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**“Let’s Go to AGM, in the Age People Cannot Increase Their Income
Without Being Shareholders.”**

A Unique Video proposal by SPARX which knows both shareholders side and listed companies side

Tokyo (June 21, 2016) – SPARX Group Co., Ltd., (hereinafter “SPARX”) is honored to inform that SPARX has produced a new message video, “Let’s go to AGM (Annual General Meeting), in the age that people cannot increase their income without being shareholders.” In the busy season of AGM in Japan, SPARX releases this message video to give people some thoughts of us in order to provide hints of increasing their income, at this time when three and a half years are now passing since Abenomics started.

Even though internal reserves corresponding to retained earnings and deposits of listed companies have reached the highest level ever, salaries and wages have been flat. On the other hand, returns to shareholders by dividends and share repurchases are at the highest level ever. We have focused on this point and we thought we might as well propose to imagine the future planning that you become shareholders, rather than only depending on the salaries or wages. We would like to propose a useful idea on how you will live in this society which involves risks in not being shareholders.

How people should think about and cope with recent changes? Corporate strategies of listed companies such as uses of retained earnings and election of directors are basically decided by shareholders votes in AGM. Thus, SPARX thinks that people should be shareholders of Japanese companies and govern their corporate strategy. Therefore, we would like to encourage people to participate in AGMs and co-create future value of Japanese companies, rather than only grieving at future Japanese economy.

SPARX has been listed since 2001 which is the first listed company focusing on asset management services as core business in Japan. We are in a unique position by knowing both positions as shareholder and as listed company. We engage in the business of exercising voting rights as an investor into listed companies. On the other hand, as a listed company, we are not able to keep running our business without approval of our shareholders. In this video, we are presenting

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SPARX's original proposal to audience while putting in some of the scenes of SPARX's AGM and discussions held on June 8. The length of the video is 7 minutes.

“Let's go to AGM, (Annual General Meeting) in the age that people cannot increase their income without being shareholders.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CNuKa-FMVG0>

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