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# Dentsu Announces Change of Representative Directors and President & CEO

Dentsu Inc. (Tokyo: 4324; ISIN: JP3551520004; President & CEO Tadashi Ishii, Head Office: Tokyo; Capital: 74,609.81 million yen) today convened a meeting of its Board of Directors to determine the resignation of Tadashi Ishii as a Representative Director and President & CEO, and to select Shoichi Nakamoto (currently Director and Senior Executive Vice President & CFO) and Yoshio Takada (currently Director and Executive Vice President) as Representative Director and Senior Executive Vice President & CFO and Representative Director and Executive Vice President respectively, and to select Toshihiro Yamamoto (currently Senior Vice President) as President and CEO. These changes will become effective on January 23.

After his resignation Mr. Tadashi Ishii will hand over his responsibilities to the successor Representative Directors and President & CEO and fulfill his accountability to shareholders until the expiration of his term as Director (the conclusion of Dentsu's annual shareholders meeting to be held in March 2017).

Brief personal histories of the two newly appointed Representative Directors and the new President & CEO are as follows.

### Shoichi Nakamoto

New Position: Representative Director and Senior Executive Vice President & CFO

Current Position: Director, Member of the Board, and Senior Executive Vice President & CFO

Number of Shares Held: 17,561

Place of Birth: Fukuoka Prefecture
Date of Birth: November 15, 1950

March 1973 Graduated from Faculty of Commerce, Waseda University

April 1973 Joined Dentsu

December 2001 Director, Finance & Accounting Division

June 2006 Executive Officer, Finance & Accounting Headquarters

June 2009 Director, Member of the Board, and Senior Vice President

April 2011 Director, Member of the Board, and Executive Vice President & CFO

April 2013 Director, Member or the Board, and Senior Executive Vice President & CFO

January 2017 Representative Director and Senior Executive Vice President & CFO

(to be assigned on January 23)

#### Yoshio Takada

New Position: Representative Director and Executive Vice President

Current Position: Director, Member of the Board, and Executive Vice President

Number of Shares Held: 3,879

Place of Birth: Niigata Prefecture
Date of Birth: March 19, 1955

March 1977 Graduated from College of Law, Nihon University

April 1977 Joined Dentsu

June 2007 Director, Media Services / TV Division

April 2009 Executive Officer and Director, Media Services / TV Division

April 2013 Senior Vice President

June 2013 Director, Member of the Board, and Senior Vice President

January 2016 Director, Member of the Board, and Executive Vice President

January 2017 Representative Director and Executive Vice President

(to be assigned on January 23)

#### **Toshihiro Yamamoto**

New Position: President & CEO

Current Position: Senior Vice President

Number of Shares Held: 4,099

Place of Birth: Tokyo

Date of Birth: May 31, 1958

March 1981 Graduated from Faculty of Economics, Keio University

April 1981 Joined Dentsu

April 2009 Director, Communication Design Center

April 2010 Director, Communication Design Center and MC Planning Division

April 2011 Executive Officer and Director, Communication Design Center

June 2014 Director, Member of the Board, and Executive Officer

January 2016 Senior Vice President

January 2017 President & CEO (to be assigned on January 23)

\* Mr. Yamamoto is the only President who has led all three domestic business domains: Media Content, Account Services and Business Development.

## Message from Toshihiro Yamamoto, New President & CEO:

My mission is to re-establish trust in Dentsu in Japan, and build a sustainable growth path for the long term. I believe it will become a reality with the improvements we are making to create a more flexible working environment where our diverse talents will thrive to help create value for our clients and professional fulfilment for our people.



Toshihiro Yamamoto

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