## Independent Directors/Auditors (Audit & Supervisory Board Members) Notification

1. Basic Information

Company Name	NIPPO	ON TELEGRAPH AND TELE	Code	9432				
Date of Filing		5/10/2019	6/25/2019					
Reasons for Filing this Notification "Attributes of the Directors/Auditors" have been changed.								
NTT has designated all candidates who meet the Independence standards as Independent Directors/Auditors.** 1								

2. Information Regarding Independence of Independent Directors/Auditors and Outside Directors/Auditors

No. Name	Outside Directors/Auditors	Independent Directors/ Auditors	Attributes of the Directors/Auditors ※ 2, 3									Consent of the						
			а	b	С	d	е	f	g	h	i	j	k	I	N/A	Change	Director/Auditor	
1	Katsuhiko Shirai	Outside Director	0										Δ		Δ		Modified	Yes
2	Sadayuki Sakakibara	Outside Director	0										Δ		Δ		Modified	Yes
3	Ken Sakamura	Outside Director	0										0		0		New	Yes
4	Keiko Takegawa	Outside Director	0										0				New	Yes
5	Takashi Iida	Outside Auditor	0										0				Modified	Yes
6	Hideki Kanda	Outside Auditor	0										0		Δ		New	Yes
7	Kaoru Kashima	Outside Auditor	0										0				New	Yes

No.	Supplementary Explanation of the Relationship **4	Reasons for Appointment <sup>※5</sup>							
	Although the Company and its major subsidiaries have relationships involving transactions and donations with Waseda University, where Mr. Katsuhiko Shirai, who is designated as an independent Outside Director, served as President, and The Foundation for the Open University of Japan, where he served as Chairperson, as described in the "Reasons for Appointment" column, the Company has determined that there is no possibility of this having any effect on the judgments of shareholders and investors, so a summary of this relationship has been omitted here.	Mr. Katsuhiko Shirai has a wealth of experience as operational director of an educational institution and has a high level of integrity and insight. The Company believes that he will help strengthen the supervisory function for business execution and expects to incorporate the advice he provides from his wide-ranging managerial perspective.  In addition, although the Company and its major subsidiaries have relationships involving transactions and donations with Waseda University, where Mr. Shirai served as President, and The Foundation for the Open University of Japan, where he served as Chairperson, as shown in the table below, Mr. Shirai fulfills the independence criteria stipulated by the Tokyo Stock Exchange, on which the Company is listed, and the Company's own independence standards for independent officers.							
		<ntt "4.="" (see="" 3="" and="" explanation")="" fiscal="" its="" last="" major="" note="" subsidiaries="" supplementary="" the="" three="" under="" within="" years=""></ntt>							
		Transaction counterparty	Content	Comparison basis	Comparative size				
1		Waseda University, at which Mr. Shirai	Total annual amount of transactions	Total annual operating revenues of the Company and its major subsidiaries	Less than 1%				
		served as President (resigned in November, 2010)	Total annual	Total annual income of the university	Less than 1%				
			amount of donations	Total annual income of the university	Less than 1%				
		The Foundation for the Open University of	Total annual f amount of transactions	Total annual operating revenues of the Company and its major subsidiaries	Less than 1%				
		Japan, at which Mr. Shirai served as Chairman (resigned in March, 2017)		Total annual income of the university	Less than 1%				
			amount of donations	-	10 million yen or less				
	Ithough the Company and its major subsidiaries have relationships involving ansactions and donations with Toray Industries, Inc., where Mr. Sadayuki akakibara, who is designated as an independent Outside Director, served as hairman of the Board, and the Japan Business Federation (Keidanren), where he erved as Chairperson, as described in the "Reasons for Appointment" column, the ompany has determined that there is no possibility of this having any effect on the dgments of shareholders and investors, so a summary of this relationship has been mitted here.  Mr. Sadayuki Sakakibara has a wealth of experience as a corporate manage of integrity and insight. The Company believes that he will help strengthen the function for business execution and expects to incorporate the advice he proposition and donations are described in the "Reasons for Appointment" column, the addition, although the Company and its major subsidiaries have relationsly transactions and donations with Toray Industries, Inc., where Mr. Sakakibara of the Board, and the Japan Business Federation (Keidanren), where he serve as shown in the table below, Mr. Sakakibara fulfills the independence criteria Tokyo Stock Exchange, on which the Company is listed, and the Company's standards for independent officers.								
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		Transaction counterparty  Toray Industries, Inc., at which Mr.	Content Total annual	Comparison basis Total annual operating revenues of the Company and	Comparative size  Less than 1%				
		Sakakibara served as Chairman of the Board (resigned in June, 2015)	amount of transactions	its major subsidiaries  Total sales of Toray Industries,	Less than 1%				
		lanan Rusiness Federation (Keidanren)	Total annual	Total annual operating	Less than 1%				

Japan Business Federation (Keidanren),

at which Mr. Sakakibara served as

(resigned in May, 2018)

Chairperson

 $amount \ of \\$ 

transactions

Total annual

amount of

donations

revenues of the Company and

its major subsidiaries

Less than 1%

10 million yen or less

its major subsidiaries

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Total annual operating

its major subsidiaries

Less than 1%

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Total annual

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Total annual

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Mr. Ken Sakamura has a wealth of experience as an operational director of research institutions Although the Company and its major subsidiaries have relationships involving transactions and donations with the University of Tokyo, where Mr. Ken Sakamura, including universities, and has a high level of integrity and insight. The Company therefore who is designated as an independent Outside Director, previously served as a believes that he will help strengthen the supervisory function for business execution and expects professor, and Toyo University, where he currently serves as a dean, as described in to incorporate the advice he provides from his wide-ranging perspective. the "Reasons for Appointment" column, the Company has determined that there is no possibility of this having any effect on the judgments of shareholders and Although the Company and its major subsidiaries have relationships involving transactions and investors, so a summary of this relationship has been omitted here. donations with the University of Tokyo, where Mr. Ken Sakamura previously served as a professor, and Toyo University, where he currently serves as a dean, as shown in the table below, both cases fulfill the independence criteria stipulated by the Tokyo Stock Exchange, on which the Company is listed, and the Company's own independence standards for independent officers. <NTT and its major subsidiaries within the last three fiscal years (see Note 3 under "4.</p> Supplementary Explanation") > Transaction counterparty Content Comparison basis Comparative size Total annual operating 3 revenues of the Company and Less than 1% Total annual its major subsidiaries amount of The University of Tokyo, at which Mr. Ken transactions Total annual income of the Sakamura served as a professor Less than 1% university (resigned in March, 2017) Total annual Total annual income of the amount of Less than 1% university donations Total annual operating Total annual revenues of the Company and Less than 1% its major subsidiaries amount of Tovo University, at which Mr. Ken transactions Total annual income of the Less than 1% Sakamura serves as a Dean ıniversity Total annual 10 million yen or less amount of donations Although the Company and its major subsidiaries have a relationship involving Ms. Keiko Takegawa has a wealth of experience in public relations and diversity promotion within the government and has a high level of integrity and insight. The Company therefore believes that transactions with Showa Women's University, where Ms. Keiko Takegawa, who is she will help strengthen the supervisory function for business execution and expects to designated as an independent Outside Director, currently serves as a professor, as described in the "Reasons for Appointment" column, the Company has determined incorporate the advice she provides from her wide-ranging perspective. that there is no possibility of this having any effect on the judgments of shareholders and investors, so a summary of this relationship has been omitted here Although the Company and its major subsidiaries have a relationship involving transactions with Showa Women's University, where Ms. Keiko Takegawa currently serves as a professor, as shown in the table below, this case fulfills the independence criteria stipulated by the Tokyo Stock Exchange, on which the Company is listed, and the Company's own independence standards for independent officers. (NTT and its major subsidiaries within the last three fiscal years (see Note 3 under  $^{\prime\prime}4$ . Supplementary Explanation") >Transaction counterparty Content Comparison basis Comparative size Total annual operating Less than 1% Total annual revenues of the Company and Showa Women's University, at which Ms. amount of its major subsidiaries Keiko Takegawa serves as a Professor transactions Total annual income of the Less than 1% university Although the Company and its major subsidiaries have relationships involving Mr. Takashi Iida is an attorney with a wealth of experience in the legal sector. The Company transactions with Mori Hamada & Matsumoto, where Mr. Takashi Iida, who is expects that he will conduct future audits based on the knowledge and insight he has gained designated as an independent Outside Auditor, previously served, and Kowa Law throughout his career. Office, where he currently serves as a representative, as described in the "Reasons for Appointment" column, the Company has determined that there is no possibility of Although the Company and its major subsidiaries have relationships involving transactions with this having any effect on the judgments of shareholders and investors, so a summary Mori Hamada & Matsumoto, where Mr. Takashi Iida previously served, and Kowa Law Office, of this relationship has been omitted here. where he currently serves as a representative, as shown in the table below, this case fulfills the independence criteria stipulated by the Tokyo Stock Exchange, on which the Company is listed, and the Company's own independence standards for independent officers. <NTT and its major subsidiaries within the last three fiscal years (see Note 3 under "4.</p> 5 Supplementary Explanation") > Transaction counterparty Content Comparison basis Comparative size Mori, Hamada and Matsumoto, at which Total annual operating Mr. Takashi Iida served revenues of the Company and Less than 1% amount of (resigned in December, 2011) transactions its major subsidiaries Total annual operating Total annual Cowa Law Office, at which Mr. Takashi amount of revenues of the Company and Less than 1% (\*) Iida serves as a representative its major subsidiaries transactions (Note) Applicable transactions only include those related to common communication services. Mr. Hideki Kanda is an expert with a wealth of experience in the legal sector and has served as a Although the Company and its subsidiaries have relationships involving transactions and donations with the University of Tokyo, where Mr. Hideki Kanda, who is university professor specializing in law for many years. The Company expects that he will conduct designated as an independent Outside Auditor, previously served as a professor, and future audits based on the knowledge and insight he has gained throughout his career. Gakushuin University, where he currently serves as a professor, as described in the Although the Company and its subsidiaries have relationships involving transactions and "Reasons for Appointment" column, the Company has determined that there is no possibility of this having any effect on the judgments of shareholders and investors, donations with the University of Tokyo, where Mr. Hideki Kanda previously served as a professor, so a summary of this relationship has been omitted here. and Gakushuin University, where he currently serves as a professor, as shown in the table below, both cases fulfill the independence criteria stipulated by the Tokyo Stock Exchange, on which the Company is listed, and the Company's own independence standards for independent officers. NTT and its major subsidiaries within the last three fiscal years (see Note 3 under "4. Supplementary Explanation") > Transaction counterparty Content Comparison basis Comparative size 6 Total annual operating revenues of the Company and Less than 1% Total annual

The University of Tokyo, at which Mr.

Gakushuin University, at which Mr. Hideki

Hideki Kanda served as a Professor

(resigned on March, 2016)

Kanda serves as a Professor

Although the Company and its subsidiaries have relationships involving transactions with Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC, where Ms. Kaoru Kashima, who is designated as an independent Outside Auditor, currently serves, as described in the "Reasons for Appointment" column, the Company has determined that there is no possibility of this having any effect on the judgments of shareholders and investors, so a summary of this relationship has been omitted here

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Ms. Kaoru Kashima is an expert with a wealth of experience as a certified public accountant. The Company expects that she will conduct future audits based on the knowledge and insight she has gained throughout her career.

this having any effect on the judgments of shareholders and investors, so a summary of this relationship has been omitted here.

Although the Company and its subsidiaries have relationships involving transactions with Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC, where Ms. Kaoru Kashima currently serves, as shown in the table below, this case fulfills the independence criteria stipulated by the Tokyo Stock Exchange, on which the Company is listed, and the Company's own independence standards for independent officers.

<NTT and its major subsidiaries within the last three fiscal years (see Note 3 under "4. Supplementary Explanation") >

Transaction counterparty	Content	Comparison basis	Comparative size	
Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC, at which	Total annual amount of	Total annual operating revenues of the Company and its major subsidiaries	Less than 1%	
Ms. Kashima serves	transactions	Total annual income of the university	Less than 1%	

## 4. Supplementary Explanation

[Independence Standards for the Independent Directors/Auditors]

NTT designates outside Directors and outside Auditors that fulfill both the independence criteria stipulated by the Tokyo Stock Exchange as well as NTT's own independence standards.

In order to meet the independence standards, a person may not fall under any of the categories below in the last three fiscal years:

- (1) A person who executes business in a partner company that exceeds NTT's standards\*1
- (2) A person who executes business in a lending company that exceeds NTT's standards\*2
- (3) A consultant, accountant, lawyer, or any other person providing professional services, who received monetary payments or any other gain in assets equal to or more than ¥10 million, excluding the Board Members' or Audit & Supervisory Board Members' compensation, from NTT or its major subsidiaries\*3 in any of the last three fiscal years
- (4) A person who executes business in an organization that received donations exceeding NTT's standards

Even if any of (1) through (4) above applies to a person, where it has been decided that a person meets the independence standards, the reasons shall be explained and disclosed at the time of the person's appointment as the Independent Member of the Board or Audit & Supervisory Board Member.

- \*1 "A partner company that exceeds NTT's standards" is defined as a company that has had any business dealing with NTT and its major subsidiaries\*3 in any of the last three fiscal years equal to or more than 2% of the total operating revenues of NTT and its major subsidiaries for the respective fiscal year.
- \*2 "A lending company that exceeds NTT's borrowing standards" is defined as a company in which the total amount of borrowings on a consolidated basis in any of the last three fiscal years equals to or is more than 2% of the total operating revenues of NTT's consolidated total assets for the respective fiscal year.
- \*3 The major subsidiaries are NTT DOCOMO, INC., NIPPON TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE EAST CORPORATION, NIPPON TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE WEST CORPORATION, NTT COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, and NTT DATA CORPORATION.
- 4 An "organization that received donations exceeding NTT's standards" is defined as an organization which received donations from NTT and its major subsidiaries\*3 in any of the last three fiscal years exceeding ¥10 million or 2% of the total income of the organization, whichever is larger, during the respective fiscal year.
- Check the box if all of the Outside Directors/Auditors who meet the standards for Independent Directors/Auditors have already been registered as Independent Directors/Auditors.
- Items to check regarding the attributes of each Director/Auditor:
  - a. Executive of the listed company or its subsidiary
  - b. Non-executive Director or accounting advisor of the listed company or its subsidiaries (in the case of an Outside Auditor)
  - c. Non-executive Director or executive of a parent company of the listed company
  - d. Auditor of a parent company of the listed company (in the case of an Outside Auditor)
  - e. Executive of a fellow subsidiary company of the listed company
  - f. A party whose major client or supplier is the listed company or an executive thereof
  - g. Major client or supplier of the listed company or an executive thereof
  - h. Consultant, accountant or legal professional who receives a large amount of monetary payments or other assets from the listed company besides compensation as Director/Auditor
  - i. Major shareholder of the listed company (or an executive of such major shareholder if the shareholder is a legal entity)
  - j. Executive of a client or supplier company of the listed company (which does not correspond to any of f., g., or h.) (the Director/Auditor himself/herself only)
  - k. Executive of a company, between which and the listed company Outside Directors/Auditors are mutually appointed (the Auditor himself/herself only)
  - I. Executive of a company or organization that receives donations from the listed company (the Director/Auditor himself/herself only)
  - Please note that the above items from a. to I. are brief descriptions of the items specified in the TSE regulations.
- Mark the box with "O" if the category presently applies to or has recently applied to the Director/Auditor or with "A" when the category applied to the Director/Auditor in the past.
  - Mark the box with "

    "when the category presently applies to or has recently applied to a close relative or with "

    "when the category applied to a close relative in the past.
- If any of the items a. through I. apply to the Director/Auditor, describe the attributes in detail (outline).
- Describe the reasons for appointment as an independent Director/Auditor.