-2.1, while the medium-term performance-based remuneration shall fluctuate in a range of 0 to 3.0 times the base amount by position. If any material revision or amendment occurs to the figures in the financial statements that are used as the basis for calculating performance-based remuneration, the Company may take measures such as acquiring the allotted shares without compensation, taking the job responsibility of the relevant grantee director into account.

As for external directors, who are independent from business execution, audit & supervisory board members and external audit & supervisory board members, who audit the execution of duties by directors, the policy is to pay them only basic remuneration.

### [Supporting System for External Directors and/or External Audit & Supervisory Board Members]

The Company seeks to ensure that all officers, including the external audit & supervisory board members, can participate fully in the board of directors meetings having fully grasped the specific details of the agenda for discussion. The secretariat to the board of directors therefore provides them with materials for the board of directors meetings beforehand, including supplemental briefings and other information as required. The audit & supervisory board office has been established to support the duties of all the audit & supervisory board members, including the external members. The office comprises dedicated personnel who act under the directions of the audit & supervisory board members to gather information, investigate matters, and give other assistance.

# 2. Matters on Functions of Business Execution, Auditing, Oversight, Nomination and Remuneration Decisions (Overview of Current Corporate Governance System)

As of the date of submission of this document, an overview of the Company's institutional establishment is as follows.

- The board of directors consists of 13 directors, including six external directors, and their terms of office shall last until the conclusion of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held with respect to the final fiscal year ending within one year after election.

<External directors' attendance at board of directors meeting>

Atsushi Horiba: Attended 12 out of 12 board of directors meetings held in FY2020 (attendance rate

of 100%)

Takehiro Kamigama: Attended 12 out of 12 board of directors meetings held in FY2020 (attendance rate

of 100%)

Kazuaki Oki: Attended 12 out of 12 board of directors meetings held in FY2020 (attendance rate

of 100%)

Kyoko Uemura: Attended 12 out of 12 board of directors meetings held in FY2020 (attendance rate of 100%)

Notes: 1. The number of board of directors meetings by written resolution is excluded.

- 2. Ms. Reiko Hishiyama and Ms. Naomi Koshi were appointed as external directors of the Company on June 22, 2021.
- The nominating committee, the remuneration committee and the SDGs promotion committee are established voluntarily as advisory bodies to the board of directors. The nominating committee and the remuneration committee comprise the CEO and four independent external directors (the four independent external directors serving as committee members are elected by a resolution of the board of directors) to ensure independence of the committees. The SDGs promotion committee is headed by the representative director, president & CEO, who is the chief SDGs promotion officer. In addition, the risk management committee is established as an internal committee.
- The audit & supervisory board consists of four members, two of whom are external members.

In addition, the Company has introduced the executive officer system to clarify the management supervisory function and further strengthen the business execution function of the board of directors while ensuring speedier management.

- The Company has concluded a contract with directors (excluding executive directors) and audit & supervisory board members to limit liability for damages stipulated in Paragraph 1, Article 423 of the Companies Act in accordance with Paragraph 1, Article 427 of the Companies Act. The maximum amount of liability for damages is the minimum amount of liability for damages stipulated by relevant laws and regulations.

<Overview of the implementation status of the system to ensure the appropriateness of the operations>

1. Matters concerning compliance

The Company continues to conduct compliance training for its directors and employees, as well as offering information and giving advice, and so forth, as necessary, for enhancing the compliance system. In addition, the Company works to ensure the effectiveness of compliance of the Company by establishing and operating hotlines so that directors and employees of the Company and its subsidiaries can report and consult directly. The effects of these measures are reviewed to make improvements, as necessary.

#### 2. Matters concerning risk

Based on the Risk Management Regulations, the risk management department summarizes the status of risk evaluation, analysis and response at each unit, and regularly reports its findings to the risk management committee consisting of directors. The risk management committee determines the degree of importance and owners of the risks, and confirms and promotes measures developed and taken by the risk owners, thereby reducing risks and preventing the occurrence of risk events. The risk management committee then regularly reports its findings to the board of directors. Group companies also manage risks individually and continuously work on reducing risks and preventing the occurrence thereof.

#### 3. Matters concerning internal audits

The Internal Audit Department carries out audits on the effectiveness of the system for compliance with laws, regulations, and the Articles of Incorporation as well as the risk management process at the Company. In addition, the department continuously carries out audits of Group companies deemed as having a high risk and reports the results of the audits to the CEO each time.

4. Matters concerning the execution of duties by directors and employees

The Company ensures efficiency in the execution of duties by its directors and employees based on internal regulations such as the Board of Directors Rules, Internal Approval Regulations and Regulations on Segregation and Authority of Duties. The Company also ensures an environment where matters can be fully discussed at the board of directors meetings by directors.

5. Matters concerning the execution of duties by audit & supervisory board members

The audit & supervisory board members attend the Company's important meetings and arrange opportunities to interview directors and employees of the Company and the Group, as necessary. In addition, they continue to enhance cooperation by holding regular meetings with the independent auditor and audit & supervisory board members and other personnel of major subsidiaries. Through these efforts, the audit & supervisory board members ensure the effectiveness of audits.

#### Status of internal audits and audit & supervisory board member audits

The Internal Audit Department consisting of 28 members conducts internal audits of the overall duties of the Company as an organization directly under the CEO, and also conducts audits mainly of subsidiaries as a parent company. The Internal Audit Department mainly evaluates business compliance with laws and regulations and effectiveness of internal control, and reports the results of internal audits to the CEO and the board of directors of the Company while explaining them to the audit & supervisory board members.

The audit & supervisory board consists of four members, two of whom are external members (two full-time members and two part-time members).

The internal audit & supervisory board members consist of one full-time member and one part-time member. The full-time internal audit & supervisory board member has extensive knowledge and experience in the fields of corporate governance and compliance accumulated through serving as an executive officer, CCO, and head of the General Affairs Division of the Company, as well as in corporate management accumulated through serving as the president of a Group company. The part-time internal audit & supervisory board member is a certified public accountant and has extensive knowledge and experience in accounting, including many years in charge of the accounting unit of SoftBank Group Corp. The external audit & supervisory board members consist of one full-time member and one part-time member, both of which are fully independent. The full-time external audit & supervisory board member has extensive experience in heading compliance and risk management divisions of a financial institution. The part-time external audit & supervisory board member has extensive knowledge and experience as a certified public accountant.

The audit & supervisory board members, including the external audit & supervisory board members, attend board of directors meetings to monitor and verify the status of decision-making by the board of directors and the fulfillment of its supervisory duties over each director. They also audit the execution of duties by the directors, etc., as well as the directors and the audit & supervisory board members of major subsidiaries, through regular interviews and other means.

The audit & supervisory board establishes an audit policy, audit plan and priority audit items for each fiscal year. It meets once a month in principle, receives regular reports from each department related to the internal control system to confirm the status of the execution of duties by directors based on the priority audit items, and confirms the appropriateness of business execution. In addition, the audit & supervisory board receives quarterly reports on the progress and results, etc. of audits from the independent auditor, and exchanges information and opinions with them. It also receives explanations of individual matters from directors, etc. as necessary.

#### Status of audit by the independent auditor

- (a) Name of the independent auditor Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLC.
- (b) Consecutive auditing period 20 years
- (c) Certified public accountants who executed the audit duties of the Company Designated engagement partners: Mr. Tomoyasu Maruyama, Mr. Takafumi Shimodaira, Mr. Yusuke Masuda
- (d) Composition of assistants for the audit duties of the Company 32 certified public accountants and 82 others

# Relationship with external directors

The Company has six external directors.

The Company has business relationships, such as service outsourcing and telecommunications services, with HORIBA, Ltd., where external director Atsushi Horiba serves as Representative Director. However, the amount of transactions in each business accounts for less than 0.1% of the Company's operating expenses or revenue, and it is therefore negligible. In addition, the Company has business relationships, such as a secondment agreement and telecommunications services, with TDK Corporation, where external director Takehiro Kamigama serves as Mission Executive. However, the amount of transactions in each business accounts for less than 0.1% of the Company's operating expenses or revenue, and it is therefore negligible. The Company also has business relationships, such as telecommunications services, with OMRON Corporation, where Mr. Kamigama serves as External Director. However, the amount of transactions accounts for less than 0.1% of the Company's revenue, and it is therefore negligible. The Company also has business relationships, such as the establishment of a base station and telecommunications services, with Yamaha

Motor Co., Ltd., where Mr. Kamigama serves as External Director. However, the amount of transactions in each business accounts for less than 0.1% of the Company's operating expenses or revenue, and it is therefore negligible. The Company also has business relationships, such as office engineering work and telecommunications services, with KOKUYO Co., Ltd., where Mr. Kamigama serves as External Director. However, the amount of transactions in each business accounts for less than 0.1% of the Company's operating expenses or revenue, and it is therefore negligible. The Company also has business relationships, such as telecommunications services, with MABUCHI MOTOR CO., LTD., where external director Kyoko Uemura serves as External Director and Audit & Supervisory Committee Member. However, the amount of transactions accounts for less than 0.1% of the Company's revenue, and it is therefore negligible. The Company also has business relationships, such as the establishment of a base station and telecommunications services, with Waseda University, where external director Reiko Hishiyama serves as a professor. However, the amount of transactions in each business accounts for less than 0.1% of the Company's operating expenses or revenue, and it is therefore negligible. The Company also has business relationships, such as web conferencing systems and telecommunications services, with V-Cube Inc., where external director Naomi Koshi serves as External Director. However, the amount of transactions in each business accounts for less than 0.1% of the Company's operating expenses or revenue, and it is therefore negligible. The Company also has business relationships, such as legal advisory services, with Miura & Partners, where Ms. Koshi serves as a partner lawyer. However, the amount of transactions accounts for less than 0.1% of the Company's operating expenses, and it is therefore negligible.

Other than the above, there are no special interests between the Company and companies at which the Company's external directors hold significant concurrent positions.

### Relationship with external audit & supervisory board members

The Company has two external audit & supervisory board members.

The Company has business relationships, such as the establishment of a base station and telecommunications services, with Fujikura Ltd., where audit & supervisory board member Kenichiro Abe serves as External Director and Audit Committee Member. However, the amount of transactions in each business accounts for less than 0.1% of the Company's operating expenses or revenue, and it is therefore negligible.

Other than the above, there are no special interests between the Company and companies at which the Company's external audit & supervisory board members hold significant concurrent positions.

#### **Quorum of directors**

The Company's Articles of Incorporation stipulate that the quorum of directors shall not exceed 15.

# Requirement for resolution relating to election of directors

The Company stipulates in its Articles of Incorporation that a resolution for the election of directors shall be made by a majority of the voting rights with the attendance of shareholders collectively holding at least one-third of the voting rights who are entitled to exercise their voting rights. The Articles of Incorporation also stipulate that no accumulative voting shall be used for the election of directors.

# Decision-making body for dividend of surplus, etc.

The Company stipulates in its Articles of Incorporation that a decision on the dividend of surplus and other matters specified in each item of Paragraph 1, Article 459 of the Companies Act can be made by a resolution of the board of directors, unless otherwise specified by laws and regulations. The purpose of such stipulation is to make flexible decisions in accordance with the Company's basic policy concerning dividend of surplus, etc.

#### Exemption of directors and audit & supervisory board members from liability

Pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 1, Article 426 of the Companies Act, the Company stipulates in its Articles of Incorporation that directors (including former directors) and audit & supervisory board members (including former audit & supervisory board members) may be exempted from liability for damages due to negligence of their duties to the extent provided in laws and regulations by a resolution of the board of directors, and pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 1, Article 427 of the Companies Act, the Company may conclude a contract with directors (excluding executive directors, etc.) and audit & supervisory board members to limit liability for damages due to negligence of their duties to the amount provided for in the laws and regulations. The purpose of such stipulation is to develop an environment where directors and audit &

supervisory board members can fully demonstrate their abilities in executing their duties to fulfill their expected roles.

# Requirement for special resolution relating to General Meeting of Shareholders

The Company stipulates in its Articles of Incorporation that the resolution prescribed in Paragraph 2, Article 309 of the Companies Act shall be made by two-thirds or more of the voting rights with the attendance of shareholders collectively holding at least one-third of the voting rights who are entitled to exercise their voting rights. The purpose of such stipulation is to conduct smooth operation of the General Meeting of Shareholders.

# 3. Reasons for Adoption of Current Corporate Governance System

The Company has established the board of directors as a decision-making body for important matters and an oversight body for the status of business execution. The board of directors also plays a role of steering management to improve the long-term enterprise value. At present, the board of directors consists of 13 directors, including six external directors, and makes management decisions following "appropriate investigation" and "thorough consideration."

In addition, the Company has established the audit & supervisory board to conduct efficient and effective audits regarding the status of execution of duties by directors. The audit & supervisory board consists of four audit & supervisory board members, including two external audit & supervisory board members, and formulates the "audit policy," "audit plan" and "audit method." audit & supervisory board members carry out audit activities in accordance with this policy and plan.

Moreover, the Company has introduced the executive officer system to ensure clarification of the management supervisory function, strengthening the business execution function of the board of directors, and expediting management.

The current system is thus selected because the Company judges that its corporate governance is functioning effectively.

# III. Implementation of Measures for Shareholders and Other Stakeholders

# 1. Status of Measures to Vitalize the General Meeting of Shareholders and Enable Smooth Exercise of Voting Rights

	Supplementary Explanations	
Early Notification of General Meeting of Shareholders	The Company delivered the Notice for the 35th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 22, 2021 on the statutory date, and posted it on its website five business days before the delivery.	
Scheduling General Meeting of Shareholders Avoiding the Peak Day	To allow a greater number of the shareholders to attend, the Company schedules the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders on off-peak days when meetings of many other companies are not concentrated.	
Allowing Electronic Exercise of Voting Rights	A system for executing voting rights through the Internet has been in place since 2019 (the 33rd Annual General Meeting of Shareholders).	
Participation in Electronic Voting Platform	The Company has used the Voting Platform for institutional and other investors since 2019 (the 33rd Annual General Meeting of Shareholders).	
Providing Convocation Notice in English	The Company prepares an English translation of the full text of its Notice of Annual General Meeting of Shareholders.	
Other	Initiatives to promote understanding: At the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, the Company uses video footage to report on its operations to help shareholders better understand the results of operations and the status of its businesses. The chairman of the meeting introduces the Company's medium- to long-term business strategies in addition to reporting on legally mandated items. Moreover, the Notice of the General Meeting of Shareholders provides shareholders with a greater	

volume of information to be used in exercising their voting rights. To facilitate easy reading, the information in the notice is illustrated with charts and color photographs.

Disclosure of voting results:

The voting results for proposals at the General Meeting of Shareholders are posted in an Extraordinary Report on EDINET and posted on the Company's website in both Japanese and English.

Distribution via the Internet:

The Company provides live webcasts of the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders on its website. The footage is also available on the website after the meeting.

Measures to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus:

The Company took measures to prevent the infection and spread of the novel coronavirus, with the safety of its shareholders as the top priority, at the 35th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders.

#### 2. IR Activities

	Supplementary Explanations	Explanation
		by
		Representa-
		tive
Preparation and Publication of Disclosure Policy	The Company's policy is to disclose statutory disclosure documents, as well as voluntary disclosure documents including non-financial information, while paying attention to making them accurate and highly useful in laying the foundation for constructive dialogues with shareholders. The Company publishes its policy for IR activities on its website. The webpage titled "IR Activities" shows matters related to information disclosure, including the basic policy, disclosure standards, and disclosure methods. The page also lists information disclosure materials, the quiet periods for IR activities and the status of IR activities. For details, please refer to the website: <a href="https://www.softbank.jp/corp/ir/governance/ir_activities/">https://www.softbank.jp/corp/ir/governance/ir_activities/</a>	
Regular Investor Briefings for Retail Investors	The Company provides clear and highly useful information to individual shareholders and retail investors. Since information is disclosed to a large number of shareholders and investors, the primary means of disclosure is on the website. At the same time, the Company focuses on dialogue also by holding online conferences and briefings with live Q&A sessions online and at head offices of securities companies in Japan.	Yes
Regular Investor Briefings for Analysts and Institutional Investors	When quarterly earnings results are announced, the Company holds earnings results briefings for analysts, institutional investors, and the media. The CEO, Vice President and Director, Executive Vice President & CFO explain the business status, strategy, measures and outlook. The Company livestreams earnings results briefings for analysts and institutional investors on its website. The footage is posted on the website soon after the briefings.	Yes

Regular Investor Briefings for Overseas Investors	The Company's delegates visit institutional investors outside Japan to explain the business status, strategy, measures and outlook. With regard to disclosure of materials in English, the Company works to keep the disparity in disclosure, in terms of timeliness and volume of information, with the Japanese materials within reason.  The Company provides live webcasts of earnings results briefings in English on its website. The footage becomes available on the website after the briefings.	Yes
Posting of IR Materials on Website	The Company's IR materials are posted on its website.	
Establishment of Department and/or Manager in Charge of IR	The Investor Relations Department is established to handle IR. As of June 24, 2021, the department consists of 11 people to manage IR activities.	

# 3. Measures to Ensure Due Respect for Stakeholders

	Supplementary Explanations
Stipulation of Internal Rules for Respecting the Position of Stakeholders	The Company states in the Sustainability Principles its aim to grow together with all stakeholders, including customers, shareholders, employees, and business partners, by contributing to the realization of a prosperous and happy society through its business activities, as indicated in the corporate philosophy of "Information Revolution - Happiness for everyone."
Implementation of Environmental Activities, CSR Activities, etc.	Under the Sustainability Principles, all directors, officers and employees of the Company and Group companies make various efforts to contribute to solving social issues through SDGs-oriented business activities and corporate activities, in order to continue sustainable growth together with society.  To develop a system to promote sustainability activities, the Company has established the SDGs promotion committee (chaired by Junichi Miyakawa) as an advisory body to the board of directors. The committee makes suggestions to the board of directors regarding sustainability activities. Also, as an execution structure at the Company and Group companies, representative director, president & CEO Junichi Miyakawa serves as the chief SDGs promotion officer, executive vice president & CHRO Fumihiro Aono serves as the SDGs promotion officer, and a person in charge of SDGs promotion is appointed in each of the Company's departments and Group companies to promote sustainability activities.
	Main activities: formulating policies and strategies under the SDGs (establishing materiality and KPIs), solving social issues through ICT (promotion of digital transformation, regional revitalization, educational support, etc.), providing and supporting various communication services in the event of a large-scale disaster and conducting activities conducive to reconstruction, supporting countermeasures against the novel coronavirus, and addressing global environmental protection including climate change and resource management  For more information on the SDGs, please refer to the following website:  Sustainability -A world where all things, information and minds are connected- <a href="https://www.softbank.jp/en/corp/sustainability/">https://www.softbank.jp/en/corp/sustainability/</a>
Development of Policies on	The Company strives to ensure timely and appropriate disclosure of
Information Provision to Stakeholders	information according to the statutory disclosure requirements based on the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act and other relevant acts and ordinances, and as required by the Rules on Timely Disclosure set by the

Tokyo Stock Exchange. The Company also discloses critical information
that is not subject to either statutory disclosure or timely disclosure
requirements but could potentially affect investment decisions. This
information is disclosed in a fair and prompt manner so as to give all the
stakeholders equal access to it.

# IV. Matters Related to the Internal Control System

# 1. Basic Views on Internal Control System and the Progress of System Development

# Development status of internal control system (including development status of risk management system)

The Company makes decisions on the following matters at the board of directors meetings in accordance with the Companies Act and an ordinance of the Ministry of Justice with regard to the system to ensure that the execution of duties by directors is in compliance with laws, regulations, and the Articles of Incorporation and the system to ensure the appropriateness of operations.

1. System to ensure that the execution of the duties of directors and employees with laws, and the Articles of Incorporation of the Company.

The Company has established to prescribe the Compliance code of conduct to be followed by all directors and employees to ensure that corporate activities are appropriate based not only on compliance with laws and regulations, but also on high ethical standards, and has established the following structure to continuously reinforce the compliance system:

- (1) A chief compliance officer (CCO) is appointed. The CCO proposes and carries out measures required to establish and enhance the Company's compliance system.
- (2) A department in charge of compliance is established to assist the CCO.
- (3) The person responsible for the Compliance Department and the person to promote compliance are placed in each department for thorough compliance.
- (4) Internal and external hotlines (the reporting contact office for compliance) are established for direct reporting and consultations by directors and employees, to quickly identify, rectify, and prevent the recurrence of any inappropriate issues in corporate activities. The Company ensures that persons who have reported or consulted on the hotlines will not be treated disadvantageously by prohibiting the disadvantageous treatment of persons on the grounds of having reported or consulted on the hotline in the Compliance Regulations.
- (5) Audit & supervisory board members and the audit & supervisory board request measures for improvements to the board of directors, if they identify issues in the system for compliance with laws, regulations, and the Articles of Incorporation.
- 2. System for the storage and management of information regarding the execution of duties by directors The Company has established the following system to appropriately store and maintain information related to the execution of duties by directors:
- (1) The Company determines retention periods and methods and measures to prevent accidents, based on the Information Management Regulations, and classifies and appropriately stores these documents according to their degree of confidentiality.
- (2) A chief information security officer (CISO) is appointed as the person responsible for information security management, and persons responsible for information security are placed in each department to establish a system to store and maintain information, based on the Information Security Basic Regulations.
- (3) The Chief Data Officer Office has been established and a chief data officer (CDO) has been appointed. In addition, policies and rules have been set out to manage and strategically utilize internal and external data, and the internal management system for handling secrecy of communication and personal information has been strengthened.
- 3. Regulations and systems related to risk management

The Company has established the following system to avoid or minimize risk and to implement necessary measures related to the variety of risks in its business operations:

Based on the Risk Management Regulations, the risk management department summarizes the status of risk evaluation, analysis and response at each unit, and regularly reports its findings to the risk management committee consisting of representative directors and other committee members. The risk management committee determines the degree of importance and owners of the risks, and confirms and promotes measures developed and taken by the risk owners, thereby reducing risks and preventing the occurrence of risk events. The risk management committee then regularly reports its findings to the board of directors. When an emergency situation arises, an Emergency Response Department will be established and efforts will be made to minimize the damage (loss) based on the instructions of the Emergency Response Department.

4. System to ensure the efficiency of directors in the execution of their duties

The Company has established the following structure to maintain an efficient management system:

- (1) The Company has set out the Board of Directors Rules to clarify matters to be resolved and reported by the board of directors, and the Internal Approval Regulations and other regulations related to institutional decision-making to clarify decision-making authority.
- (2) To strengthen functions for overseeing the execution of duties and enhance objectivity in management, the board of directors includes external directors who are independent of the Company.
- (3) To ensure that the directors can discuss matters fully at board of directors meetings, they are provided with materials for the meeting in advance, and with additional or supplementary materials upon their request.
- (4) The scope of operations, authority and responsibilities necessary for operations are clearly defined in the Regulations on Segregation and Authority of Duties.
- 5. System to ensure appropriateness of the operations of the Company and the Group

The Company shares fundamental concepts and policies throughout the Group and reinforces the management system and compliance in accordance with the SoftBank Charter of Corporate Behavior, etc. established by its parent company. In addition, the following systems have been established to apply Group-wide rules to directors and employees of the Group:

- (1) In establishing and reinforcing the compliance system of the Group as well as implementing compliance, CCO gives advice, instructions, and orders to CCO of each Group company to ensure that such activities comply with the Group's basic compliance policy. The reporting contact office for compliance has also been established to receive reports and provide consultation to directors and employees of the Group to quickly identify, rectify, and prevent the recurrence of any inappropriate issues in corporate activities. The Company ensures that persons who have reported or consulted on the hotline will not be treated disadvantageously by prohibiting the disadvantageous treatment of persons on the grounds of having reported or consulted on the hotline in the Compliance Regulations.
- (2) The Group Security Committee, composed of the persons responsible for information security in each Group company, shall be established to share information on system responses and the status of measures, knowledge and technology related to information security. This Committee is headed by the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) who is responsible for information security in the Company.
- (3) The representative of each Group company must submit a Representative Oath pertaining to the financial reports submitted to the Company, which ensures the accuracy of the annual securities report and other reports submitted by the Group as a whole.
- (4) The Internal Audit Department comprehensively judges the results of past internal audits, financial position, and carries out internal audits of the Company and the Group companies deemed as having a high risk.
- (5) The Group addresses risks in an effort to reduce and prevent any possible risks. In addition, in the event of emergency, each Group company will be requested to immediately report to the Company based on the Risk Management Regulations, and efforts will be made to minimize damage (loss) through cooperation between the Company and Group companies depending on the circumstances.
- 6. System for excluding organized crime and other criminal elements

The Company clearly states in the Regulations on Countermeasures against Antisocial Forces its policy of having absolutely no association with antisocial forces that pose a threat to public order and safety. The Company establishes an internal system against antisocial forces and has a responsible division in place to carry out overall management. For dealing with unfair requests from antisocial forces, the Company will firmly refuse those requests in a resolute manner in cooperation with the police and other external specialist institutions.

- 7. Matters relating to the relevant employees when audit & supervisory board members request to have support staff that assists the audit & supervisory board members, matters relating to the independence from the directors, and matters relating to ensuring the effectiveness of instructions given to the relevant employees. The Company has established the Assistant to Audit Department as an organization to support the work of the audit & supervisory board members, and assigns dedicated staff to this department. The appointment of the support staff is notified to the audit & supervisory board members, and any personnel changes, evaluations, or other such actions require the agreement of the audit & supervisory board members. In addition, directions and instructions to the support staff are issued by the audit & supervisory board members to ensure the effectiveness of the instructions.
- 8. System for reporting to the audit & supervisory board members by directors and employees and other systems for reporting to the audit & supervisory board members

Directors and employees will report the following matters to the audit & supervisory board members or the audit & supervisory board without delay (or immediately for any urgent matters including facts that may potentially cause severe damage to the Company):

- (1) Matters related to the compliance system or use of the reporting contact office for compliance.
- (2) Matters related to finance (including financial reporting and actual status to budget planning).
- (3) Matters related to human resources (including labor management).
- (4) The status of work related to risk matters on information security.
- (5) The status of work related to large-scale disaster and network disruption, etc.
- (6) The development status of internal control.
- (7) The status of work related to external fraud investigations.
- (8) Matters related to violations of laws, regulations, or the Articles of Incorporation.
- (9) Results of audits conducted by the Internal Audit Department.
- (10) Other matters which could cause significant damage to the Company and other matters that the audit & supervisory board members have decided that need to be reported in order for them to execute their duties.
- 9. Other systems to ensure that the audits by the audit & supervisory board members are conducted effectively
- (1) When the audit & supervisory board members deem it necessary, opportunities shall be provided for them to interview directors or employees of the Group. In addition, the audit & supervisory board members periodically meet with the independent auditor and the audit & supervisory board members of major subsidiaries and other entities for an exchange of information and to ensure cooperation, and also attend important meetings.
- (2) The Company ensures a system that persons who have reported or consulted with the audit & supervisory board members will not be treated disadvantageously on the grounds of having reported or consulted with the audit & supervisory board members.
- (3) The Company shall pay expenses relating to the independent auditor, the attorneys and other professionals, and other expenses associated with the execution of duties by the audit & supervisory board members.

#### 2. Basic Views on Excluding Antisocial Forces and the Progress of System Development

1. Basic guidelines for relationships with antisocial forces

The Company's approach to excluding antisocial forces is described in "1. Basic Views on Internal Control System and the Progress of System Development."

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2. Development status of internal system for excluding antisocial forces

The Company has established departments responsible for development of an internal system related to antisocial forces and overall management, and response to unfair requests from antisocial forces.

In addition, the Company cooperates with external specialist institutions, such as the National Center for Removal of Criminal Organizations, in responding to antisocial forces and gathering information.

Furthermore, the Company posts Regulations on Countermeasures against Antisocial Forces, as well as Dos and Don'ts for Responding to Antisocial Forces and Q&As Concerning Antisocial Forces as specific response manuals on the Intranet, and also prepares for emergencies by conducting awareness-raising activities through e-learning training.

#### V. Other

### 1. Adoption of Anti-Takeover Measures

Adoption of Anti-Takeover Measures	Not Adopted		
Supplementary Explanation			
At present, no concrete measures have been set.			

# 2. Other Matters Concerning Corporate Governance System

#### **Information disclosure system**

1. Basic policy on timely disclosure

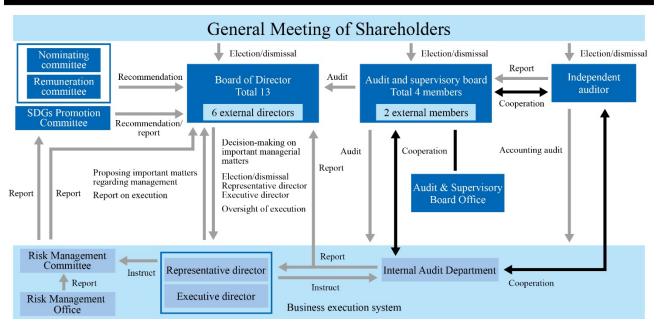
The Company appropriately discloses both financial and non-financial information in compliance with relevant laws and regulations and the rules of the Tokyo Stock Exchange. Furthermore, the Company also strives to actively provide more information than required by laws and regulations and the Tokyo Stock Exchange when necessary by carefully considering the impact on investors and other stakeholders. In either case, the board of directors strives to ensure that the Company's information disclosure is always fair, clear, and useful.

## 2. Internal system for timely disclosure

The Company conducts timely disclosure with the Investor Relations Department as the responsible department. The IR Rules set out matters to be reported to the Investor Relations Department related to timely disclosure, including required reporting times and procedures. When timely disclosure is necessary, the Investor Relations Department prepares timely disclosure materials in close coordination with related departments such as Accounting, Finance, Legal, and General Administration and swiftly conducts timely disclosure under the supervision of the Director, Executive Vice President & CFO in charge.

Matters subject to timely disclosure requirements related to earnings results are compiled into a disclosure document by the department in charge of accounting and relevant departments based on information collected from group companies. The general manager of the Finance and Accounting Division is responsible for preparation of the disclosure document related to earnings results. The document is swiftly disclosed under the approval of the Director, Executive Vice President & CFO in charge.

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#### Overview of timely disclosure system (chart)

