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THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE Act of 1934

For the month of May, 2006.

ORIX Corporation

(Translation of Registrant's Name into English)

Mita NN Bldg., 4-1-23 Shiba, Minato-Ku,

Tokyo, JAPAN

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

ORIX Corporation

Date: May 25, 2006

By /s/ Yukio Yanase

Yukio Yanase
Director
Deputy President
ORIX Corporation

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May 12, 2006

ORIX Corporation

Notice of Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation

Tokyo, Japan May 12, 2006 ORIX Corporation (TSE: 8591; NYSE: IX, Main office: Minato-ku Tokyo, President: Yasuhiko Fujiki), a leading integrated financial service group, announced that, at the Board of Directors meeting held on May 12, 2006, it has resolved to propose for resolution at its 43rd Annual General Meeting of Shareholders which is scheduled to be held on June 20, 2006 the amendment of its articles of incorporation (hereinafter referred to as the Articles of Incorporation) as set forth below.

Please note that this English language version of the Notice of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation is only an extract and translation of the Japanese language original.

1. Reason for Amendment

In conjunction with the Company Law (Law No. 86 of 2005), the Law Concerning Conformation Etc. of Related Laws in Conjunction with the Implementation of the Company Law (Law No. 87 of 2005) and the Company Law Implementation Regulations (Ministry of Justice Regulation No. 12 of 2006) etc. (hereinafter referred to as the Company Law Etc.) becoming effective on May 1, 2006, the whole Articles of Incorporation have been reconsidered.

The proposed amendments that alter substantively the content of the Articles of Incorporation are the five (5) matters indicated below:

The other proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation are to conform (by addition, deletion and moving articles, and revising expressions and amending article references in accordance therewith) the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation with the systems, structure and expressions changed by the Company Law Etc. The basic intent of such amendments is to accurately reflect the structure of chapters, etc. and expressions of terminology used in the provisions of the Company Law Etc.

(1) Addition and Deletion of Purposes of Business

Amendments have been proposed to add and delete certain purposes of ORIX CORPORATION's business in light of the current status of business activities conducted by ORIX CORPORATION (herein after referred to as the Company) and its subsidiaries.

(Relating to Article 2 of the proposed amended Articles of Incorporation)

(2) Adoption of New Provisions concerning Rights of Shares Less of than One Unit

In conjunction with the Company Law Etc. allowing the rights of shares less than one Unit to be limited to the extent provided by the applicable laws and ordinances and the articles of incorporation, and for the purpose of encouraging the transition to a Unit share, it is intended that new provisions limiting the rights of shares less than one Unit, other than such rights relating to rights to self-interest, will be adopted into the Articles of Incorporation.

(Relating to Article 6 of the proposed amended Articles of Incorporation)

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(3) Adoption of New Provisions Concerning Provision of the Reference Documents Etc. for the General Meeting of Shareholders through the Internet

In conjunction with the Company Law Etc. providing that the disclosure of the reference documents etc. for the General Meeting of Shareholders shall be deemed to have been made if disclosed through use of the internet, and for the purpose of providing such information in a manner that is convenient for the shareholders, it is intended that new provisions in relation thereto will be adopted into the Articles of Incorporation.

(Relating to Article 13 of the proposed amended Articles of Incorporation)

(4) Addition of Provisions Concerning General Meeting of Shareholder Resolution to Remove Directors

Under the old Commercial Code, the removal of a director required a special resolution by a General Meeting of Shareholders. The Company Law Etc. has made the voting requirement for removal of a director the same as the voting requirement to elect a director. The Articles of Incorporation provides that a resolution for the election of a director may be made at a General Meeting of Shareholders at which shareholders holding one third (1/3) or more of the relevant voting rights attend. In that regard, for the purpose of conforming the voting as well as the quorum requirement of General Meetings of Shareholders concerning removal of a director to the requirements concerning election of a director, the appropriate amendments are proposed to be made.

(Relating to Article 17 of the proposed amended Articles of Incorporation)

(5) Adoption of New Provisions Concerning Abbreviation of Board of Directors Resolution

In conjunction with the Company Law Etc. providing that a company may deem that a resolution of the Board of Directors had been made without holding a meeting of the Board of Directors when all directors express their intentions to consent to a certain proposal in writing or electromagnetic record form, for the purpose of enabling the Company to make timely decisions, the appropriate new provisions are proposed to be adopted.

(Relating to Article 22 of the proposed amended Articles of Incorporation)

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2. Contents of amendments

The contents of the amendments are as follows:

(Changes indicated by underlined text)

Current provisions of the Articles of Incorporation	Provisions of the Articles of Incorporation as proposed to be amended	Reasons for amendment
CHAPTER I. GENERAL PROVISIONS	CHAPTER I. GENERAL PROVISIONS	
Article 2 (Purpose)	Article 2 (Purpose)	
The purpose of the Company shall be to engage in the following businesses:	The purpose of the Company shall be to engage in the following businesses:	
(1) lease, purchase and sale (including purchase and sale on an installment basis), maintenance and management of movable property of all types	(1) lease, purchase and sale (including purchase and sale on an installment basis), maintenance and management of movable property of all types	This is to repeal the use of Chinese character in expression of and or its equivalent throughout the Articles of Incorporation.
(2) lease, purchase and sale, ground preparation, development, maintenance and management of real property	(2) lease, purchase and sale, ground preparation, development, maintenance and management of real property	
(3) lending of money, purchase and sale of claims of all types, payment on behalf of third parties, guarantee and assumption of obligations, and other financial business	(3) lending of money, purchase and sale of claims of all types, payment on behalf of third parties, guarantee and assumption of obligations, and other financial business	
(4) holding, investment in, management, purchase and sale of securities	(4) holding, investment in, management, purchase and sale of securities	
<u>(5) holding, management, purchase and sale of mortgage certificates</u>	[Deleted]	This is to make deletion in light of the current status of business activities conducted by the Company.
		[1. Reasons for Amendment (1)]
(6) business of investment in and sale of commodities, and advisory service business relating to investment in commodities	<u>(5)</u> business of investment in and sale of commodities, and advisory service business relating to investment in commodities	
<u>(7)</u> <u>(9)</u> [Omitted]	<u>(6)</u> <u>(8)</u> [No Change]	
<u>(10)</u> acting as an agent for collection of money and for calculation work of enterprises	<u>(9)</u> acting as an agent for collection of money and for calculation work of enterprises	

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(11) manufacture, processing, repair and sale of furniture, interior goods, transport machinery and equipment, etc.

(10) manufacture, processing, repair and sale of furniture, interior goods, transport machinery and equipment, etc.

(12) water transport, road transport of cargo, and warehousing

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[New Provisions]

(12) transport business using cargo

This is to add the purpose of business conducted by subsidiaries of the Company.

[1. Reasons for Amendment (1)]

(13) contracting for construction and civil engineering, and design and supervision thereof

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(14) planning, developing and contracting for lease and sale of intangible property rights such as copyrights, industrial property rights, etc.

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(15) information services, telecommunications, advertising <u>and</u> publishing business	(15) information services, telecommunications, advertising <u>and</u> publishing business	
(16) management of facilities for sports, lodging, medical treatment and social education, etc., management of restaurants, <u>and</u> tour business	(16) management of facilities for sports, lodging, medical treatment and social education, etc., management of restaurants, <u>and</u> tour business	
(17) (19) [Omitted]	(17) (19) [No Change]	
(20) services relating to the collection, transportation <u>and</u> disposal of ordinary waste products <u>and</u> industrial waste products	(20) services relating to the collection, transportation <u>and</u> disposal of ordinary waste products <u>and</u> industrial waste products	
(21) generation of electric power <u>and</u> supply of electricity	(21) generation of electric power <u>and</u> supply of electricity	
(22) brokerage, agency, investigation <u>and</u> consulting services for business relating to any of the preceding items	(22) brokerage, agency, investigation <u>and</u> consulting services for business relating to any of the preceding items, <u>and pension consulting service</u>	This is to clarify the business activity in light of the current status of business activities conducted by the Company.
(23) non-life insurance agency business, insurance agency business under the Automobile Accident Compensation Security Law, and service related to soliciting life insurance	(23) non-life insurance agency business, insurance agency business under the Automobile Accident Compensation Security Law, and service related to soliciting life insurance	
(24) [Omitted]	(24) [No Change]	
(25) [Omitted]	(25) [No Change]	
(26) any and all businesses related to any of the preceding items	(26) any and all businesses <u>incidental or</u> related to any of the preceding items	This is to make the expression more appropriate.
Article 3 (Head Office)	Article 3 (Head Office)	
The head office of the Company shall be <u>located</u> in Minato-ku, Tokyo.	The head office of the Company shall be <u>located</u> in Minato-ku, Tokyo.	
Article <u>4</u> (Method <u>of</u> Public Notice)	[Moved to Article 37 of Proposed Amended Articles of Incorporation]	This is to conform to the description in the Company Law.
Public notices by the Company shall be published in the Nihon Keizai Shinbun , published in Tokyo <u>and</u> Osaka City.		
	[Deleted]	

Article 5 (Exceptional Rules Concerning
Company with Committees)

This is to make deletion in order to conform
to the provisions of the Company Law.

The Exceptional Rules Concerning Company with
Committees provided in Chapter 2, Section 4 of
the Law Regarding Exceptional Rules of
Commercial Code Concerning Auditing, Etc. of
Stock Corporations (hereinafter referred to as the
Law Regarding Exceptional Rules of Commercial
Code) shall be applied to the Company.

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CHAPTER II. SHARES

Article 6 (Total Number of Shares)

The total number of shares authorized to be issued by the Company shall be 259,000,000. Provided, that in case any shares have been cancelled, the number of shares corresponding to those cancelled shares be deducted from the above total number of shares to be issued by the Company.

Article 7 (Purchase of Own Stock)

The Company may purchase own stock by resolution of the Board of Directors in accordance with Article 211-3, Paragraph 1, Item 2 of the Commercial Code of Japan.

Article 8 (Number of Shares that Constitute One Unit)

Ten (10) shares of the Company shall constitute one (1) Unit of shares.

Article 9 (Non-Issuance of Share Certificate Representing Less than One Unit)

The company shall not issue a share certificate pertaining to a number of shares constituting less than one (1) Unit.

CHAPTER II. SHARES

Article 4 (Total Number of Shares Authorized to be Issued)

The total number of shares authorized to be issued by the Company shall be 259,000,000.

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Article 5 (Number of Shares that Constitute One Unit)

In relation to the shares issued by the Company, ten (10) shares of the Company shall constitute one (1) Unit with which a shareholder may exercise one (1) vote at a General Meeting of Shareholders.

[Moved to Article 9 of Proposed Amended Articles of Incorporation]

This is to conform to the description in the Company Law.

The sentence starting from Provided is to be deleted because such provision has become unnecessary due to the Company Law.

This is to make deletion in order to conform to the provisions of the Company Law. (Acquisition of own stock to be in accordance with Article 34 of the proposed amended Articles of Incorporation.)

This is to conform to the description in the Company Law.

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[New Provisions]	<u>Article 6 (Rights of Shares Less than One Unit)</u>	This is to limit the rights of shares less than one Unit, other than such rights relating to rights to self-interest, in conjunction with the Company Law Etc. allowing the rights of shares less than one Unit to be limited to the extent provided by the applicable laws and ordinances and the articles of incorporation, and for the purpose of encouraging the transition to a Unit share.
	<u>A shareholder of the Company (including a Substantial Shareholder; hereinafter the same) may not, in relation to the shares that it holds that are less than one (1) Unit, exercise shareholder's rights in relation thereto other than the rights set forth below:</u>	
	<u>(1) The rights set forth in each item of Article 189 Paragraph 2 of the Company Law;</u>	[1. Reasons for Amendment (2)]
	<u>(2) The right to make demands pursuant to the provisions of Article 166 Paragraph 1 of the Company Law;</u>	
	<u>(3) The right to subscribe to Offering Shares and Offering Stock Acquisition Rights on a pro rata basis based upon the number of shares held by a shareholder; and</u>	
	<u>(4) The right to make the demands provided under the immediately following article.</u>	
Article <u>10 (Purchase Additional Shares Less Than One Unit)</u>	Article <u>7 (Demand for Sales by a Shareholder of Shares Less Than One Unit)</u>	This is to conform to the description in the Company Law.
A shareholder <u>who holds shares less than one (1) Unit (including Substantial Shareholders; hereinafter the same)</u> may demand, in accordance with the provisions of the Share Handling Regulations, that the Company sell to it the number of additional shares <u>necessary to</u> make the number of shares of less than <u>one (1) Unit</u> held by such shareholder, equal to <u>one (1) Unit</u> .	A shareholder of the Company may demand, in accordance with the provisions of the Share <u>Etc. Handling Regulations</u> , that the Company sell to it the number of additional shares necessary to make the number of <u>shares</u> of less than one (1) Unit <u>held by</u> such shareholder, equal to one (1) Unit.	
Article 11 (Share Handling Regulations)	[Moved to Article 9 of Proposed Amended Articles of Incorporation]	

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The procedures and other matters relating to shares of the Company shall be in accordance with the Shares Handling Regulations.

Article 12 (Transfer Agent)

The Company shall have a transfer agent with respect to its shares.

ii) The Company shall make public notices of the names and places of business of its transfer agents.

iii) The Register of Shareholders, the Register of Substantial Shareholders and Register of Lost Share Certificates of the Company shall be kept at the place of business of the transfer agent. Registration for the change of shareholders, the purchase and additional purchase of shares constituting less than one (1) Unit, and other matters concerning shares, shall be handled by the transfer agent and shall not be handled by the Company.

Article 8 (Administrator of the Register of Shareholders)

The Company shall have an Administrator of the Register of Shareholders.

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ii) The Administrator of the Register of Shareholders shall, on behalf of the Company, create and keep the Register of Shareholders (including Register of Substantial Shareholders; hereinafter the same), Register of Lost Share Certificates and Register of Stock Acquisition Rights and otherwise perform matters concerning the Register of Shareholders, Register of Lost Share Certificates and Register of Stock Acquisition Rights. The Company shall not perform such matters.

This is to organize and amend the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation in conformity with those of the Company Law.

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[Moved from Articles 9 and 11 of Current Articles of Incorporation] Article 9 (Issuance of Share Certificate and Shares Etc. Handling Regulations) This is to organize the provisions relating to issuance of share certificate etc. and to amend for conformity with the provisions in the Company Law.

The Company shall issue share certificates pertaining to shares.

ii) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the Company shall not issue share certificate pertaining to shares constituting less than 1 (one) Unit, provided, however, that this shall not apply to the extent Shares Etc. Handling Regulations provide otherwise.

iii) The handling of shares and procedures for exercise of shareholders' rights of the Company shall be in accordance with the Shares Etc. Handling Regulations as well as the applicable laws and ordinances and this Articles of Incorporation.

Article 13 (Record Date)

[Moved to Article 12 of Proposed Amended Articles of Incorporation]

Those shareholders of the Company who are permitted to exercise their rights at an annual General Meeting of Shareholders concerning each fiscal year shall be those shareholders registered as having voting rights on the Register of Shareholders and the Register of Substantial Shareholders as of the end of the same fiscal year.

ii) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the Company may choose a date other than the date specified in the preceding paragraph as the date as of which shareholders shall be registered as having voting rights on the Register of Shareholders or the Register of Substantial Shareholders in order to be able to exercise their rights at the annual General Meeting of Shareholders corresponding to such fiscal year. In such a case, two (2) weeks' prior public notice shall be given as to the chosen date.

iii) In addition to the cases provided for in the preceding two paragraphs, whenever necessary, the Company may temporarily fix a record date, by giving two (2) weeks prior public notice.

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[New Provisions] CHAPTER III. Organizations

[New Provisions] Sub-Chapter 1 Organizations

[New Provisions (to include Articles 29 and 41 of the current Articles of Incorporation)] ARTICLE 10. (Organizations)

This is to clearly state the provisions relating to the organizations of the Company based on the provisions in the Company Law.

The Company shall have the following organizations:

(1) General Meeting of Shareholders;

(2) Directors;

(3) Board of Directors;

(4) Nominating Committee, Audit Committee and Compensation Committee;

(5) Executive officers and representative executive officers; and

(6) Accounting auditor

CHAPTER III. GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

Sub-Chapter 2. GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

Article 14 (Holding of General Meeting of Shareholders)

Article 11 (Holding of General Meeting of Shareholders)

This is to organize the provisions in conformity with the expressions in the Company Law.

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An annual General Meeting of Shareholders shall be held in June of each year and an extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders shall be held whenever necessary.

An annual General Meeting of Shareholders shall be convened within a certain term following the end of each fiscal year and held in June of each year, and an extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders shall be held at any time whenever necessary.

ii) Notices convening an annual General Meeting of Shareholders or an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders shall be dispatched at least two (2) weeks prior to the date set for such meetings.

[Deleted]

This is to make deletion because the provisions have little necessity to be provided in the Articles of Incorporation. (The notice of convocation to be dispatched in accordance with the applicable laws and ordinances.)

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[Moved from Article 13 of Current Articles of Incorporation]

Article 12 (Record Date for Exercise of Voting Rights)

This is to organize the provisions in conformity with the provisions in the Company Law.

Those shareholders of the Company who are permitted to exercise their voting rights at an annual General Meeting of Shareholders to be convened after the completion of each fiscal year shall be those shareholders registered or recorded as having voting rights on the Register of Shareholders as of the end of the same fiscal year.

ii) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the Company may choose a date other than the date specified in the preceding paragraph as the date as of which shareholders shall be registered or recorded as having voting rights on the Register of Shareholders in order to be able to exercise their voting rights at the annual General Meeting of Shareholders. In such a case, two (2) weeks prior public notice shall be given as to the chosen date.

Article 15 (Convocation of General Meeting of Shareholders)

Article 13 (Authorized Person to Convene a General Meeting of Shareholders and Chairman Thereat)

This is to organize and amend the provisions in conformity with the provisions in the Company Law. (The provision concerning a chairman of General Meetings of Shareholders has been moved from Article 16 of Current Articles of Incorporation.)

General Meetings of Shareholders shall be convened by a representative executive officer pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Directors meeting.

General Meetings of Shareholders shall be convened by a director determined in advance by a resolution of the Board of Directors meeting. Furthermore, the director designated in advance by a resolution of the Board of Directors meeting shall act as a chairman.

ii) If there is more than one representative executive officer, the representative executive officer designated by resolution of the Board of Directors meeting shall convene General Meetings of Shareholders.

[Deleted]

iii) If the person determined in accordance with the preceding two paragraphs is unable to act, one of the other executive officers shall convene General Meetings of Shareholders in accordance with the order so designated in advance by resolution of the Board of Directors meeting.

ii) If the person determined in accordance with the preceding paragraph is unable to act, another director shall convene the General Meeting of Shareholders or act as a chairman, in accordance with the order so designated in advance by a resolution of the Board of Directors meeting.

[New Provision]

iii) The Company may deem that at the time of convocation of a General Meeting of Shareholders, information concerning the matters that should be contained or provided for in the reference documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders, business reports, financial statements and consolidated financial statements, audit reports and accounting audit reports, were provided to the shareholders by disclosing such information through use of the internet in accordance with applicable laws and ordinances.

This is provided in conjunction with the Company Law Etc. providing that the disclosure of the reference documents etc. for the General Meeting of Shareholders shall be deemed to have been made if disclosed through use of the internet and for the purpose of providing information in a manner that is convenient for the shareholders.

[1. Reasons for Amendment (3)]

Article 16 (Chairman of General Meeting of Shareholders)

[Moved to Article 13 of the Proposed Amended Articles of Incorporation]

A representative executive officer shall act as chairman of the General Meetings of Shareholders.

ii) The provisions of the second and third paragraphs of the preceding Article shall apply, mutatis mutandis, in the case of the preceding paragraph.

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Article <u>17</u> (<u>Method of Resolution</u>)	Article <u>14</u> (Resolution of <u>General Meeting of Shareholders</u>)	This is to conform to the description in the Company Law.
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Unless otherwise provided under applicable laws or ordinances or by the Company's Articles of Incorporation, resolutions of the General Meetings of Shareholders shall be adopted by a majority of votes of shareholders present at the meetings.

Unless otherwise provided under applicable laws or ordinances or by the Company's Articles of Incorporation, resolutions of the General Meetings of Shareholders shall be adopted by a majority of votes of the shareholders present at the meetings who are permitted to exercise their voting rights.

ii) The special resolution provided in Article 343 of the Commercial Code of Japan shall be adopted by two-thirds or more of the votes of the shareholders present at a meeting at which shareholders who hold more than one-third of the voting rights held by all of the shareholders of the Company are present.

ii) The special resolution provided in Article 309 Paragraph 2 of the Company Law shall be adopted by two-thirds or more of the votes of the shareholders present at a meeting at which shareholders who hold more than one-third of the voting rights held by all of the shareholders of the Company who are permitted to exercise their voting rights at the general meeting of shareholders are present.

Article 18 (Vote by Proxy)

Article 15 (Vote by Proxy)

[Omitted]

[No Change]

Article 19 (Minutes of General Meeting of Shareholders)

[Deleted]

This is to make deletion because the provisions have little necessity to be provided in the Articles of Incorporation. (The minutes to be prepared and kept in accordance with the applicable laws and ordinances.)

The minutes of the General Meetings of Shareholders shall contain the summary of the proceedings and the results thereof; shall be signed, or bear the names and seals of, the chairman of the meeting, and of the directors and executive officers present; and the original thereof shall be kept at the head office for ten (10) years from the date of the resolution, and certified copies thereof shall be kept at the branches for five (5) years therefrom.

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<u>CHAPTER IV DIRECTORS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS</u>	<u>Sub-Chapter 3. DIRECTORS</u>	This is to provide Directors and Board of Directors in different Sub-chapters.
Article <u>20</u> (Number of Directors)	Article <u>16</u> (Number of <u>Directors</u>)	This is to conform to the description in the Company Law.
There shall be no less than three (3) <u>directors</u> of the Company.	There shall be no less than three (3) <u>directors</u> of the Company.	
Article <u>21</u> (Election)	Article <u>17</u> (Election <u>and Removal of Directors</u>)	Under the old Commercial Code, the removal of a director required a special resolution by a General Meeting of Shareholders. The Company Law Etc. has made the voting requirement for removal of a director the same as the voting requirement to elect a director. The Articles of Incorporation provides that a resolution for the election of a director may be made at a General Meeting of Shareholders at which shareholders holding one third (1/3) or more of the relevant voting rights attend. In that regard, this is to conform to the quorum requirement of General Meetings of Shareholders concerning removal of a director to the requirements concerning election of a director
Directors shall be elected <u>at</u> a General Meeting of Shareholders.	Directors shall be elected <u>and removed by a resolution of</u> the General Meeting of Shareholders.	
ii) <u>In case of</u> the above election(s), shareholders representing not less than one third (1/3) of the number of voting rights of all shareholders <u>shall</u> attend such meeting.	ii) <u>The resolution of the General Meeting of Shareholders for election and removal of directors in the preceding paragraph shall be adopted by a majority of the votes of the shareholders present at a meeting</u> at which shareholders who hold one-third or more of the voting rights held by all of the shareholders of the Company <u>who are permitted to exercise their voting rights at the general meeting of shareholders</u> are present.	
iii) In case of election(s) of directors, cumulative voting shall not be used.	iii) In case of election(s) of directors, cumulative voting shall not be used.	[1. Reasons for Amendment (4)]

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<p>Article <u>22</u> (Term of Office)</p> <p>Directors terms of office shall expire upon the conclusion of the annual General Meeting of Shareholders for the last <u>fiscal year ending within</u> one (1) year after a director <u>assumes office</u>.</p> <p>ii) The terms of office of directors elected as replacement directors or due to the increase of directors shall expire when the terms of office of the other directors <u>should</u> expire.</p>	<p>Article <u>18</u> (Term of Office <u>of Directors</u>)</p> <p>Directors terms of office shall expire upon the conclusion of the annual General Meeting of Shareholders for the last <u>fiscal year ending within one (1) year</u> after <u>election</u> of director.</p> <p>ii) The terms of office of <u>directors elected</u> as directors, to replace a <u>director that left the office prior to expiration of such director</u> s <u>term of office</u>, or due to the increase of directors, shall be until the terms of office of the other directors expire.</p>	<p>This is to conform to the expression of the Company Law and to organize the provisions.</p>
<p>[Moved from CHAPTER IV of Current Articles of Incorporation]</p>	<p><u>Sub-Chapter 4</u>, Board of Directors</p>	<p>This is to provide Directors and Board of Directors in different Sub-chapters.</p>
<p>Article <u>23</u> (Person who Convenes Meetings <u>and</u> Chairman)</p> <p>Unless otherwise provided under applicable laws or ordinances, meetings of the Board of Directors shall be convened by the director designated <u>by</u> the Board of Directors, <u>which</u> director shall act as the chairman of the Board of Directors meetings.</p> <p>ii) If the person determined <u>in accordance with</u> the preceding paragraph is unable to act, the other directors shall convene the Board of Directors meetings and act as chairman, in accordance with the order they are so designated, <u>by</u> resolution of the Board of Directors meeting.</p>	<p>Article <u>19</u> (Person who Convenes Meetings <u>of the Board of Directors and</u> Chairman)</p> <p>Unless otherwise provided under applicable laws or ordinances, meetings of the Board of Directors <u>shall be</u> convened by the director designated in advance <u>by a resolution of</u> the Board of Directors meeting. <u>Furthermore, the director designated in advance by a resolution of the Board of Directors meeting</u> shall act as a chairman.</p> <p>ii) If the person determined <u>in accordance with provisions of</u> the preceding paragraph is unable to act, another director shall convene the Board of Directors meeting <u>or</u> act as a chairman, in accordance with the order they are so designated in advance <u>by a resolution of</u> the Board of Directors meeting.</p>	<p>This is to conform to the expression of the Company Law and to organize the provisions.</p>

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<p>Article <u>24</u> (<u>Notice for Convocation of Meetings</u>)</p>	<p>Article <u>20</u> (<u>Procedure for Convocation of Meetings of the Board of Directors</u>)</p>	<p>This is to organize the provisions in conformity with the provisions of the Company Law.</p>
<p><u>Notices for</u> convening Board of Directors meetings shall be dispatched to each director <u>at least three (3) days</u> prior to the date set for such meeting. Provided, however, that in case of emergency, <u>the above period</u> may be shortened.</p>	<p><u>The person</u> convening the Board of Directors meetings shall, on or prior to third (3rd) days preceding the date of <u>such Board of Directors</u> meetings, send <u>notice thereof</u> to each director, provided, however, that in case of emergency, <u>such period</u> may be shortened.</p>	
<p>[New Provisions]</p>	<p><u>ii) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, if there is a unanimous consent of the directors, the Board of Directors may hold a Board of Directors meeting without taking the procedure for convocation of meeting.</u></p>	
<p>Article <u>25</u> (<u>Method of Resolution</u>)</p>	<p>Article <u>21</u> (<u>Resolution of Board of Directors Meeting</u>)</p>	<p>This is to conform to the description in the Company Law.</p>
<p>Resolutions of the Board of Directors meetings shall be adopted by a majority of the <u>directors</u> present at meetings attended by a majority of the directors.</p>	<p>Resolutions of the Board of Directors shall be adopted by a majority of the directors meetings present at meetings attended by a majority of the directors <u>that may participate in making resolutions</u> thereat.</p>	
<p><u>Article 26 (Minutes of Meeting)</u></p>	<p>[Deleted]</p>	<p>This is to make deletion because the provisions have little necessity to be provided in the Articles of Incorporation. (The minutes to be prepared and kept in accordance with the applicable laws and ordinances.)</p>
<p><u>The minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors shall contain the summary of the proceedings and the results thereof; shall be signed, or bear the names and seals of, the chairman of the meeting and of the directors present; and shall be kept at the head office for ten (10) years from the date of the resolution.</u></p>		

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<p><u>Article 27 (Remuneration of Directors)</u></p> <p><u>Remuneration of directors shall be determined by resolution at the Compensation Committee.</u></p>	<p>[Deleted]</p>	<p>This is to make deletion because the provisions have little necessity to be provided in the Articles of Incorporation. (The remuneration of directors to be determined in accordance with the applicable laws and ordinances.)</p>
<p>[New Provisions]</p>	<p><u>Article 22 (Abbreviation of Resolutions of Board of Directors Meetings)</u></p> <p><u>If a director proposes a matter for resolution by the Board of Directors meeting, and if the directors (to the extent capable of participating in the resolution of such matter) express their intentions to unanimously consent to such proposal in writing or electromagnetic record form, the Company shall deem such proposal approved by a resolution of the Board of Directors meeting.</u></p>	<p>This is to enable the Company to make timely decisions in conjunction with the Company Law Etc. providing that a company may deem that a resolution of the Board of Directors had been made without holding a meeting of the Board of Directors when all directors express their intentions to consent to a certain proposal in writing or electromagnetic record form.</p> <p>[1. Reasons for Amendment (5)]</p>
<p><u>Article 28 (Release of Directors Liability)</u></p> <p>The Company may release, <u>within the limits of the applicable laws and ordinances, the liability of directors (including former directors) concerning their acts described in Article 21-17, Paragraph 1 of the Law Regarding Exceptional Rules of Commercial Code</u> by a resolution of the Board of Directors meeting <u>in accordance with the provisions of Article 266, Paragraph 12 of the Commercial Code of Japan applied, mutatis mutandis, by virtue of Article 21-17, Paragraph 4 of the Law Regarding Exceptional Rules of Commercial Code.</u></p>	<p><u>Article 23 (Release of Directors and Executive Officers Liability)</u></p> <p><u>If the directors and executive officers (including former directors and executive officers, Hereinafter collectively referred to as Directors and Officers) were without knowledge and were not grossly negligent in the performance of their duties, and upon determination by the Company after giving due consideration to content of the facts that caused the relevant liability, situations of the relevant Directors and Officers performance of their duties, and other circumstances that it is particularly necessary, the Company may by a resolution of the Board of Directors meeting release, to the extent of the maximum amount that may be released under the applicable laws and ordinances, the liability for damages of Directors and Officers arising from failure to perform their duties.</u></p>	<p>This is to conform to the expression of the Company Law and to put together and organize the provisions relating to directors and executive officers. (The provision concerning release of executive officers liability has been moved from Article 38 of Current Articles of Incorporation.)</p>

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ii) The Company may enter into an agreement with Outside Directors concerning their liability pursuant to the provisions of Article 21-17, Paragraph 1 of the Law Regarding Exceptional Rules of Commercial Code, which provides that the limit of liability shall be the aggregate amounts provided for in each item of Article 266, Paragraph 19 of the Commercial Code of Japan applied, mutatis mutandis, by virtue of Article 21-17, Paragraph 5 of the Law Regarding Exceptional Rules of Commercial Code.

ii) The Company may enter into an agreement with Outside Directors that provides that if such Outside Directors were without knowledge and were not grossly negligent in the performance of their duties, their liability for damages arising from failure to perform their duties shall be limited to the extent of the minimum amount of liability provided under the applicable laws and ordinances.

CHAPTER V. BOARD COMMITTEES

Sub-Chapter 5. BOARD COMMITTEES

Article 29 (Establishment of Committees)

[Included in Article 10 of Proposed Amended Articles of Incorporation]

The Company shall establish the Nominating Committee, the Audit Committee and the Compensation Committee (hereinafter referred to as Board Committees).

Article 30 (Number of Members, Etc.)

Article 24 (Election Etc. of Committee Members)

This is to conform to the expression of the Company Law and to organize the provisions.

Each Board Committee shall be composed of three (3) or more directors.

Each Board Committee shall be composed of three (3) or more members.

[Moved from Article 31 of Current Articles of Incorporation]

ii) The members of each Board Committee shall be elected from among the directors by a resolution of the Board of Directors meeting.

ii) The majority of members of each Board Committee shall be Outside Directors who are not executive officers of the Company.

iii) The majority of members of each Board Committee must be Outside Directors.

iii) No member of the Audit Committee shall be an executive officer, manager or other employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries (including consolidated subsidiaries provided in Article 1-2, Paragraph 4 of the Law Regarding Exceptional Rules of Commercial Code) nor shall any member of the Audit Committee be a director involved in the business of a subsidiary.

iv) No member of the Audit Committee shall be an executive officer or an Operating Director of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or the accounting advisor (if the accounting advisor is a corporate body, the member thereof that performs such duties) manager or other employee of any of the Company's subsidiaries.

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<p><u>Article 31 (Election)</u> Members of Board Committees shall <u>be elected at</u> a Board of Directors meeting.</p>	<p>[Moved to Article 24 of Proposed Amended Articles of Incorporation]</p>	
<p><u>Article 32 (Minutes of Meeting)</u> <u>The minutes of the meetings of Board Committees</u> <u>shall contain the summary of the proceedings and</u> <u>the results thereof; shall be signed, or bear the</u> <u>names and seals of the members present; and shall</u> <u>be kept at the head office for ten (10) years from</u> <u>the date of the resolution.</u></p>	<p>[Deleted]</p>	<p>This is to make deletion because the provisions have little necessity to be provided in the Articles of Incorporation. (The minutes to be prepared and kept in accordance with the applicable laws and ordinances.)</p>
<p>[New Provisions]</p>	<p><u>Article 25 (Procedure for Convocation of Meetings of Committee)</u></p>	<p>This is to newly adopt provisions for procedure for convocation of meetings because the similar provisions are provided for meetings of the Board of Directors.</p>
	<p><u>Each Board Committee shall be convened pursuant to provisions of applicable laws and ordinances and the determinations made by the Board of Directors.</u></p>	
<p>[New Provisions]</p>	<p><u>Article 26 (Resolution of Committee Meeting)</u></p>	<p>This is to newly adopt provisions for resolutions because the similar provisions are provided for meetings of the Board of Directors.</p>
	<p><u>Each Board Committee resolution shall be made by a majority of the members at attendance at a Board Committee at which a majority of the members that can participate in making the relevant resolution attend.</u></p>	
	<p><u>ii) Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, a resolution to remove the Company's accounting auditor at an auditor committee meeting must be made by a unanimous consent of the members of the audit committee.</u></p>	
<p>CHAPTER VI EXECUTIVE OFFICERS</p>	<p><u>Sub-Chapter 6. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS</u></p>	
<p>Article <u>33</u> (Number of Executive Officers) There shall be three (3) or more executive officers of the Company.</p>	<p>Article <u>27</u> (Number of <u>Executive Officers</u>) There shall be three (3) or more executive officers of the Company.</p>	<p>This is to conform to the description in the Company Law.</p>

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<p>Article <u>34</u> (Election)</p> <p>Executive officers shall be elected at meetings of the Board of Directors.</p>	<p>Article <u>28</u> (Election of <u>Executive Officers</u>)</p> <p>Executive officers shall be elected <u>by a resolution of</u> the Board of Directors meeting.</p>	<p>This is to conform to the description in the Company Law.</p>
<p>Article <u>35</u> (Term of Office)</p> <p>An executive officer's term of office shall expire at the conclusion of the first Board of Directors meeting to <u>be held</u> after the conclusion of the annual General Meeting of Shareholders relating to the last <u>fiscal year ending within</u> one (1) year from his or her <u>assumption</u> of office.</p>	<p>Article <u>29</u> (Term of Office of <u>Executive Officers</u>)</p> <p>An executive officer's term of office shall expire upon the conclusion of the first Board of Directors meeting to <u>be convened</u> after the conclusion of the annual General Meeting of Shareholders for the last <u>fiscal year ending within</u> one (1) year after <u>election</u> of executive officer.</p>	<p>This is to conform to the expression of the Company Law and to organize the provisions.</p>
<p>ii) The terms of office of executive officers elected as replacement executive officers or due to the increase of executive officers shall expire when the terms of the office of the other executive officers <u>should</u> expire.</p>	<p>ii) The terms of office of <u>executive officers elected as</u> executive officers, to replace <u>executive officers that left the office prior to expiration of such executive officer's term of office</u>, or due to the increase of <u>executive officers</u>, shall be until the terms of office of the other executive officers expire.</p>	
<p>Article <u>36</u> (<u>Election</u> of Representative Executive Officers)</p> <p>The Board of Directors shall <u>elect</u> one (1) or more executive officers <u>from among</u> the executive officers, <u>who shall</u> represent <u>the Company</u>.</p>	<p>Article <u>30</u> (<u>Election</u> of Representative Executive Officers)</p> <p>The Board of Directors shall <u>elect</u> one (1) or more representative executive officers <u>from among</u> the executive officers.</p>	<p>This is to conform to the description in the Company Law.</p>
<p><u>Article 37 (Remuneration of Executive Officers)</u></p> <p><u>Remuneration of executive officers shall be determined by resolution at the Compensation Committee.</u></p>	<p>[Deleted]</p>	<p>This is to make deletion because the provisions have little necessity to be provided in the Articles of Incorporation. (The remuneration of executive officers to be determined in accordance with the applicable laws and ordinances.)</p>
<p>Article <u>38</u> (Release of Executive Officers Liability)</p> <p>The Company may release, <u>within</u> the limits of the applicable laws and ordinances, the liability of executive officers (including former executive officers) <u>concerning their acts described in Article 21-17, Paragraph 1 of the Law Regarding Exceptional Rules of Commercial Code</u> by resolution of the Board of Directors meeting <u>in</u></p>	<p>[Moved to Article 23 of the Proposed Amended Articles of Incorporation]</p>	

accordance with the provisions of Article 266,
Paragraph 12 of the Commercial Code of Japan
applied, mutatis mutandis, by virtue of Article
21-17, Paragraph 6 of the Law Regarding
Exceptional Rules of Commercial Code.

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[New Provisions]	<u>CHAPTER VII. Accounting Auditor</u>	
[New Provisions]	<u>Article 31 (Election of Accounting Auditor)</u>	This is to adopt the provisions in conformity with the provisions of the Company Law.
[New Provisions]	<u>The accounting auditor shall be elected by a resolution of a General Meeting of Shareholder.</u>	
[New Provisions]	<u>Article 32 (Term of Office of Accounting Auditor)</u>	This is to adopt the provisions in conformity with the provisions of the Company Law.
	<u>Accounting auditor s terms of office shall expire upon the conclusion of the annual General Meeting of Shareholders for the last fiscal year ending within one (1) year after election of accounting auditor.</u>	
	<u>ii) Unless otherwise specifically resolved at the annual General Meeting of Shareholders under the preceding paragraph, an accounting auditor shall be deemed to have been re-elected at the relevant annual General Meeting of Shareholders.</u>	
CHAPTER <u>VII</u> . ACCOUNTS	CHAPTER <u>IV</u> . ACCOUNTS	
Article <u>39</u> (<u>Fiscal</u> Year)	Article <u>33</u> (<u>Fiscal</u> Year)	This is to conform to the description in the Company Law.
The <u>fiscal</u> year of the Company shall commence on the first day of April of each year and shall end on the last day of March of the following year, and the accounts of the Company <u>shall be closed on the last day of March in each year.</u>	The <u>fiscal</u> year of the Company <u>shall be one (1) year</u> commencing on the first day of April of each year and ending on the last day of March of the following year.	
[New Provisions]	<u>Article 34 (The Organization to determine Distribution of Dividends Etc. from Retained Earnings)</u>	This is to organize and adjust the provisions in conformity with those of the Company Law.
	<u>The Company may determine matters set forth in each item of Article 459, Paragraph 1.</u>	(Among each item in Article 459 Paragraph 1 of the Company Law, Item 1 is corresponding to Article 7 of the current Articles of Incorporation. Items 2 through 4 are deemed

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such as the distribution of dividends from retained earnings, which shall not be determined by a resolution of a General Meeting of Shareholders.

to be so provided in the articles of incorporation with regard to a Committee System Company under the old Commercial Code due to the so-called Adjustment Law.

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<p>Article <u>40 (Payment of Cash Dividends)</u></p>	<p>Article <u>35 (Record Date for Distribution of Dividends from Retained Earnings)</u></p>	<p>This is to organize the provisions in conformity with those of the Company Law.</p>
<p><u>Cash dividends shall be paid to</u> shareholders or registered pledgees <u>last of record on the Register of Shareholders and the Register of Substantial Shareholders as of the closing of accounts for each fiscal year.</u></p>	<p><u>If the dividends from retained earnings as of the last day of the fiscal year are distributed within three (3) months therefrom, the Company shall treat</u> shareholders or <u>share</u> pledgees registered <u>or recorded on</u> the Register of Shareholders <u>as of the last day of the same fiscal year as the person having rights to receive such dividends.</u></p>	
<p><u>ii) With respect to the first cash dividends on shares issued upon requests for conversion of convertible bonds, such conversions shall be deemed to have been made at the beginning of the fiscal year during which such requests for conversion have been made, and the cash dividends shall be paid accordingly.</u></p>	<p>[Deleted]</p>	<p>The provisions of Paragraph 2 of the current Articles of Incorporation, conforming to the 2001 Amendment to the Commercial Code, are to be deleted because the provisions in the Articles of Incorporation become unnecessary by virtue of the Company Law.</p>
<p><u>iii) Cash dividends shall</u> not incur interest and if they have not been received within full three (3) years from the day <u>of commencement of payments, they shall belong to</u> the Company.</p>	<p>Article <u>36 (Term of Expiration of Dividends)</u></p>	<p>This is to organize the provisions in conformity with those of the Company Law.</p>
	<p><u>Distributable Assets or other distributable assets shall not incur interest thereon. If the relevant distributed assets are not received within a full three (3) years from the date on which the distribution of relevant distributed assets became effective, the Company shall be released from its obligation to distribute such assets.</u></p>	
<p>Article <u>41 (Accounting Auditor)</u></p>	<p>[Included in Article 10 of the Proposed Amended Articles of Incorporation]</p>	
<p>The Company shall have <u>one (1) or more</u> accounting auditors.</p>		

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[New Provision]	<u>CHAPTER V Public Notice</u>	This is to conform to the description in the Company Law.
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[Moved from Article 4 of the Current Articles of Incorporation]	Article <u>37</u> (Method of Public Notice)
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Public Notice by the Company shall be published in the Nihon Keizai Shinbun , published in Tokyo and Osaka City.

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

The provisions of Paragraph 2 of Article 40 shall become null and void, and be deemed deleted at the conclusion of March 15, 2007, and Paragraph 3 will become Paragraph 2 accordingly. At the amendment of the provisions of Article 40, this supplementary provision shall expire and be deemed deleted. [Deleted]

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

The provisions of Article 40 Paragraph 2 of the current Articles of Incorporation, conforming to the 2001 Amendment to the Commercial Code, are to be deleted because the provisions in the Articles of Incorporation become unnecessary by virtue of the Company Law.

[New Provisions]

As of the effective date of the Law concerning Transfer of Bonds, Shares Etc. (Law No. 75 of 2001), the title of Article 9 shall be amended to Share Etc. Handling Regulations , Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the same articles shall become null and void, and be deemed deleted, and Paragraph 3 of the same article shall become Paragraph 1. At the time of the amendment of the provisions of Article 9, this supplementary provision shall expire and be deemed deleted.

This is to provide that the Articles of Incorporation be amended because the Company will no longer issue share certificates after the Law Concerning Transfer of Bonds, Shares Etc. becomes effective.

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