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## To Shareholders with Voting Rights:

Masatoshi Machino President & CEO Chiyoda Co., Ltd. 4-30-16 Ogikubo, Suginami-ku, Tokyo, Japan

# **NOTICE OF**

## THE 75TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

#### Dear Shareholders:

We would like to express our appreciation for your continued support and patronage.

We hereby inform you that the 75th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Chiyoda Co., Ltd. (the "Company") will be held as described below.

In lieu of attending the meeting in person, you can exercise your voting rights in writing or via the Internet, etc. Please refer to the attached Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders and follow the guidance described later (Japanese version only) to exercise your voting rights by 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, Japan time.

1. Date and Time: Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Japan time

**2. Place:** Crescent Room on the 14th floor of Nakano Sunplaza located at

4-1-1 Nakano, Nakano-ku, Tokyo, Japan

(Please refer to the guide map to the venue at the end of this document.)

(Japanese version only)

3. Meeting Agenda:

Matters to be reported:1. The Business Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the

Company's 75th Fiscal Year (March 1, 2021 – February 28, 2022) and results of audits by the Accounting Auditor and the Board of Auditors of

the Consolidated Financial Statements

2. Non-consolidated Financial Statements for the Company's 75th Fiscal Year (March 1, 2021 – February 28, 2022)

Proposals to be resolved:

**Proposal 1:** Appropriation of Surplus

**Proposal 2:** Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation

**Proposal 3:** Election of Eight (8) Directors

When attending the Meeting, please submit the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form to the receptionist. Of the documents to be included in this notice, Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes to Nonconsolidated Financial Statements are posted on the Company's website, in accordance with laws and regulations and the provisions of Article 15 of the Articles of Incorporation. If any revisions are made to the Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders, the Business Report, the Non-consolidated Financial Statements and the Consolidated Financial Statements, the revised versions will be posted on the Company's website.

The Company's website: https://www.chiyodagrp.co.jp

#### [Notice regarding COVID-19]

To prevent the spread of COVID-19 infection, shareholders planning to attend the Meeting in person are kindly advised to check the conditions of the pandemic and your own health condition on the day of the Meeting, and cooperate with the infection prevention measures including wearing a mask upon coming to the venue. In addition, we will take some measures to prevent infections at the venue of the Meeting. Thank you for your kind cooperation in advance in this regard.

# Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders

## **Proposal 1:** Appropriation of Surplus

## Year-end dividends

Appropriation of surplus is proposed as below.

Matters related to year-end dividends

Based on a policy to enhance shareholder returns stably and for a long term, the Company proposes to pay year-end dividends for the 75th fiscal year as follows, with consideration for securing the internal reserves necessary for future business development, etc.

- (1) Type of dividend property: Cash
- (2) Matters concerning allotment of dividend property to shareholders and the total amount thereof: The Company proposes an ordinary dividend of 15 yen per share of the Company's common stock

The total amount of dividends in this case will be 525,801,180 yen. As the Company paid out 15 yen per share as an interim dividend in November 2021, the aggregate amount of dividends for the fiscal year will amount to 30 yen per share.

(3) Effective date of the dividends from surplus: May 27, 2022

## **Proposal 2:** Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation

#### 1. Reasons for amendments

The amended provisions stipulated in the proviso of Article 1 of the supplementary provisions of the "Act Partially Amending the Companies Act" (Act No. 70 of 2019) will be enforced on September 1, 2022. Accordingly, in order to prepare for the introduction of the system for electronic provision of materials for general meetings of shareholders, the Articles of Incorporation of the Company shall be amended as follows.

- (1) The proposed Article 15, Paragraph 1 provides that information contained in the Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders, etc. shall be provided electronically.
- (2) The purpose of the proposed Article 15, Paragraph 2 is to establish a provision to limit the scope of matters to be included in the paper copy to be sent to shareholders who have requested it.
- (3) The provisions related to the internet disclosure and deemed provision of the Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders, etc. (Article 15 of the current Articles of Incorporation) will become unnecessary and will therefore be deleted.
- (4) In line with the above establishment and deletion of the provisions, supplementary provisions related to the effective date, etc. shall be established.

## 2. Details of amendments

The details of the amendments are as follows.

(Amended parts are underlined.)

C	D
Current Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendments
Article 15 (Internet Disclosure and Deemed	<deleted></deleted>
Provision of Reference Documents for the General	
Meeting of Shareholders, Etc.)	
The Company may, when convening a general	
meeting of shareholders, deem that it has provided	
information to shareholders pertaining to matters to	
be described or indicated in the reference materials	
for the general meeting of shareholders, business	
report, non-consolidated financial statements, and	
consolidated financial statements, by disclosing such	
information through the internet in accordance with	
the provisions provided in the Ordinance of the	
Ministry of Justice.	
<newly established=""></newly>	Article 15 (Measures for Electronic Provision, Etc.)
	2. The Company shall, when convening a general
	meeting of shareholders, provide information
	contained in the Reference Documents for the
	General Meeting of Shareholders, etc. electronically.
	Among the matters to be provided electronically, the
	Company may choose not to include all or part of the
	matters stipulated in the Ordinance of the Ministry of
	Justice in the paper copy to be sent to shareholders
	who have requested it by the record date for voting
	rights.

Current Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendments
	(Supplementary provisions)  1. The deletion of Article 15 (Internet Disclosure and Deemed Provision of Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders, Etc.) of the current Articles of Incorporation and the establishment of the proposed Article 15 (Measures for Electronic Provision, Etc.) shall come into effect
	on the date of enforcement of the amended provisions stipulated in the proviso to Article 1 of the supplementary provisions of the Act Partially Amending the Companies Act (Act No. 70 of 2019) (the "Effective Date").  2. Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding
	paragraph, Article 15 of the current Articles of Incorporation shall remain in force with respect to a general meeting of shareholders to be held on a date within six months from the Effective Date.
	3. These supplementary provisions shall be deleted after the lapse of six months from the Effective  Date or the lapse of three months from the date of the general meeting of shareholders set forth in the preceding paragraph, whichever is later.

## **Proposal 3:** Election of Eight (8) Directors

The terms of office of all eight (8) Directors will expire at the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting of Shareholders.

Accordingly, in order to strengthen the management system and exercise the supervisory function of Directors, the Company proposes to elect seven (7) Directors for reappointment, and one (1) Director for new appointment, for a total of eight (8) Directors.

The candidates for Directors are as follows.

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summary, positions and responsibilities at the Company (Significant concurrent positions)		Number of shares of the Company held
	Masao Funahashi (September 9, 1934)	March 1957 May 1976 May 2013 [Significant cond	Joined the Company as Director President & CEO Chairman (current position)	3,145,000
1			, Chuoshoji Co., Ltd.	
	[Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Director] Based on his abundant experience as a corporate manager over the years, Mr. Masao Funahashi is capable of realizing the Group strategies to achieve the Company's sustainable growth and increase its corporate value over the medium- to long-term, while appropriately supervising the entire Group. Accordingly, the Company nominated him again as a candidate for Director.			
		October 1991 June 2016	Joined the Company General Manager, Chubu Regional Division	
2	Masatoshi Machino (December 1, 1958)	March 2017 February 2018 June 2020 May 2021	General Manager, Global Brand Management Department General Manager, Kanto Sales Division Executive Officer; General Manager, Kanto Region Store Operation Division President & CEO; General Manager, Store Operation Division (current position)	888

[Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Director]

Since joining the Company, Mr. Masatoshi Machino has long engaged in duties of sales divisions and served in managerial positions at a regional sales division and procurement division. He has abundant experience and knowledge regarding store operation and merchandise measures, which are necessary for the Group's further growth and corporate value enhancement. Accordingly, the Company nominated him again as a candidate for Director.

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summary, positions and responsibilities at the Company (Significant concurrent positions)		Number of shares of the		
		March 2010	Joined the Company	Company held		
	Itaru Imada	June 2010	General Manager, Administration Department			
		May 2013	Director; General Manager, Administration Department			
		May 2015	General Manager, Human Resource & General Affairs Department; General Manager, IT Management Office; in charge of Store Development Department			
		May 2016	Deputy General Manager, Administration Division	1,000		
	(February 21, 1959)	April 2019	General Manager, Administration Division;	,		
		_	General Manager, Human Resource & General			
3			Affairs Department; responsible for Store			
3		1,7,000	Development Department			
		May 2020	Managing Director; General Manager, Strategies Division			
		May 2021	Director, General Manager, Administration			
		Way 2021	Division; General Manager, General Affairs			
			Department (current position)			
	[Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Director] Since joining the Company, Mr. Itaru Imada has been involved in work at the administration division, and after serving as division manager, he was appointed as Director in May 2013. After the assumption of office as					
			regarding management as a whole, while working on			
			on and store development. His abundant experience an			
	deemed to contribute to the Company's further sustainable growth. Accordingly, the Company nominated him again as a candidate for Director.					
	again as a candidate for	September 1974	Joined the Company			
4	Riichi Ookita (July 5, 1957)	January 2013	General Manager, Hokkaido & Tohoku Regional			
		Junuary 2015	Division			
		June 2018	General Manager, Hokkaido Regional Division	961		
		July 2019	Executive Officer; General Manager, Global	701		
			Management Department			
4		May 2021	Director; General Manager, Merchandise			
			Management Division (current position)			
	-	[Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Director] Since joining the Company, Mr. Rijchi Ookita has accumulated abundant experience and knowledge regarding				

Since joining the Company, Mr. Riichi Ookita has accumulated abundant experience and knowledge regarding merchandise measures and store operation as a manager of a procurement division and regional sales divisions. His experience and knowledge are necessary for the Group's further growth and corporate value enhancement. Accordingly, the Company nominated him again as a candidate for Director.

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summ	Number of shares of the Company held	
		May 2014	Joined the Company	1
		June 2014	General Manager, Public Relations & Investor Relations Office	
	New appointment	February 2018	General Manager, Corporate Planning Office	
		March 2019	General Manager, Accounting Department	000
	Yuichiro Inoue (April 12, 1969)	April 2019	General Manager, Accounting Department, Finance Division; General Manager, Corporate Planning Office	800
5		June 2021	Executive Officer; General Manager, Corporate Planning Office and Public Relations & Investor Relations Office (current position)	
	[Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Director] Since joining the Company, Mr. Yuichiro Inoue has served at Public Relations & Investor Relations Office, Accounting Department and financial division. After that, he accumulated abundant experience and knowledge regarding corporate planning through serving in the positions of General Manager of Public Relations & Investor Relations Office and General Manager of Corporate Planning Office. His experience and knowledge are necessary for the Group's further growth and corporate value enhancement. Accordingly, the Company nominated him as a new candidate for Director.			
		April 1986	Joined Japan Productivity Center, an incorporated foundation (currently, a public interest incorporated foundation)	
6	Koichi Sugiyama	June 1992	Joined Towers Perrin (currently, Towers Watson)	1.700
	(September 10, 1960)	June 1997	Representative Director, Sugiyama Management Development, Ltd. (current position)	1,500
		May 2016	Outside Auditor, the Company	
		May 2017	Outside Director, the Company (current position)	
	Mr. Koichi Sugiyama h cultivated mainly throu	as professional ex gh providing cons	or Outside Director and overview of expected roles] pertise in the field of human resources and labor affair ulting services to companies, regardless of whether the	ey were

Japanese, foreign, large or small- to medium-sized corporations. Accordingly, the Company nominated him again as a candidate for Outside Director so that his experience and broad insight will be reflected in the management of the Company.

In addition, due to the above reasons, the Company expects him to fulfill a role in supervising the management from an independent and objective standpoint.

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summa	ry, positions and responsibilities at the Company (Significant concurrent positions)	Number of shares of the Company held
7	Ai Ishizuka (June 24, 1974)	June 2008 January 2012 May 2014 May 2020	Joined Morgan Stanley Securities Co., Ltd. Partner, Ichigo Asset Management, Ltd. Executive Officer and Partner, Ichigo Asset Management, Ltd. (current position) Outside Director, MAC HOUSE CO., LTD. Outside Director, the Company (current position)	-
	[Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Outside Director and overview of expected roles]  Ms. Ai Ishizuka is well versed in corporate governance and corporate value enhancement as a capital market specialist. As she is suitable to supervise the management from an objective standpoint with sufficient independence without being bound by the Company's theory, she is deemed to be qualified for serving as Outside Director of the Company. Accordingly, the Company nominated her again as a candidate for Outside Director.  In addition, due to the above reasons, the Company expects her to fulfill the role of Outside Director from a professional standpoint.			
8		ensive experience a	Joined Tokai Bank, Ltd. (currently, MUFG Bank, Ltd.)  Senior Researcher, UFJ Bank Limited (currently, MUFG Bank, Ltd.)  Senior Researcher, The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd. (currently, MUFG Bank, Ltd.)  Member of the Board of Directors and Executive Officer, Mitsubishi UFJ Information Technology, Ltd.  Joined Nomura Research Institute, Ltd.  General Manager, Global IT Platform Promotion Department, IT Platform Innovation Division General Manager, Management Department, Financial Solution Division  Outside Director, the Company (current position)  Executive Partner, Tokyo Digital Ideas Co., Ltd. (current position)  r Outside Director and overview of expected roles]  nd track record in industrial IT solutions and IT platfore.	orm services.

Notes: 1. There are no special interests between each of the candidates and the Company.

2. Mr. Koichi Sugiyama, Ms. Ai Ishizuka and Mr. Norio Sato are candidates for Outside Director.

In addition, due to the above reasons, the Company expects him to fulfill a role in reforming the Company's

- 3. The Company has registered Mr. Koichi Sugiyama, Ms. Ai Ishizuka and Mr. Norio Sato as independent directors in accordance with the regulations of the Tokyo Stock Exchange. If this proposal is approved resolved, they will continue serving as independent directors.
- 4. Mr. Koichi Sugiyama is an incumbent Outside Director of the Company. He will have served as Outside Director for five (5) years at the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting of Shareholders.
- 5. Ms. Ai Ishizuka is an incumbent Outside Director of the Company. She will have served as Outside Director for two (2) years at the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting of Shareholders.
- 6. Mr. Norio Sato is an incumbent Outside Director of the Company. He will have served as Outside Director for one (1) year at the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting of Shareholders.

- 7. The Company has entered into agreements with Mr. Koichi Sugiyama, Ms. Ai Ishizuka and Mr. Norio Sato pursuant to Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act to limit their liability for damages stipulated in Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the said Act to the minimum liability amounts provided for in Article 425, Paragraph 1 of the said Act. If their elections are approved, the Company will continue the agreements.
- 8. The Company has entered into a directors and officers liability insurance contract with an insurance company. The insurance policy covers damages that may arise when the insured assumes liability for the execution of his or her duties and receives a claim related to the pursuit of such liability. The candidates are scheduled to be insured by the insurance contract. The Company plans to renew the contract with the same content at the next renewal.