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## Amendment to Articles of Incorporation (Shortening of Term of Directors) and Changes in Directors/Audit & Supervisory Board Members

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held today, the Board made resolutions regarding an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation and Director/Audit & Supervisory Board Member candidates, which will be submitted as propositions to the 31st Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders (June 21). In addition, plans for concurrent Executive Officer duties for Director candidates were decided. Plans call for these changes to be formally decided at the above Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders and at the Board of Directors meeting following the conclusion of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders.

1. Amendment to Articles of Incorporation (as of June 21, 2018)

With the aim of building up a management system to respond to changes in the business environment in the future, more clearly defining management responsibilities and further strengthening corporate governance by increasing the opportunities to gain shareholder confidence, the Company desires to shorten the term of office of Directors from the current two (2) years to one (1) year.

Furthermore, the term of office for Executive Officers and Technical Directors will also be shortened to one year.

(Note) Approval at the above Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of the "matter regarding Amendment to Articles of Incorporation" is a condition for the shortening of the term of office of Directors.

(Underlines	show	amendment)
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Existing Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendment
(Term of office of Directors)	(Term of office of Directors)
Article 22. The term of office of Directors shall expire at the close of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders relating to the last of the fiscal years to end within two (2) years after their election.	Article 22. The term of office of Directors shall expire at the close of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders relating to the last of the fiscal years to end within <u>one (1) year</u> after their election.
2. The term of office of Directors elected to fill vacancies or to increase the number of Directors shall expire at such time as the term of office of the other Directors currently in office expires.	(To be deleted)

2. Director Candidates (as of June 21, 2018)

Chairman and Director (Chairman of the Board of Directors)	Seiji Manabe	(Currently: Chairman and Director)
Director	Yumiko Sato	(Currently: Director; Professor, Faculty of Regional Development Studies, Otemon Gakuin University)
Director	Yuzo Murayama	(Currently: Director; Professor, Doshisha University Graduate School of Business)

Director	Norihiko Saito	(Currently: Director; Senior Advisor, KINDEN CORPORATION)
Director	Hideo Miyahara	(Currently: Director; Visiting Professor, Graduate School of Information Science and Technology, Osaka University)
Director (newly elected)	Hikaru Takagi	(Currently: Professor, Graduate School of Law, Kyoto University)
President, Representative Director, and Executive Officer	Tatsuo Kijima	(Currently: President, Representative Director, and Executive Officer)
Vice President, Representative Director, and Executive Officer; Senior General Manager of Railway Operations Headquarters	Fumito Ogata	(Currently: Vice President, Representative Director, and Executive Officer; Senior General Manager of Railway Operations Headquarters)
Vice President, Representative Director, and Executive Officer; Senior General Manager of Business Development Headquarters	Kazuaki Hasegawa	(Currently: Vice President, Representative Director, and Executive Officer; Senior General Manager of Business Development Headquarters)
Vice President, Representative Director, and Executive Officer; Senior General Manager of Tokyo Headquarters	Nobutoshi Nikaido	(Currently: Vice President, Representative Director, and Executive Officer General Manager of Deliberation Department of the Derailment Accident on the Fukuchiyama Line; Senior General Manager of Corporate Planning Headquarters; Senior General Manager of IT Development Headquarters; General Manager of General Affairs Department; Senior General Manager of Tokyo Headquarters)
Vice President, Representative Director, and Executive Officer; Senior General Manager of Shinkansen Operations Division, Railway Operations Headquarters	Yoshihisa Hirano	(Currently: Vice President, Representative Director, and Executive Officer)
Director and Senior Executive Officer; Deputy Senior General Manager of Railway Operations Headquarters; General Manager of Transport Safety Department, Railway Operations Headquarters	Shinichi Handa	(Currently: Director and Senior Executive Officer; Deputy Senior General Manager of Railway Operations Headquarters; General Manager of Transport Safety Department)
Director and Senior Executive Officer (newly appointed); Senior General Manager of Supporting Headquarters for the victims of the derailment accident on the Fukuchiyama Line; General Manager of Deliberation Department of the Derailment Accident on the Fukuchiyama Line;	Shoji Kurasaka	(Currently: Senior Executive Officer; Senior General Manager of Supporting Headquarters for the victims of the derailment accident on the Fukuchiyama Line)
General Manager of General Affairs Department		
Director and Senior Executive Officer (newly appointed); General Manager of Kansai Urban Area Regional Head Office	Keijiro Nakamura	(Currently: Senior Executive Officer; Senior General Manager of Kansai Urban Area Regional Head Office)

		(Currently: Senior Executive Officer; Deputy Senior General Manager of Railway Operations Headquarters; General Manager of Shinkansen Supervising Department, Railway Operations Headquarters) fideo Miyahara and Hikaru Takagi are candidates for n 7 of the Regulations to Enforce the Companies Act of		
Japan.				
3. Audit & Supervisory Board Member Candidate (as of June 21, 2018)				
Full-time Audit & Supervisory Board Member (newly elected)	Nishikawa Naoki	(Currently: Director and Senior Adviser of DAITETSU KOGYO CO., LTD.)		
(Note) The election of the full-time Audit & Supervisory Board member is planned to be decided at the Board of Directors Meeting following the conclusion of the above Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders.				
4. Directors Planning to Retire (as of June 21, 2018)				
Currently: Director Tadashi Ishi	ikawa			
Currently: Director and Advisor Takayuki Sa	asaki (Advisor of the	Company)		

Currently: Director Norihiko Yoshie (Technical Advisor of the Company; Technical Advisor of WEST JAPAN RAILWAY TECHNOS Co., Ltd.; (planned position))

5. Audit & Supervisory Board Member Planning to Retire (as of June 21, 2018)

Currently: Full-time Audit & Supervisory Board Member Yasutaka Kikuchi (full-time Auditor of Osaka Terminal Building Co., Ltd. (planned position))

End

May 18, 2018 West Japan Railway Company

West Japan Railway Company, at a meeting of the Board of Directors held today, resolved as follows in relation to matters regarding the 31st General Meeting of Shareholders. This information is provided for reference.

Also, at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on April 27, 2018, the date of the meeting and the place of the meeting were decided, and this information is also provided for reference.

## Description

- 1. Date and hour of the meeting: June 21 (Thursday), 2018, at 10:00 a.m.
- 2. Place of the meeting: RIHGA Royal Hotel3-68, Nakanoshima 5-chome, Kita-ku, Osaka, Japan
- 3. Matters forming the objects of the meeting:

Matters to be reported:

- 1. Report on the business report, the consolidated financial statements, and the financial statements for the 31st fiscal year (April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018)
- 2. Report on the results of audit of the consolidated financial statements for the 31st fiscal year by the account auditors and the Audit & Supervisory Board

Matters to be resolved:

Proposition No. 1: Appropriation of retained earningsProposition No. 2: Amendment to Articles of IncorporationProposition No. 3: Election of 15 directorsProposition No. 4: Election of 1 Audit & Supervisory Board Member

4. Other matters

Date on which the dividend from retained earnings shall become effective: June 22 (Friday), 2018