(Stock Exchange Code: 3788)

March 4, 2024

(Commencement Date of Measures for Electronic Provision: February 26, 2024)

To Shareholders with Voting Rights:

GMO GlobalSign Holdings K.K.

President & CEO

Mitsuru Aoyama

26-1, Sakuragaoka-cho, Shibuya-ku,

Tokyo

# NOTICE OF CONVOCATION OF THE 31ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

#### Dear Shareholders:

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

We extend our heartfelt condolences to all those affected by the recent Noto Peninsula earthquake, as well as to their families. Our thoughts are with you during this challenging time, and we sincerely pray for the swift recovery and reconstruction of the affected areas.

You are cordially invited to attend the 31st Annual General Meeting of Shareholders as described below.

For convening this General Meeting of Shareholders, we have taken measures for electronic provision and posted matters to be provided electronically as the "Notice of Convocation of the 31st Annual General Meeting of Shareholders" on the following website.

The Company's website: https://www.gmogshd.com/ir/stock/shareholder/

In addition to the website above, they have been posted on the following website.

The Tokyo Stock Exchange's website:

https://www2.jpx.co.jp/tseHpFront/JJK010010Action.do?Show=Show

\* Please enter "GMO GlobalSign" or "3788" and search for it, and select "Basic information" and "Documents for public inspection/PR information" to confirm them.

1. Date and Time: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. Japan time

(Log-in starts at 3:00 p.m.)

2. Alternate Date and Time: (Log-in starts at 12:00 p.m.) Japan time (Log-in starts at 12:00 p.m.)

2. Method of: Virtual-Only Shareholders Meeting

3. Meeting Agenda:

Matters to be reported:

 Reporting on the Business Report, Consolidated Financial Statements and results of audits by the Accounting Auditor and the Audit and Supervisory Committee of the Consolidated Financial Statements for the Company's 31st Fiscal Year (January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023)

2. Reporting on Non-Consolidated Financial Statements for the Company's 31st Fiscal Year (January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023)

## Proposals to be resolved:

Proposal 1: Appropriation of Surplus

Proposal 2: Election of Six (6) Directors (excluding Directors who are Audit

and Supervisory Committee Members)

Proposal 3: Election of Three (3) Directors who are Audit and Supervisory

**Committee Members** 

## \* Exercising your voting rights:

You may exercise your voting rights by mail or through the Internet. Please review the Reference to Exercise of Voting Rights posted on matters regarding measures for electronic provision, and exercise your voting rights by 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2024.

When neither approval nor disapproval of a proposal is indicated on your Voting Rights Exercise Form, it will be deemed as a vote for approval.

- \* Modifications, if any, to matters regarding measures for electronic provision, will be posted on the relevant websites.
- \* Changes, if any, in the operation of this General Meeting of Shareholders, will be informed via the Company's website (https://www.gmogshd.com/ir/stock/shareholder/).

# Proposal 1: Appropriation of Surplus

In consideration of factors such as business performance and financial standing for the fiscal year under review, the Company proposes the year-end dividend for the fiscal year under review as follows:

- 1. Type of dividend property

  Cash
- Matters concerning allotment of dividend property to shareholders and the total amount thereof ¥38.46 per share of common stock of the Company Total amount: ¥443,033,047
- 3. Effective date of distribution of surplus March 25th, 2024

Proposal 2: Election of Six (6) Directors (excluding Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members)

The terms of office for the five (5) Directors (excluding Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members; the same applies in this proposal) will expire at the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting of Shareholders. Accordingly, the Company proposes the election of Six (6) Directors. The Audit & Supervisory Committee has considered this proposal and stated that there is no issue to be pointed out.

In addition, based on the premise that the Board of Directors consists of directors who have expertise, experience, etc. required to enhance our Group's corporate value, the company has determined the selection of candidates for Directors after receiving the recommendation of the Nomination and Compensation Committees.

The candidates for Directors are as follows:

Candidate No.	Name	Positions	Responsibilities	Attendance at meetings of the Board of Directors
1	Mitsuru Aoyama	President & CEO and Executive Officer	CEO	18 out of 18 meetings (100%)
2	Masatoshi Kumagai	Chairman	-	16 out of 18 meetings (89%)
3	Ichiro Chujo	Vice President & Executive Officer	In charge of global strategy	18 out of 18 meetings (100%)
4	Susumu Ikeya	Executive Officer	In charge of corporate division	14 out of 14 meetings (100%)
5	Masashi Yasuda	Director	_	18 out of 18 meetings (100%)
6	Yukari Akiyama	Director	-	_

Candidate No.	Name	Career summary, positions, responsibilities and significant concurrent positions		
1	Mitsuru Aoyama	April 1989	Joined TOKYO KEIKI INC.	
	(February 8, 1967)	September 1995	Joined iSLE LLC (currently, GMO GlobalSign Holdings K.K.)	
	[Reappointment]	May 1997	President & CEO, iSLE Inc. (currently, GMO GlobalSign Holdings K.K.)	
		March 2003	Director of Global Media Online, Inc. (currently, GMO Internet Group,	
			Inc.)	
	Number of	October 2016	President & CEO, GMO CARS, Inc.	
	the Company's	January 2020	President & CEO, GMO Mobility Cloud Inc.	
	shares owned	March 2022	President & CEO and Executive Officer, GMO GlobalSign Holdings K.K.	
			(to present)	
	198,169	Reasons for the selection		
	shares	Mr. Mitsuru Aoyama has been presiding over the overall management of the Company as		
		President and CEO since 1997. We have determined that he can make use of these skills to		
		perform the duties expected of President & CEO in 2024 and beyond, and therefore propose to		
		elect him as a Director.		

2	Masatoshi	May 1991	President & CEO of Voice Media, Inc. (currently, GMO Internet
	Kumagai	1v1ay 1991	Group, Inc.)
	(July 17, 1963)	September 1999	President & CEO of MagClick Inc. (currently, GMO AD Partners
	[Reappointment]	September 1999	Inc.)
	[reappointment]	April 2000	Director of MagClick Inc. (currently, GMO AD Partners Inc.)
		August 2001	Representative Director and Chairman of iSLE Inc. (currently,
	Number of	8	GlobalSign Holdings K.K.)
	the Company's	April 2002	Chairman of the Board of GMO Research Institute (currently, GMO
	shares owned	1	Research, Inc.) (to present)
		March 2003	CEO, Chairman of the Board and President of Global Media Online,
	_		Inc. (currently, GMO Internet Group, Inc.)
	shares		Chairman of the Board of iSLE Inc. (currently, GlobalSign Holdings
			K.K.) (to present)
		March 2004	Chairman of the Board of paperboy&co., Inc. (currently, GMO
			Pepabo, Inc.) (to present)
			Chairman of the Board of GMO Mobile and Desktop, Inc. (currently,
			GMO Media, Inc.) (to present)
		December 2004	Chairman of the Board, Card Commerce Services, Inc. (currently,
			GMO Payment Gateway, Inc.)
		March 2007	Chairman of the Board, MagClick Inc. (currently, GMO AD Partners
			Inc.)
		May 2008	CEO, Chairman of the Board and President, Founder and Group
			CEO, GMO Internet, Inc. (currently, GMO Internet Group, Inc.)
		April 2009	Chairman of the Board of Inovex, Inc. (currently, GMO TECH, Inc.)
			(to present)
		December 2011	Chairman of the Board and President of GMO Payment Gateway,
			Inc.
		December 2012	Chairman of the Board of GMO Payment Gateway, Inc. (to present)
		M1- 2015	Director of GMO AD Partners Inc.
		March 2015 March 2016	Chairman of the Board of GMO AD Partners Inc. (current position)
		March 2022	Founder, Group Chairman and Group CEO of GMO Internet, Inc.
		Maich 2022	(currently, GMO Internet Group, Inc.) Founder, Chairman and Group CEO of GMO Internet Group, Inc. (to
		September 2022	present)
		Reasons for the se	1
			magai has a wealth of experience and knowledge, etc. as CEO of GMO
			nave determined that he can make use of these skills for the management
			and therefore propose to elect him as a Director.
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3	Ichiro Chujo	July 1997	Joined WEBKEEPERS, Inc. (currently, GMO-Z.COM USA, INC.)
	(July 18, 1965)	February 2000	Director of iSLE Inc. (currently, GMO GlobalSign Holdings K.K.)
	[Reappointment]	April 2003	President and Representative Director of GeoTrust Japan, Inc.
			(currently, GMO GlobalSign K.K.) (to present)
		March 2006	Director and Head of Security Service Business of GMO Hosting &
	Number of		Security, Inc. (currently, GMO GlobalSign Holdings K.K.)
	the Company's	March 2010	Vice PrVice President and Head of Security Service Business of
	shares owned		GMO HOSTING & SECURITY, INC. (currently, GMO GlobalSign
	,		Holdings K.K.)
	48,000	December 2011	Vice President, Head of Security Service Business and Head of
	shares		Enterprise Sales Division of GMO CLOUD K.K. (currently, GMO
		1 2012	GlobalSign Holdings K.K.)
		January 2013	Vice President, Head of Security Service Business and Head of
			Marketing Division of GMO CLOUD K.K. (currently, GMO
		l	GlobalSign Holdings K.K.)

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		January 2014	Vice President and Head of Security Service Business of GMO
		1 2015	CLOUD K.K. (currently, GMO GlobalSign Holdings K.K.)
		January 2015	Vice President in charge of Security Business and IAM Business of
		M 1 2016	GMO CLOUD K.K. (currently, GMO GlobalSign Holdings K.K.)
		March 2016	Director of GMO Internet, Inc. (currently, GMO Internet Group, Inc.)
		March 2017	Vice President in charge of Security Business of GMO CLOUD K.K.
		F 1 2021	(currently, GMO GlobalSign Holdings K.K.)
		February 2021	Vice President in charge of Digital Certificate and eSignature
		M 1 2022	Business of GlobalSign Holdings K.K.
		March 2022	Vice President & Executive Officer in charge of global strategy of
		D C 4	GMO GlobalSign Holdings K.K. (to present)
		Reasons for the se	
			has been serving as a Director of the Company since 2000 and as a
		_	of security business since 2003. In addition, he has been performing
		_	on in charge of Global strategy officer since 2022, and has a wealth of
		_	owledge, etc. We have determined that he can make use of these skills to expected of the person in charge of global strategy in 2024 and beyond,
		_	pose to elect him as a Director.
		and therefore prop	ose to elect film as a Director.
4	Susumu Ikeya	January 2005	Joined KYODO PUBLIC RELATIONS CO., LTD.
	(April 30, 1976)	June 2011	Joined Deloitte Tohmatsu Consulting Co., Ltd. (Currently, Deloitte
	[Reappointment]		Tohmatsu Consulting LLC)
		September 2013	Joined GMO CLOUD K.K. (currently, GMO GlobalSign Holdings
			K.K.)
	Number of	April 2018	Internal Audit Group Chief, GMO CLOUD K.K. (currently, GMO
	the Company's		GlobalSign Holdings K.K.)
	shares owned	March 2022	Executive Officer in charge of Corporate Division, GMO GlobalSign
			Holdings K.K. (to present)
	78		
	shares		
		Reasons for the se	lection
		Mr. Susumu Ikeya	, since joining the Company, has been engaged in the corporate planning
		division and the m	nanagement division. He has been performing duties as an Executive
		Officer in charge	of these divisions since 2022, having a wealth of experience and
		knowledge, etc. W	We have determined that he can make use of these skills to perform the
		duties expected of	a Director in charge of the corporate division, and therefore propose to
		elect him as a Dire	ector.
5	Masashi Yasuda	April 2000	Registered as a certified public accountant
3	(June 10, 1971)	April 2000	Joined interQ, Inc. (currently, GMO Internet Group, Inc.)
	[Reappointment]	September 2001	Head of Corporate Strategy of Global Media Onlince, Inc. (currently,
	[-ceappointment]		GMO Internet Group, Inc.)
			GIVIO Internet Group, inc. 1
1		March 2002	
	Number of	March 2002	Director and Head of Corporate Strategy of Global Media Onlince,
	Number of the Company's		Director and Head of Corporate Strategy of Global Media Onlince, Inc. (currently, GMO Internet Group, Inc.)
	the Company's	March 2002 March 2003	Director and Head of Corporate Strategy of Global Media Onlince, Inc. (currently, GMO Internet Group, Inc.) Executive Director in charge of Group Corporate Strategy and
			Director and Head of Corporate Strategy of Global Media Onlince, Inc. (currently, GMO Internet Group, Inc.)
	the Company's		Director and Head of Corporate Strategy of Global Media Onlince, Inc. (currently, GMO Internet Group, Inc.) Executive Director in charge of Group Corporate Strategy and Investor Relations of Global Media Onlince, Inc. (currently, GMO Internet Group, Inc.)
	the Company's	March 2003	Director and Head of Corporate Strategy of Global Media Onlince, Inc. (currently, GMO Internet Group, Inc.)  Executive Director in charge of Group Corporate Strategy and Investor Relations of Global Media Onlince, Inc. (currently, GMO Internet Group, Inc.)  Managing Director and Head of Management Division, in charge of
	the Company's shares owned	March 2003	Director and Head of Corporate Strategy of Global Media Onlince, Inc. (currently, GMO Internet Group, Inc.) Executive Director in charge of Group Corporate Strategy and Investor Relations of Global Media Onlince, Inc. (currently, GMO Internet Group, Inc.)
	the Company's shares owned	March 2003	Director and Head of Corporate Strategy of Global Media Onlince, Inc. (currently, GMO Internet Group, Inc.) Executive Director in charge of Group Corporate Strategy and Investor Relations of Global Media Onlince, Inc. (currently, GMO Internet Group, Inc.) Managing Director and Head of Management Division, in charge of Group Corporate Strategy and Investor Relations of Global Media
	the Company's shares owned	March 2003 March 2005	Director and Head of Corporate Strategy of Global Media Onlince, Inc. (currently, GMO Internet Group, Inc.) Executive Director in charge of Group Corporate Strategy and Investor Relations of Global Media Onlince, Inc. (currently, GMO Internet Group, Inc.) Managing Director and Head of Management Division, in charge of Group Corporate Strategy and Investor Relations of Global Media Online, Inc. (currently, GMO Internet Group, Inc.) Managing Director and Head of Group Management Division of
	the Company's shares owned	March 2003 March 2005	Director and Head of Corporate Strategy of Global Media Onlince, Inc. (currently, GMO Internet Group, Inc.) Executive Director in charge of Group Corporate Strategy and Investor Relations of Global Media Onlince, Inc. (currently, GMO Internet Group, Inc.) Managing Director and Head of Management Division, in charge of Group Corporate Strategy and Investor Relations of Global Media Online, Inc. (currently, GMO Internet Group, Inc.)
	the Company's shares owned	March 2003  March 2005  May 2008	Director and Head of Corporate Strategy of Global Media Onlince, Inc. (currently, GMO Internet Group, Inc.) Executive Director in charge of Group Corporate Strategy and Investor Relations of Global Media Onlince, Inc. (currently, GMO Internet Group, Inc.) Managing Director and Head of Management Division, in charge of Group Corporate Strategy and Investor Relations of Global Media Online, Inc. (currently, GMO Internet Group, Inc.) Managing Director and Head of Group Management Division of GMO Internet, Inc. (currently, GMO Internet Group, Inc.)

		March 2015	Deputy CEO, Deputy to Group CEO and Head of Group	
		March 2013	Management Division of GMO Internet, Inc. (current position)	
		March 2016	Director of GMO Media, Inc. (to present)	
		March 2010	Director of GMO CLOUD K.K. (currently,GMO GlobalSign	
			Holdings K.K.) (to present)	
			Director of GMO Pepabo, Inc.	
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			Director of GMO Research, Inc. (to present)	
			Director of GMO AD Partners Inc. (to present)	
		T 2016	Director of GMO TECH, Inc. (to present)	
		June 2016	Director of GMO CLICK Holdings, Inc. (currently, GMO Financial	
			Holdings, Inc.) (to present)	
			Auditor of Aozora Trust Bank, Ltd (currently, GMO Aozora Net	
			Bank, Ltd.)	
		December 2016	Director of GMO Payment Gateway, Inc. (to present)	
		June 2019	External Director of GMO Aozora Net Bank, Ltd. (to present)	
		March 2022	Director, Executive Vice President and Group CFO, Deputy to Group	
			CEO, Head of Group Management Division, GMO Internet, Inc.	
			(Currently, GMO Internet Group, Inc.) (to present)	
		Reasons for the se	lection	
		Mr. Masashi Yasu	Mr. Masashi Yasuda has a wealth of experience and knowledge, etc. as a Director in charge	
		of the management division of GMO Internet, Inc. and also has advanced expertise as a		
		certified public accountant. We have determined that he can make use of these skills for the		
		management of the	e Company, and therefore propose to elect him as a Director.	
6	Yukari Akiyama	July 1996	Joined Intel Corporation	
	(January 25, 1973)	April 2000	Joined Boston Consulting Group Inc. (Currently, Boston Consulting	
	[New appointment]		Group LLC)	
		November 2004	Joined SAP Japan Co., Ltd.	
	[External Director]	April 2008	Joined GE International Inc.	
		November 2010	Joined IBM Japan, Ltd.	
	Number of	April 2012	President & CEO of Leonessa, Inc. (to present)	
	the Company's	January 2023	External Director of Morpho, Inc. (to present)	
	shares owned	Reasons for selection as a candidate for External Director and roles expected to be fulfilled		
		Ms. Yukari Akiyama, after working in global corporations and the consulting industry,		
	_	assumed the position of Representative Director of Leonessa Co., Ltd. in 2012. With		
	shares	extensive experier	nce and expertise as a management consultant supporting strategic	
		planning and busin	ness development, she also possesses a deep understanding of Diversity	
		& Inclusion. Base	d on these qualifications, we expect her to provide valuable advice and	
		insights regarding the management of our company, and therefore propose to appoint her as		
		an External Director.		

#### Notes:

- 1. Candidate Masatoshi Kumagai is CEO, Chairman of the Board and President of GMO Internet Group, Inc. (parent company of the Company). There is a commercial relationship with the Company and GMO Internet Group, Inc.
- 2. Candidate Masashi Yasuda is Director of GMO Internet Group, Inc. (parent company of the Company). There is a commercial relationship with the Company and GMO Internet Group, Inc.
- 3. There are no special interests between the other candidates and the Company.
- 4. Candidates Masatoshi Kumagai and Masashi Yasuda are executives of the Company's parent company GMO Internet Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries. Their positions and responsibilities in the said companies are as described in "Career summary, positions, responsibilities and significant concurrent positions."
- 5. Candidate Yukari Akiyama is a candidate for External Director, and if appointed, intends to be registered as an independent director as stipulated by the Tokyo Stock Exchange.
- 6. The number of shares of the Company held by a candidate for Director is the effective number of shares held, including shares

through GMO GlobalSign Holdings K.K.'s Officer Stock Ownership.  7. If the appointment of Candidate Yukari Akiyama is approved, the Company plans to enter into a liability limited contract based on the provisions of Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act.  8. The Company has entered into a directors and officers liability insurance policy with all Directors. The policy covers losses that may arise from the insured's assumption of liability incurred in the course of their performance of duties or receipt of claims pertaining to the pursuit of such liability. If the respective candidates are appointed as Director, they will be covered by this insurance policy. The Company also plans to renew the insurance policy during their terms of office

Proposal 3: Election of Three (3) Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members

The terms of office for the Three (3) Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members will expire at the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting of Shareholders. Accordingly, the Company proposes the election of Three (3) Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members. Furthermore, we have obtained prior approval from the Audit & Supervisory Committee for this proposal.

The candidates for Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members are as follows:

Candidate No.	Name	Career summary, positions, responsibilities and significant concurrent positions	
1	Akihiko Nakajima	December 2006	Joined Misuzu Audit Corporation
	(September 19, 1972)	Augst 2007	Joined Shin Nihon Audit Corporation (currently, Ernst & Young ShinNihon
	[Reappointment]		LLC)
		April 2013	Joined GMO CLOUD K.K. (currently, GMO GlobalSign Holdings
			K.K.)
	Number of	May 2014	Internal Audit Group Chief, GMO CLOUD K.K. (currently, GMO
	the Company's		GlobalSign Holdings K.K.)
	shares owned	March 2018	Director who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Member, GMO
			CLOUD K.K. (currently, GMO GlobalSign Holdings K.K.) (to present)
	898	Reasons for the sele	ection
	shares	Mr. Akihiko Nakaji	ima possesses specialized knowledge in accounting and has been effectively
		fulfilling his duties	in the internal audit department since joining our company, demonstrating
		extensive experience	ce and expertise. We seek his appointment to leverage these qualities in the
		management and au	uditing of our company.
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2	Hiroshi Mizukami	April 1995	Registration as alswyer(Daini Tokyo Bar Associatiou)
	(May 9, 1968)	June 2002	External Auditor, Takachiho Denki Corporation (currently Elematec
	[Reappointment]	2014	Corporation) (to present)
	ID . 10' . 1	May 2014	External Auditor, GMO CLOUD K.K. (currently, GMO GlobalSign
	[External Director]	v 2015	Holdings K.K.)
	X 1 0	June 2015	External Auditor, D.A.Consortium Inc.
	Number of		External Director who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Member,
	the Company's		SANYEI CORPORATION
	shares owned	May 2016	External Director who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Member,
	0.61		GMO CLOUD K.K. (currently, GMO GlobalSign Holdings K.K.) (to
	861	0 1 2016	present)
	shares	October 2016	External Auditor, D.A.Consortium Holdings Inc.
		May 2020	External Director, NAKANO REFRIGERATORS CO., LTD (to
			present)
			ion as a candidate for External Director and roles expected to be fulfilled
			ami is requested to be appointed based on his specialized knowledge and
		experience as a lawyer, which enables him to contribute to strengthening ou	
		_	ure and auditing the execution of directors' duties. Although Mr.
			ot have direct experience in corporate management, we believe that he
		•	Ifill the responsibilities of an external director based on the
		aforementioned re	asons.

3	Masahito Okada	October 1992	Joined Audit Corporation Tohmatsu (currently, Deloitte Touche	
	(May 25, 1965)		Tohmatsu LLC)	
	[Reappointment]	May 1996	Registered as a certified public accountant	
		July 2007	Partner of Audit Corporation Tohmatsu (currently, Deloitte Touche	
	[External Director]		Tohmatsu LLC)	
		Nobember 2017	CFO, cocone corporation	
	Number of	March 2018	External Director who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Member,	
	the Company's		GMO CLOUD K.K. (currently, GMO GlobalSign Holdings K.K.) (to	
	shares owned		present)	
		October 2018	Head of Investment Division, Growin' Partners Inc.	
	861		External Auditor, AsiaQuest Co., Ltd. (to present)	
	shares	April 2019	External Auditor, lafool Inc. (to present)	
		October 2019	Director, Growin' Capital Inc.	
		August 2020	President & CEO, WIZM LLC (to present)	
		January 2021	External Auditor, Ai ROBOTICS INC. (to present)	
		Febraey 2022	External Auditor, primeNumber Inc. (to present)	
		June 2022	External Auditor, Japan Asset Management Platform Group Co., Ltd.	
		June 2022	External Auditor, Leading Mark, Inc. (to present)	
		June 2023	External Director, Japan Asset Management Platform Group Co., Ltd.	
			(to present)	
		Reasons for selection as a candidate for External Director and roles expected to be fulfilled		
		Mr. Masafumi Okada has expertise as a certified public accountant and possesses extensive		
		experience and knowledge in corporate management. Additionally, he is well-versed in the		
		field of IT. We expect him to contribute to strengthening our corporate governance and		
		auditing the execu	tion of director duties. Therefore, we request his appointment.	

## Notes:

- 1. There are no special interests between the candidates and the Company.
- 2. Candidate Hiroshi Mizukami is a candidate for External Director. The number of years since he assumed the position of External Director who is a member of the audit and supervisory committee is eight years as of the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting of Shareholders. He is an independent director as defined by the Tokyo Stock Exchange.
- 3. Candidate Masafumi Okada is a candidate for External Director. The number of years since he assumed the position of External Director who is a member of the audit and supervisory committee is six years as of the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting of Shareholders. He is an independent director as defined by the Tokyo Stock Exchange.
- 4. The Company has entered into a liability limited contract with candidates Akihiko Nakajima, Hiroshi Mizukami, and Masafumi Okada as stipulated in Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, and the compensation limit based on this contract is set as the minimum liability limit set forth in Article 425, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act. If these three individuals are appointed at this Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, the Company plans to continue the aforementioned limited liability contract.
- 5. The Company has entered into a Directors and Officers Liability Insurance Policy covering all Directors. Damages that may arise from liability incurred in the performance of their duties or claims related to the pursuit of such liability are covered. If each candidate is appointed as a Director, they will become insured under this insurance policy, and the Company plans to renew the insurance policy during their terms of office.

(Reference) Criteria for Nomination Policy and Procedure of Candidates for Directors Nomination of a full-time Director (excluding a Director who is an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member) assumes self-nomination by each individual and is decided by the Board of Directors, taking into consideration factors including the following items: the nominee is capable of embodying the Spirit Venture Declaration enshrined to clarify the Company's corporate philosophy and the basic principles of business activities of GMO Internet Group, which the Company belongs to; the results of a 360-degree evaluation survey targeted at major Directors of the Group; the quality, administrative capability, etc. as a Director, after receiving the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committees.

# (Reference) Criteria for Independence of Outside Directors

- 1. If there is no personal relationship, capital relationship, trading relationship, compensatory relationship (excluding Director's compensation), and other interest with the Company, or if there is or was any interest but it does not conflict with the interests of general shareholders nor does it influence the duties of said outside director, he or she is deemed to be independent.
- 2. Based on the idea mentioned above, the Company decides on the appointment of each candidate, referring to the criteria for independence set forth by the Tokyo Stock Exchange, which the Company is listed on.