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**Kintetsu World Express, Inc.**

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The corporate governance of Kintetsu World Express, Inc. (“KWE”) is described below.

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

1. Basic Views Updated

The KWE Group’s corporate philosophy is to “Contribute to the development of a global community through logistics services—by creating new values, sustaining the environment and collaborating with our clients, shareholders and employees.” The primary management goal of the KWE Group is to improve corporate value while maintaining good relationships with all stakeholders. To achieve this goal, it is vital to strengthen corporate governance and enhance the transparency and fairness of decision-making processes.

KWE’s management structure basically consists of the Board of Directors and the Audit & Supervisory Board. Under their supervision, the KWE Group Top Strategy Meeting and the Executive Committee have been established to ensure decisions made by the Chief Executive Officer are reached with adequate care, and to provide better forums for discussing general management policies and important issues related to business execution. In addition, an executive officer system has been adopted to bolster business supervisory functions of the Board of Directors and to speed up decision-making through delegation of authority.

With regard to the governance of group companies, KWE has adopted the Regional Management System, and divided the control and management of global group companies into six segments: Japan; the Americas; Europe, Middle East & Africa; East Asia & Oceania; Southeast Asia; and APL Logistics Ltd and its group companies (“APLL”). Adopting such a system allows KWE to arrange its management, business execution, and audit and supervisory systems as a consolidated business entity, and promotes initiatives for strengthening corporate governance and internal control.

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

**[Supplementary Principle 1.2.4]**

KWE has decided against introducing the Electronic Voting Platform as approximately 90% of shareholders have exercised their right to vote in recent years. KWE plans to provide convocation notices of General Shareholders' Meetings in English in the future.

**[Supplementary Principle 1.2.5]**

While KWE considers shareholders with voting rights recorded in the shareholder register as of the record date eligible to exercise voting rights, it does not permit institutional investors to vote on behalf of trust banks or other institutions.

**[Principle 3.1 : Full Disclosure]**

(v) KWE will examine the inclusion of reasons for the nomination and appointment of all Directors and Audit & Supervisory Board Members in reference documents for the General Shareholders' Meeting as is currently done with Outside Directors and Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members.

**[Supplementary Principle 3.2.1]**

(i) The performance of duties is understood and evaluated through audits and subsequent audit reports carried out by independent accounting auditors. However, clear evaluation standards for independent accounting auditor candidates are considered and decided by the Audit & Supervisory Board as necessary.

**[Supplementary Principle 3.2.2]**

(iii) Independent accounting auditors cooperate with Audit & Supervisory Board Members by attending regular meetings to exchange opinions. Cooperation with the internal audit division (Audit Department) is also enhanced through the sharing of information between the three audit bodies and internal control audits pertaining to financial reports. Audit & Supervisory Board Members also cooperate with Outside Directors by meeting with them regularly to share information.

**[Supplementary Principle 4.2.1]**

Director and Audit & Supervisory Board Member compensation are allocated within the range resolved at the General Shareholders' Meeting. Director compensation is decided by the Board of Directors, and compensation for Audit & Supervisory Board Members is determined through discussions by the Audit & Supervisory Board based on the amounts proposed by the Chief Executive Officer.

KWE has introduced performance-based compensation, and will examine and carefully consider from various perspectives the advantages and disadvantages of introducing treasury stock-based compensation and stock options.

[Principle 4.10 : Use of Optional Approach]

Regular meetings are held between Independent Outside Directors and the Chief Executive Officer, and opinions are exchanged on matters relating to the Board of Directors and management affairs. Furthermore, to enable Outside Directors to gather information more effectively without compromising their independence, they will attend regular meetings with independent accounting auditors and Audit & Supervisory Board Members to enhance information sharing and cooperation.

[Supplementary Principle 4.10.1]

Although KWE has not established optional advisory committees, explanations regarding Director Candidates are given to Independent Outside Directors and opinions are sought from them before Board of Directors' meetings where proposals to appoint officers are considered. These proposals will later be presented at the General Shareholders' Meeting. In the future, management affairs, including nominations and compensation, will be discussed at regular meetings held between the Chief Executive Officer and Independent Outside Directors.

[Supplementary Principle 4.11.2]

Significant concurrent positions held by Directors and Audit & Supervisory Board Members are disclosed every year in the convocation notices of General Shareholders' Meetings, securities reports, corporate governance reports and other materials. However, not all concurrent positions are disclosed at present. Going forward, concurrent positions at other listed companies will be disclosed every year.

[Supplementary Principle 4.11.3]

KWE receives feedback and advice from Outside Directors on the analysis and evaluation of how effectively the Board of Directors is performing. To improve the effectiveness of the Board of Directors' functions, analysis and evaluation criteria will be included in the Officer Evaluation Sheets used in evaluations conducted once a year. Disclosure of these results will be considered in the future.

**[Disclosure Based on Principles of Corporate Governance Code]** **Updated**

[Principle 1.4 : Cross-Shareholdings]

1. Cross-Shareholdings Policy

Investments in cross-shareholdings are aimed at maintaining and strengthening business alliances and transactions, and are made when they will help maintain and improve the corporate value of the KWE Group.

## 2. Criteria for Exercising Voting Rights

KWE will exercise its voting rights and make decisions for or against proposals from the standpoint of whether the company issuing the proposal is making appropriate decisions which will help increase its corporate value over the medium to long term, and improve the corporate value of the KWE Group as a whole.

### [Principle 1.7 : Related Party Transactions]

Directors' competing transactions and transactions between Directors and KWE (conflict-of-interest transactions) are required to be resolved by the Board of Directors. Also, unusual transactions must be audited by standing Audit & Supervisory Board Members before being carried out.

### [Principle 3.1 : Full Disclosure]

(i) KWE's corporate philosophy, management strategy and management plan (the Medium-Term Management Plan) are disclosed on KWE's website and in its financial results briefing materials and other IR materials.

- Corporate philosophy

<https://www.kwe.co.jp/en/about-contents/philosophies>

- Management strategy and management plan (the Medium-Term Management Plan)

<https://www.kwe.co.jp/en/ir-contents/strategy>

(ii) KWE's perspective on corporate governance is disclosed on KWE's website and in corporate governance reports, securities reports and the Annual Report.

- KWE's perspective on corporate governance

<https://www.kwe.co.jp/en/about-contents/governance>

(iii) KWE policy stipulates that Director compensation is allocated within the range resolved at the General Shareholders' Meeting. Such compensation is divided into monthly- and performance-based compensation. The amount of compensation is decided based on amounts prescribed in internal regulations, KWE's performance, economic conditions and other matters, and how well Directors have contributed individually to the performance of KWE.

(iv) Nominations for candidates to be elected to KWE senior management and Director and Audit & Supervisory Board Member positions are decided by comprehensively evaluating individual performance, a sense of impartiality as an executive officer, abilities and other factors. The Chief Executive Officer shall explain these matters following the Board of Directors' meeting and seek approval.

(v) Stated in "Reasons for Non-compliance with the Principles of the Corporate Governance Code."

[Supplementary Principle 4.1.1]

KWE has established Board of Directors Regulations and matters to be deliberated on and decided at Board of Directors' meetings are set in accordance with laws and regulations. KWE has also established Organization and Duties Authority Regulations, which clarify the scope of actions which can be executed by management.

[Principle 4.8 : Effective Use of Independent Outside Directors]

KWE appoints Directors who satisfy the independence standards of the Tokyo Stock Exchange as Independent Outside Directors. Two Independent Outside Directors were appointed at the Ordinary General Shareholders' Meeting in June 2015.

KWE has appointed four Outside Directors, including two Independent Outside Directors, and considers them to be able to effectively perform management supervision and oversight functions.

[Principle 4.9 : Independence Standards and Qualification for Independent Outside Directors]

KWE has established and discloses its own independence standards, based on the independence standards for outside officers prescribed by the Companies Act and the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

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[Supplementary Principle 4.11.1]

KWE policy stipulates that Directors are to be appointed only after stringent evaluation of their individual performance, a sense of impartiality as an executive officer, abilities and other factors.

[Supplementary Principle 4.11.2]

Stated in "Reasons for Non-compliance with the Principles of the Corporate Governance Code."

[Supplementary Principle 4.11.3]

Stated in "Reasons for Non-compliance with the Principles of the Corporate Governance Code."

[Supplementary Principle 4.14.2]

Going forward, in addition to conducting seminars for officers on the Companies Act and laws and regulations relating to the business activities of KWE, standing Directors and Audit & Supervisory Board Members will undergo continuous governance training to ensure that they are able to effectively perform their roles and fulfill the responsibilities expected of them as persons involved in important governance bodies.

For newly appointed Directors and Audit & Supervisory Board Members, training will be given so they can acquire the necessary knowledge and are equipped to handle the responsibilities they have as Directors and Audit & Supervisory Board Members, including those related to KWE's business,

financial affairs and organization.

Upon invitation from KWE, Outside Directors and Audit & Supervisory Board Members will visit various facilities and have training to attain the necessary information on the industry in which KWE is involved, KWE's history, business profile, financial affairs, strategies, organization, etc.

[Principle 5.1 : Policy for Constructive Dialogue with Shareholders]

KWE has established an IR Group within the General Affairs Department, and the officer in charge of the Department is also the officer in charge of Investor Relations.

To a reasonable extent, KWE places importance on responding proactively to the dialogue had with shareholders, investors and analysts. In addition to individual meetings, KWE regularly holds results briefings twice a year, and participates in small meetings, IR conferences and telephone conferences at the request of securities companies, and the like.

## 2. Capital Structure

Foreign Shareholding Ratio	From 20% to less than 30%
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[Status of Major Shareholders]

Name / Company Name	Number of Shares Owned	Percentage (%)
Kintetsu Group Holdings Co., Ltd.	15,877,900	44.11
Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd.	1,799,500	5.00
The Master Trust Bank of Japan , Ltd. (Trust Account)	1,212,400	3.37
NORTHERN TRUST CO. (AVFC) RE-HSD00	999,900	2.78
Hokko Daiwa Taxi Co., Ltd.	937,500	2.60
Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (Trust Account)	848,700	2.36
JUNIPER	839,600	2.33
Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (Trust Account 9)	828,900	2.30
JP MORGAN CHASE BANK 385174	816,000	2.27
National Mutual Insurance Federation of Agricultural Cooperatives	698,700	1.94

Controlling Shareholder (except for Parent Company)	---
Parent Company	None

### 3. Corporate Attributes

Listed Stock Market and Market Section	Tokyo Stock Exchange First Section
Fiscal Year-End	March
Type of Business	International Freight Forwarding and Logistics
Number of Employees (consolidated) as of the End of the Previous Fiscal Year	More than 1000
Sales (consolidated) as of the End of the Previous Fiscal Year	From ¥100 billion to less than ¥1 trillion
Number of Consolidated Subsidiaries as of the End of the Previous Fiscal Year	From 50 to less than 100

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

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### 5. Other Special Circumstances which may have Material Impact on Corporate Governance

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## 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
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#### [Directors]

Maximum Number of Directors Stipulated in Articles of Incorporation	Not prescribed the Maximum Number
Term of Office Stipulated in Articles of Incorporation	1 Year
Chairperson of the Board	Company Chairperson
Number of Directors	16
Appointment of Outside Director	Appointed
Number of Outside Directors	4
Number of Independent Directors	2

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

Name	Attribute	Relationship with the Company*										
		a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k
Masanori Yamaguchi	From another company							○				
Tetsuya Kobayashi	From another company							○				
Yukio Ueno	From another company								△			
Sanae Tanaka	Lawyer											

\* Categories for "Relationship with the Company"

\* "○" when the Director presently falls or has recently fallen under the category;

"△" when the Director fell under the category in the past

\* "●" when a close relative of the Director presently falls or has recently fallen under the category;

"▲" when a close relative of the Director fell under the category in the past

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 listed 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 the 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 which and the Company Outside 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

## Outside Directors' Relationship with the Company (2)

Name	Designation as Independent Director	Supplementary Explanation of the Relationship	Reasons of Appointment
Masanori Yamaguchi		Currently serves as a Director and a Senior Advisor at Kintetsu Group Holdings Co., Ltd.	Masanori Yamaguchi has extensive expertise and experience in corporate management, and we believe that he is well suited to serve as an Outside Director due to his ability to provide broad-based advice and opinions founded on the general values held in the business community.

Name	Designation as Independent Director	Supplementary Explanation of the Relationship	Reasons of Appointment
Tetsuya Kobayashi		Currently serves as a Chairman of the Board at Kintetsu Group Holdings Co., Ltd.	Tetsuya Kobayashi has extensive knowledge and experience in corporate management, and we believe that he is well suited to serve as an Outside Director due to his ability to provide broad-based advice and opinions founded on the general values held in the business community.
Yukio Ueno	○	Currently serves as a Corporate Advisor at Mitsubishi Corporation. Mitsubishi Corporation and KWE have business relations that include freight forwarding, but the amounts resulting from these transactions are minor.	We expect Yukio Ueno to help strengthen management oversight at KWE by applying his extensive experience and insight as a manager and Audit & Supervisory Board Member at Mitsubishi Corporation. In addition, as a highly independent, Outside Director who does not come from an affiliated company, major shareholder or major business partner of KWE, thus avoiding the risk of having conflicting interests with general shareholders, we believe that he is well suited to serve as an independent officer.
Sanae Tanaka	○	Currently serves as a Representative at Sanae Tanaka Law Office.	Sanae Tanaka has professional expertise and ample experience as an attorney, Outside Director at various corporations, and Director at a number of organizations, and we expect her to help strengthen management oversight at KWE. In addition, as a highly independent, Outside Director who does not come from an affiliated company, major shareholder or major business partner of KWE, thus avoiding the risk of having conflicting interests with general shareholders, we believe that she is well suited to serve as an outside officer.

Voluntary Establishment of Committee(s) Corresponding to Nomination Committee or Remuneration Committee	Not Established
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**[Audit & Supervisory Board Members / Audit & Supervisory Board]**

Establishment of Audit & Supervisory Board	Established
Maximum Number of Audit & Supervisory Board Members Stipulated in Articles of Incorporation	Not prescribed the Maximum Number
Number of Audit & Supervisory Board Members	4

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

- (1) Regular meetings are held among Audit & Supervisory Board Members, independent accounting auditors and Audit Department. They confirm the schedule of auditing and opinions are exchanged on matters relating to the auditing plan.
- (2) Audit & Supervisory Board Members and Audit Department exchange the opinions with independent accounting auditors about the auditing report of the end and a half-year settlement of the accounts.

Note: The independent accounting auditors of KWE belong to KPMG AZUSA LLC.

Appointment of Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members	Appointed
Number of Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members	2
Number of Independent Audit & Supervisory Board Members	1

Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members' Relationship with the Company (1)

Name	Attribute	Relationship with the Company*												
		a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m
Masao Kishida	Academic													
Kazuyasu Ueda	From another company									○				

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"△" when the Director fell under the category in the past

\* "●" when a close relative of the Director presently falls or has recently fallen under the category;

"▲" when a close relative of the Director fell under the category in the past

a. Executive of the Company or its subsidiary

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 the said major shareholder if the shareholder is a legal entity)

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 which and the Company Outside 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

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

Name	Designation as Independent Audit & Supervisory Board Members	Supplementary Explanation of the Relationship	Reasons of Appointment
Masao Kishida	○	Currently serves as a Professor in the Graduate School of Finance, Accounting and Law at Waseda University.	Mr. Kishida also serves as a Professor Emeritus at Kobe University and is an expert on commercial law and corporate accounting, and has extensive knowledge about legal matters, finance and accounting. We look forward to his valuable advice founded on his academic expertise and high ideals. In addition, as a highly independent, Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member who does not come from an affiliated company, major shareholder or major business partner of KWE, thus avoiding the risk of having conflicting interests with general shareholders, we believe that he is well suited to serve as an outside officer.
Kazuyasu Ueda		Currently serves as a Senior Executive Vice President at Kintetsu Group Holdings Co., Ltd.	Mr. Ueda has abundant experience and deep insight as a businessperson, and extensive knowledge of finance and accounting as he was involved in accounting work at Kintetsu Corporation (currently Kintetsu Group Holdings Co., Ltd.). As he can help strengthen management supervision by contributing a broad array of opinions to the management of KWE, we believe that he is well suited to serve as an Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member.

[Independent Directors/ Audit & Supervisory Board Members]

Number of Independent Directors/Auditors	3
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Matters relating to Independent Directors/ Audit & Supervisory Board Members

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**[Incentives]**

Incentive Policies for Directors	None
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Supplementary Explanation

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Recipients of Stock Options	---
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Supplementary Explanation

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**[Director Remuneration]**

Disclosure of Individual Directors' Remuneration	No Individual Disclosure
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Supplementary Explanation

Individual compensation is not disclosed as no officers received an amount exceeding 100 million yen.  
Total amount of officer compensation reported in the business report for the fiscal year ended March 2015  
327 million yen paid to 15 Directors, including 23 million yen to two Outside Directors  
55 million yen paid to four Audit & Supervisory Board Members, including 12 million yen to two Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members

Policy on Determining Remuneration Amounts and Calculation Methods	Established
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Disclosure of Policy on Determining Remuneration Amounts and Calculation Methods

KWE determines Director and Audit & Supervisory Board Member compensation within the range of total compensation approved at the General Shareholders' Meeting. Pursuant to Board of Directors' resolutions, the President and Chief Executive Officer decides the allocation of Director compensation according to each Director's position. A portion of this compensation is based on performance. Compensation for Audit & Supervisory Board Members is decided through discussions held by the Audit & Supervisory Board.  
The system of retirement bonuses for officers was abolished as at the 35th Ordinary General Shareholders' Meeting held on June 24, 2004.

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

To enable thorough deliberation at the Board of Directors' meetings, the officer in charge of General Affairs and other officers supply and explain materials to Outside Directors and Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members in advance. Support is provided to Outside Directors by responsible departments according to the materials required, while Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members are supported on a full-time basis by the Audit & Supervisory Board Members' Office.

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

1. For the execution of business, in principle, the Board of Directors' meetings are held monthly and the extraordinary Board of Directors' meetings are held as required. Also, the KWE Group Top Strategy Meeting and the Executive Committee have been established to ensure decisions made by the Chief Executive Officer are reached with adequate care and to provide better forums for discussing general management policies and important issues related to business execution.
2. Regarding audits carried out by Audit & Supervisory Board Members, in principle, the Audit & Supervisory Board is held monthly, and the extraordinary Audit & Supervisory Board is held as required. Audit & Supervisory Board Members attend the Board of Directors' meetings and other important meetings, and regularly receive business execution reports, and conduct audits in accordance with the Audit & Supervisory Board Members' Audit Regulations established by the Audit & Supervisory Board. Audit & Supervisory Board Members also receive reports from the independent accounting auditors and the Audit Department as appropriate, and examine them at the Audit & Supervisory Board.
3. Internal audits are conducted in accordance with the Internal Audit Regulations and the Rules for Conducting Internal Audits by staff belonging to the Audit Department who carry out accounting, labor, customs and tax, and affiliated company audits according to yearly audit plans.
4. Details of certified public accountant audits are as follows:
  - (1) Name of certified public accountant      KPMG AZSA LLC
  - (2) Persons conducting audits  
Designated employees of the certified public accountant: Akio Yamada, Hiroshi Takasaki and Tomoyuki Takatsu.  
(Note) As each of the persons above has been carrying out audits for KWE for less than seven years, the length of time they have been doing so is not disclosed.  
Other persons involved in the audits: four accountants and 14 other employees

### **3. Reasons for Adoption of Current Corporate Governance System**

KWE's current corporate governance system, which consists of the Board of Directors with 16 Directors, including four Outside Directors, and the Audit & Supervisory Board with four Audit & Supervisory Board Members, including two Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members, helps to enhance management supervision and oversight functions through the securing of outside officers with abundant experience and broad insight. We believe that this system is effective for ensuring appropriate management decision making and proper business execution.