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### **Notice of Interim Dividends and revision of year-end dividends forecast**

1. We would like to announce that we have resolved at BOD today to pay interim dividends from retained earnings as of June 30, 2019 and to revise year-end dividends forecast as below.

#### 2. Interim Dividends

##### (1) Description of Interim Dividends

	Dividends	Most recent forecast of dividends (released on Feb.14, 2019)	Previous Period
Ex-dividend date	Jun.30, 2019	Same as left	Jun.30, 2018
Cash dividends per share	¥3.50	Undetermined	¥2.50
Amount of dividend paid	336 million yen	—	240 million yen
Effective Date	September 6, 2019	—	Sep.5, 2018
Source of dividends	Retained earnings	—	Retained earnings

##### (2) Background

The company considers both of the below as the important issues for the management to achieve.

- (1) Improve the corporate value by Research and Development and capital investment utilizing internal reserves
- (2) Improve the profit return to shareholders

We consider (1) and (2) as basic dividend policies for FY2019 ending Dec. 31 and we will focus on the profit return to shareholders such as an improvement of payout ratio. Based on such approach, interim dividends is 3.5 yen, increased by 1 yen per share from previous period.

### 3. Revision of year-end dividends forecast

We would like to change year-end dividends forecast as following chart.

	Dividends per share		
	Mid-term dividend	Year-end dividend	Year total
Previous forecast	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Revised forecast on this time		¥3.50	¥7.00
Result in this fiscal year	¥3.50		
Result of last year (Dec. 2019)	¥2.50	¥4.50	¥7.00

As for the revision of dividend forecast, it is based on the comprehensive consideration of improvement of internal reserves for investment and profit return to shareholders. We will improve payout ratio by maintaining annual dividend of 7 yen, the same amount with previous period while there are no special factors in this term such as additional valuation allowance for deferred tax assets in the previous term.

#### (Appendix) Evolution of dividends

	FY2016 Mar. 12 months (Result)	FY2017 Mar. 12 months (Result)	FY2017 Dec. 9 months (Result)	FY2018 Dec. 12 months (Result)	FY2018 Dec. 12 months (Plan)
Mid-term dividend	¥1.50	¥1.50	¥2.50	¥2.50	¥3.50
Year-end dividend	¥1.50	¥2.50	¥1.50	¥4.50	¥3.50
Year total	¥3.00	¥4.00	¥4.00	¥7.00	¥7.00
Payout ratio	10.80%	7.70%	13.07%	8.05%	13.45%

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