



May 18, 2020

SMS Co., Ltd.

(Company Code: 2175, TSE 1st Section)

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<PRESS RELEASE>

Notice regarding Director Candidates

SMS Co., Ltd. hereby announces that, on May 18, 2020, its Board of Directors has resolved to elect the following candidates for directors to be formally appointed at the 17th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders scheduled to be held on June 19, 2020.

New titles for each candidate will be officially decided at the Board of Directors' meeting on the same day.

1. Candidates for Directors who are not Audit and Supervisory Committee Members

Name	New title	Current title
Natsuki Goto	Representative Director, CEO	Representative Director, CEO
Masato Sugizaki	Director, CFO	Director, CFO

2. Candidates for Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members

Name	New title	Current title
Tomoki Matsubayashi	Outside Director, Audit and Supervisory Committee Member	Outside Director, Audit and Supervisory Committee Member
Koichiro Ito	Outside Director, Audit and Supervisory Committee Member	Outside Director, Audit and Supervisory Committee Member
Toyotaro Suzumura (New)	Outside Director, Audit and Supervisory Committee Member	—

(Reference) Biography of New Candidate

Toyotaro Suzumura		
Career summary	April, 2004	Research Staff Member, IBM Research – Tokyo
	April, 2009	Visiting Associate Professor, Graduate School of Information Science and Engineering, Tokyo Institute of Technology
	April, 2013	Visiting Associate Professor, University College Dublin
	October, 2013	Research Staff Member, IBM Research - Ireland
	December, 2015	Research Scientist, IBM T.J. Watson Research Center - IBM Research, New York (current position)
	April, 2016	Visiting Full Professor, Barcelona Supercomputing Center, Spain (current position)
	September, 2018	Principal Investigator, MIT-IBM Watson AI Lab, Boston (current position)

3. Alternate Candidate for Director who is an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member

Taro Mizunuma

(Reference) Biography of Candidate

Taro Mizunuma		
Career summary	April, 2000	Registered as Attorney at Law (Daini Tokyo Bar Association) Miyakezaka Sogo Law Offices
	April, 2009	Partner, Miyakezaka Sogo Law Offices
	May, 2012	Shinsei Sogo Law Offices
	September, 2015	Attorney at Law, Otake Law Offices (current position)

4. Resigning Outside Director who is an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member

Tadaharu Goto