Corporate Governance

In recognition of the fact that reliable corporate governance is essential to the continuous creation of social value and the maximization of corporate value, NEC is committed to strengthening its corporate governance practices through (1) assurance of transparent and sound management, (2) realization of prompt decision making and business execution, (3) clarification of accountability and (4) timely, appropriate and fair disclosure of information.

Main Initiatives for Strengthening Corporate Governance



Instituting Corporate Officer System

NEC instituted a corporate officer system in April 2000 and worked to delegate authority from the Board of Directors to corporate officers with the aim of separating management supervision from business execution and expediting business execution based on prompt decision making.

② Reducing the Number of Directors

The number of Directors was reduced to streamline the Board of Directors. The aim is to ensure even sounder management through greater discussion at meetings of the Board of Directors and to deliver prompt decision making.

Reduction in the number of Directors (At the conclusion of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders) 1999 2000 From 2012 onward 37 17 11

③ Appointing Multiple Outside Directors

NEC added an Outside Director in June 2001 for a total of two Outside Directors in order to strengthen the supervisory functions of the Board of Directors. The number of members has increased and the system of five Outside Directors has continued since its inception in June 2007



④ Shortening Directors' Terms

In June 2004, the term of Directors was shortened from two years to one year in order to clarify their responsibility for management.

(5) Establishing a Nomination and Compensation Committee

The committee has been established to enhance transparency of nomination and remuneration of Directors*. The committee is made up of five members, including three Outside Directors, one of whom is appointed as the chairperson.

* The Compensation Committee established in 2001 was enhanced to become the Nomination and Compensation Committee in 2010.

6 Instituting the Chief Officer Position

The Chief Officer position was instituted in July 2011 to strengthen a company-wide strategy for realizing the NEC Group Vision. In April 2017, NEC extended the authority delegated to the Chief Officers in order to strengthen the corporate functions and accelerate the speed of decision making.





ities	Members	Number of Meetings in Fiscal 2018		
5 Discussed in Fiscal 2018 anagement Plan 2020 rts from Chief Officers at plans and progress reports for each gment	11 Directors	13 times Attendance rate of Outside Directors: 95.4%		
of a performance-linked stock on plan lectrode business of U.Kbased company Northgate Public ited	5 Outside Directors (of which 4 are independent Directors)	Attendance rate of Outside A&SBMs: 100%		
Group management issues such as discusses matters of particular eetings of the Board of Directors for deliberations and ensures appropriate	Around 20 corporate officers	18 times		
eports on matters related to the status nitoring progress with respect to s, with the aim of sharing execution efficiency.	Corporate officers and general managers of business units etc.	11 times		
n Matters Discussed in Fiscal 2018	5 Directors	6 times		
omination for Directors and A&SBMs accession planning for the President tock compensation plan for Directors and the level of compensation for icers with taking the business result of abjective perspective. The committee Directors.	Outside Directors Takeshi Kunibe Motoyuki Oka (Chair) Kaoru Seto Inside Directors Nobuhiro Endo Takashi Niino			
nonth and extraordinary meetings as ual auditing plan and other matters, natters from each A&SBM.	5 A&SBMs 2 Inside A&SBMs 3 Outside A&SBMs (All are independent A&SBMs)	16 times Attendance rate of Outside A&SBMs: 100%		

Continued Strengthening and Improvement of the System

NEC adopts the Company with Audit & Supervisory Board Members (KANSAYAKU) corporate structure to provide a double-check process: the Board of Directors supervises business execution and the A&SB audits the legitimacy and appropriateness of NEC's decision making or activities. We have established a hybrid structure by utilizing the combination of a corporate officer system, multiple Outside Directors, and the Nomination and Compensation Committee, which we established voluntarily and is comprised of a majority of Outside Directors. In this way, we separate management supervision from business execution while striving to ensure management transparency and soundness.

NEC believes that its corporate governance is functioning adequately under the current system described above. However, NEC is focusing its efforts on enhancements and improvements of this system in order to realize more effective corporate governance responding to changes in the business environment.

Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the Board of Directors

With external advices on a method of effectiveness evaluation of the Board of Directors, NEC has conducted an analysis and evaluation on the effectiveness of the Board of Directors once a year to improve the function of the Board of Directors since Fiscal 2016.

In Fiscal 2018, based on the result of the analysis and evaluation on the effectiveness of the Board of Directors conducted in the previous fiscal year, NEC improved the contents to be reported in the Board of Directors and the format of the meeting materials in order to narrow down the agenda to be discussed and clarify the point of discussion at the Board of Directors. Furthermore, NEC introduced a new mechanism in order to reflect opinions and advices of Outside Directors in the operation of business. Under this mechanism, NEC notified those opinions and advices to the relevant parties in NEC, and reported the progress to the Board of Directors.

Procedure of the analysis and evaluation

(1) Questionnaire

In Fiscal 2018, NEC sent a questionnaire regarding the role, composition and operation of the Board of Directors to all Directors and A&SBMs, and all of them answered the guestionnaire. Before sending the questionnaire, NEC improved the questionnaire by adding questions for free descriptive answers and questions for evaluation of achievement of the measure introduced in the previous fiscal year based on the result of the analysis and evaluation conducted in the previous fiscal year so that evaluation and opinions of Directors and A&SBMs could be reflected more adequately on their answers to the questionnaire.

(2) Discussion based on the result of the analysis and evaluation After analyzing the effectiveness of the Board of Directors based on the result of the guestionnaire, NEC reported such result to the Board of Directors in March 2018. In the said Board of Directors, all Directors and A&SBMs discussed the improvement for the Board of Directors from the viewpoint of the reinforcement of the function and governance system of the Board of Directors, the best practice to discuss the management strategy and a method for decision making

and the clarification of management policy looking ahead to the future vision of NEC.

Summary of the results of the analysis and evaluation for Fiscal 2018

In conclusion, it has been evaluated that in terms of the decision making for NEC's important business execution and a method for discussion for management strategies and management plan, the Board of Directors is structured and operated to facilitate active discussion among the Directors, and the Board of Directors has been appropriately supervising the business execution. Meanwhile, it has been confirmed that the Board of Directors needs to improve a method for the discussion for future vision of NEC and strategies to improve corporate value of NEC for medium and long term, and a method for distributing information to Directors in order to enrich constructive discussion in the Board of Directors.

Future challenges

Based on the results above, by conducting the following countermeasure, NEC will continuously enhance and strengthen the Board of Directors function in order to deepen the Directors' and A&SBMs' understanding of the President's vision for the future of NEC, and deliberation on the mid- and long-term management strategy.

- To arrange opportunities for sufficient discussion of a long term management strategy;
- To improve the contents of information distributed to Directors in advance for discussion in the Board of Directors;
- To arrange an opportunities for exchanging opinions among the Chairman of the Board, the President and the Outside Directors;
- In each Board of Directors, to report the recent important matters and topics by the President to other Directors; and
- To improve the format of the meeting materials.

Remuneration for Directors and Audit & Supervisory Board Members (KANSAYAKU)

For the purpose of continuously improving corporate value and strengthening its competitiveness, NEC's basic policy on the remuneration for Directors and A&SBMs is to set the level and system appropriate for a global company which enables NEC to secure excellent human resources and serves as an incentive to improve performance of the NEC Group.

Remuneration System

	Monthly remunerations	Bonuses (short term incentive)	Stock compensation (mid-and long-term incent		
Inside Directors	0	0	0		
Outside Directors	0	-	_		
A&SBMs	0	-	—		

Remuneration for Directors

Remuneration for Directors consists of fixed monthly remunerations a performance-linked bonuses as short term incentive, and performance linked stock compensation as mid- and long-term incentive.

Neither bonuses nor stock compensation are paid to Outside Directors, from the viewpoint of securing their independence from N because NEC expects that Outside Directors play a leading role in supervision over business execution.

The fixed monthly remunerations

The fixed monthly remunerations are determined according to the positions of Directors and the distinction of Inside Director and Outs Director, to the extent of the maximum amount ^{*1} approved at the General Meeting of Shareholders.

*1 The maximum monthly remuneration for Directors is 65,000,000 yen (approved at the 153rd Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held on June, 27 1991).

The bonuses

The bonuses are calculated by, adding to the standard amount determin for each positions of Directors, evaluation, under certain rules, of the contribution by Director to the business results during previous fiscal year

Standard amount for each Director position	×	Evaluation of performance of duties (calculated by revenue, operating profit and others)	=	Bonus
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The stock compensation

NEC shares will be granted after the expiry of period of Mid-term Management Plan in accordance with the Directors' titles and the level of the achievement of Mid-term Management Plan.

Number of granting the applicable D			×	Pe	erformance-b allotment ra		=		Stock pensatio
 Revenue Achievement Level	×35% +	Oper Achiev	ratin veme	g Profit ent Level	×35% +	ROE Achieveme		rel	×30%

Remuneration for Audit & Supervisory Board Members Remunerations for A&SBMs are only fixed monthly remunerations and do not include bonuses linked to the business results because the responsibility of A&SBMs is to audit execution of Directors' duty.

tive)	 The fixed monthly remunerations The fixed monthly remunerations are determined depending on whether he or she is a full-time A&SBM or not, to the extent of the maximum amount *² approved at the General Meeting of Shareholders. *2 The maximum monthly remuneration for A&SBMs is 12,000,000 yen (approved at the 170th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 23, 2008). 							
nd e- NEC	[Process of Determination] Remuneration for Directors is determined by the resolution of the Board of Directors, based on the results of the deliberation from an objective viewpoint by the Nomination and Compensation Committee, the majority of the members of which are the Outside Directors (one of whom is the chairperson).							
	Remuneratior between A&SBM		ls is detern	nined throu	ugh discuss	sions		
side	[Determination of the Level of Remuneration] In order to ensure objectiveness and properness of the remuneration for Directors and A&SBMs, the level of the remuneration is determined							
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	Monthly remunerations	Bonuses	Stock compensation	Total amount	Headcount	
Inside Directors	281	113	26	420	7	
Inside A&SBMs	60	-	-	60	3	
Outside Directors and A&SBMs	96	-	-	96	8	

Notes: 1. NEC does not disclose remuneration per individual.

- The total amount of the stock compensation is the value posted during Fiscal 2018.
 The total amount of Inside Directors includes one Director who retired at the close of the 179th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 22, 2017. Of these, six Directors are eligible to receive stock compensation.
- 4. The headcount of Inside A&SBMs includes one A&SBM who retired at the close of the 179th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 22, 2017.
- 5. NEC abolished its retirement allowance system for Directors and A&SBMs at the close of the 168th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 22, 2006.

Composition of Inside Directors in Total



For further details on the corporate governance of NEC Corporation, please visit the following URL: https://www.nec.com/en/global/about/governance.html