

For Immediate Release

## TAIYO YUDEN Announces Details of the Informal Decision to Appoint Directors

TOKYO, May 10, 2018 – TAIYO YUDEN CO., LTD. announced details of the informal decision to appoint director. Plans are in place for this informal decision to be submitted for ratification at the Company's 77<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders scheduled to be held on June 28, 2018.

### 1. Candidates for Appointment as Directors (Renewal)

| Name            | Current Position                         |
|-----------------|--|
| Shoichi Tosaka  | President and Chief Executive Officer    |
| Shinji Masuyama | Director and Executive Operating Officer |
| Osamu Takahashi | Director and Executive Operating Officer |
| Katsuya Sase    | Director and Executive Operating Officer |
| Masashi Hiraiwa | Outside, Independent Director            |

### 2. Candidate for Appointment as Director (New Appointment)

| Name          | Current Position |
|---------------|------------------|
| Seiichi Koike | -                |

Mr. Seiichi Koike is candidate for outside director.

### 3. Retirement of Directors

| Name             | Current Position                         |
|------------------|--|
| Seiichi Tsutsumi | Director and Executive Operating Officer |
| Hisaji Agata     | Outside, Independent Director            |

### 4. The Personal History of New Candidate for Director

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|----------------|---|--|
| Name           | : | Seiichi Koike  |
| Date of birth  | : | January 3, 1956  |
| Career summary | : | <p>April 1980      Joined Toyo Kogyo Co., Ltd. (Currently Mazda Motor Corporation)</p> <p>March 1982      Joined Honda R&amp;D Co., Ltd.</p> <p>April 1993      General Manager, Advanced Material Research Laboratory, R&amp;D Center of Honda R&amp;D Co., Ltd.</p> <p>April 2004      General Manager, Automobile R&amp;D Center Brazil of Honda R&amp;D Co., Ltd.</p> <p>April 2008      Executive Officer, General Manager, Development Engineering Headquarters of Honda Foundry Co., Ltd.</p> <p>June 2011      Director of Honda Foundry Co., Ltd. (retired in June 2013)</p> <p>June 2012      Director of Metts Corporation (retired in June 2013)</p> |

June 2013      Audit & Supervisory Board Member of Metts Corporation  
(retired in June 2016)  
Audit & Supervisory Board Member of Honda Foundry  
Co., Ltd. (retired in June 2017)