

Corporate Governance



Basic Stance on Corporate Governance

With the aim of maximizing its corporate value, THK strives to maintain a solid corporate governance in order to make mid- to long-term improvements to its corporate value by sustaining growth through appropriate cooperation with all its shareholders and other stakeholders.

THK's Corporate Governance Structure

In June 2014, THK introduced an executive officer system. After the Company's 46th General Meeting of Shareholders on June 18, 2016, and in conjunction with its establishment of an Audit

and Supervisory Committee, THK instituted a non-mandatory Nomination Advisory Committee and a Remuneration Advisory Committee to act as advisors to the Board of Directors. In doing so, THK has endeavored to bring enhanced transparency and objectivity to management, strengthen the auditing functions of the Board of Directors, and bring greater speed and efficiency to management-related decision-making and the management of corporate affairs.

Board of Directors

THK's Board of Directors comprises a total of eight directors—including one outside director—who are not members of the Audit and Supervisory Committee, in addition to three outside directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee members. The Board of Directors makes decisions on important matters of general management and carries out the oversight of directors and executive officers in the execution of their duties. In addition, there are four outside directors whose independence meets the evaluation criteria stipulated by the Tokyo Stock Exchange and THK. With over a third of the outside directors possessing specialized professional knowledge and qualifications related to corporate accounting or general management, this structure has further enhanced management neutrality, legality, and validity while improving the board's management oversight function.

Audit and Supervisory Committee

Comprising three outside directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee members, the Audit and Supervisory Committee utilizes the internal control system to audit and supervise directors and executive officers with regard to the current status of the execution of their duties. The effectiveness of the audits is also enhanced by collaboration between the Audit and Supervisory Committee and independent auditors. In addition, the Audit and Supervisory Committee Secretariat has been established to support the Audit and Supervisory Committee and its members. The Audit and Supervisory Committee Secretariat follows the instructions of the Audit and Supervisory Committee, coordinates with each department, and conveys instructions to the Internal Audit Division and the Risk Management Division, which is responsible for the maintenance and operation of internal controls.

Nomination Advisory Committee and Remuneration Advisory Committee

The non-mandatory Nomination Advisory Committee and Remuneration Advisory Committee are each composed of four directors, two of which are outside directors. This composition is in accordance with the rules for both committees, which stipulate that outside directors must make up half or more of the members. As advisory bodies to the Board of Directors, both committees review and deliberate on director candidates and remuneration proposals, and they propose the content and outcomes of those deliberations to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors conducts its own deliberations on the subject matter before deciding on a resolution.

Executive Officer System

By introducing the executive officer system, THK has endeavored to accelerate decision-making and operational execution, in addition to improving the management oversight function of the Board of Directors and clarifying roles and responsibilities relating to the management of corporate affairs. The Company implemented its Board of Executive Officers, which is attended by directors and executive officers, and established the Global Management Strategy Meeting, which is attended by members of the Board of Executive Officers in addition to those in charge of each division, department, and affiliate company, as a means to share information throughout the Group and improve corporate governance through collaboration between the directors, executive officers, and other members of the management team. To clarify the roles and responsibilities of executive officers relating to the management of corporate affairs, an executive officer's term in office is deemed to be one year.

General Meeting of Shareholders

THK has consistently regarded active communication with all stakeholders as a crucial part of management. Accordingly, the



Company is actively committed to maintaining fair and proper disclosure of corporate information. In an aim to have open meetings, THK has held its General Meeting of Shareholders on a Saturday every year since 1998, thereby avoiding the period when many shareholder meetings are scheduled. At the General Meeting of Shareholders, the Company provides seating for business partners and other stakeholders to observe the proceedings, and it holds a product exhibition after the end of the meeting in an effort to help more people gain a greater understanding of the Company.

Compliance Structure

The Compliance Committee, chaired by the CEO, approves the annual activity plan and reports on the execution of those activities, as well as on the handling of legal violations by employees and other matters reported internally. This committee is also attended by outside directors and a legal advisor, and it functions in a proper and legal manner. In addition, THK has established compliance subcommittees reporting to the Compliance Committee, with the subcommittee members being selected from each office and department. The subcommittee members play an important role in maintaining the compliance system by means such as holding voluntary seminars on compliance and fulfilling an advisory function.

