

FY2025 Business Report

From April 1, 2025
Until March 31, 2026

May 8, 2026

General Incorporated Association MEL Council

1. Member Status

List of Members as of March 31, Fiscal Year 2025

Type		End of March, 2025	increase	reduce	End of March, 2026
Regular Members	Organization	2 1	1	0	2 2
	Company	2 8	2	0	3 0
	Sub-total	4 9	3	0	5 2
Supporting Members	Organization	1	0	0	1
	Company	0	0	0	0
	Sub-total	1	0	0	1
Total		5 0	3	0	5 3

2. Composition of Officers, etc.

Chairman	Executive Director	Director	Supervisor
1	1	1 1	2

3. Organization and Number of Staff

Position	Secretary- General	Department Head	Manager	Section Chief	staff
Business Division	1		3	1	1

4. Key Matters

(1) Council Operations

The 11th regular general meeting and the 42nd board meeting were held, including business reports, financial statements, and matters related to the council's business operations, as well as fisheries certification standards Ver. 3.0. The enforcement of the revised Fisheries Standard was approved. Additionally, one new director was approved at the general meeting, and at the subsequent board meeting, three overseas companies and organizations were approved as members. At the 43rd Board meeting, requirements for certification bodies were revised to allow for rapid suspension of certification if legal violations by certified entities are revealed by public authorities. At an extraordinary general meeting, one new director (Japan Fisheries Association, or JFA) was approved, and at the 44th board meeting, this director was selected as Executive Director. At the 45th Board meeting, revisions were made regarding requirements for certification bodies, including "clarifying management responsibilities for applicants for fishery certification" and "special measures related to bidding agency in CoC certification production markets."

Matters and Contents	Dates, Sessions, etc.	Location, etc.
40th Board of Directors Meeting	May 2, 2025	written
41st Board of Directors Meeting	Same year, May 26	written
11th Regular General Meeting & 42nd Board of Directors Meeting	Same year, June 24	JFA
43rd Board of Directors Meeting	Same year, November 25	JFA
Extraordinary General Meeting	Same year, November 28	written
44th Board of Directors Meeting	Same year, December 12	written
45th Board of Directors Meeting	March 30, 2026	JFA

(2) Certification Achievements

As of the end of March 2026, the number of certifications reached 280 (compared to 274 cases at the end of March 2025). The breakdown includes 24 fisheries, 68 aquaculture, and 188 distribution processing (CoC) cases. The number of certified fish species is 37 (23 fisheries, 17 farmed; yellowtail, red sea bream, and ayu are both fisheries and farmed species).

According to the previous year's (2024) production of certified marine products compiled in June 2025, it was 420,000 tons (compared to 450,000 tons the previous year), and its share of the national total production remained unchanged from last year at 12%. In fisheries, bonito and chub mackerel increased, while chum salmon, yellowfin tuna, and shirasu (whitebait) decreased. In aquaculture, coho salmon showed a slight increase, but significantly decreased in yellowtail, red sea bream, scallops, oysters, and others.

This fiscal year, certification has ended for 1 fishery, 10 for aquaculture, and 11 for CoC. Regarding the end of Aquaculture Certification Ver. 1.0, three certifications for Amberjack and one for Yellowtail have ended, but other older standard certification holders have been transitioned to version 2.1.

There was one complaint filed regarding a certified business operator, which was handled based on the complaint handling regulations.

Violations of laws and regulations regarding fisheries certification and CoC certification occurred. Regarding fisheries certification, due to violations of the Fisheries Law, a temporary review by the certification body was conducted to temporarily suspend the certification, and subsequently, certification was terminated at the operator's request. Regarding CoC certification, following the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries' instructions for corrective guidance and measures to prevent recurrence due to food labeling violations, a temporary review was conducted by the certification body, which temporarily suspended the certification before terminating it.

(3) GSSI-related

In May, a GSSI scheme owners' meeting was held in conjunction with the Barcelona Seafood EXPO Global, attended by the Secretary-General. The MEL Council emphasized the importance of effective use of processing residues and requested that the requirement of the global benchmark tool—prohibition of using protein sources of the same species and genus in aquaculture feed—be reviewed during the benchmark revision.

Additionally, the Monitoring of Continued Alignment (MOCA) began in December 2024 with IE (independent experts) review. After completing the review, the

benchmarking committee in June this year pointed out that the logo mark regulation for mixing certified seafood was non-compliant. The regulation has remained unchanged since the initial approval in 2019 and has been considered compliant with previous MOCA standards. Furthermore, it was explained that this regulation is considered extremely important for promoting the use of fisheries eco-labels in surimi products. They responded through online consultations and we secured support from other scheme owners, and in September, provisional approval was decided by the benchmarking committee. In November, GSSI announced the continued approval of the agreement.

Matters and Contents	Dates, Sessions, etc.	Location, etc.
GSSI Individual Meetings	April, 2025 ~ March 2026 (as appropriate)	Online
GSSI Scheme Owner Meeting	May 7, 2025	Barcelona

(4) Development of certification standards, etc.

Regarding the revision of fishery certification, on June 25, after the 11th General Assembly, the MEL Fisheries Management Standard Ver. 3.0, which incorporated contributions to social responsibility, labor issues, human rights, and environmental issues, and corresponded to the revised Fisheries Act, has come into effect. For aquaculture certification and CoC certification, the standard-related documents were revised on the same day to accommodate exchanges of opinions with accreditation bodies and management reviews. Additionally, briefings on the new standards were held in July and August for businesses that have obtained fisheries certification, and the standard will be used for initial audits from March 2026 onward.

Additionally, as an ongoing issue in aquaculture certification, a special subcommittee was held to discuss future response policies, as the current ban on intra-species protein recycling according to GSSI requirements is a factor hindering the effective utilization of aquatic residues.

Regarding the revision of the CoC certification standard, along with the revision of the standard documents, the "Guidelines for Auditors " will be divided into three sectors (wholesale, processing plant, and retail), with plans to make audits easier

especially for retail and food service industries, which had previously been inconvenient. The standard was reviewed and drafted by the working group was completed, and in February 2026, the draft was drafted after consultation with the Standards Committee, with public comment starting in March.

Regarding the development of compound feed certification and fishmeal and fish oil certification, with the cooperation of the Japan Aquaculture Feed Association and the Japan Fish Meal Association, the "MEL Fishmeal and Fish Oil Certification Standard Ver. 1.0" and the "MEL Compound Feed Certification Standard Ver. 1.0 will be implemented in fiscal years 2027. The current proposal sets a ban on intra-species proteins to align with aquaculture certification, but to consider future handling of these requirements, fishmeal and compound feed manufacturers were interviewed about the use of seafood residues. From January 2026, a 60-day public opinion session was held on the draft versions of both standards, and at the same time, a survey of preferences for the new standard was conducted through related organizations.

Matters and Contents	Dates, Sessions, etc.	Location, etc.
Fisheries certification		
Standards Committee	May 23, 2025	MEL Council
Briefing for certified business operators	Same year, July 29 and August 7	Online
Aquaculture Certification		
Specialized Subcommittee	Same year, September 22	Online
CoC Certification		
Standards Working Group	Same year, April 18	MEL Council
	May 29	MEL Council
Standards Committee	February 19, 2026	Aviation Hall
Certified compound feed and fish meal and fish oil		
Sanki Feed Industry	July 23, 2025	Head Office

Japan Nosan Industry	Same year, July 31	Head Office
Yaizu Meal	Same year, August 1	MEL Council
Nisshin Marubeni Feed	Same year, November 13	Head Office

(5) Public relations and promotional activities both domestically and internationally

[Domestic]

On August 20~22, in collaboration with the Japan Fisheries Association, we exhibited at the "27th Japan International Seafood Show" and on February 25~26, 2026, at the "23rd Seafood Show Osaka." As a PR activity for certified businesses' seafood and certified products, a MEL certified seafood exhibition corner was set up, creating synergy with the standalone exhibitors and resulting in great success. On September 25~26, we exhibited at 'FOOD STYLE JAPAN,' sponsored by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, introducing certified products and the MEL certification system to professionals from the foodservice, ready-to-eat, and retail industries.

At the events, they participated in the "What Is MEL" exhibition hosted by the Housewives' Federation (June 2~July 4) and the "Marine Day Commemorative Event 2025" (July 21) hosted by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, working to promote awareness of MEL. Additionally, at the Asahi Elementary School Newspaper hosted events such as "Asa-sho Summer Navi" (July 26), "MEL Parenting Class" (July 30), and "Yumeichi Rakuza Workshop" (August 2, December 20, and February 21, 2026), we used videos to raise awareness of MEL among parents alongside projects aimed at children. At the Umi-Taka Festival at Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology (November 2), they conducted an interview about MEL awareness and shared the findings on YouTube.

[Overseas]

In April, a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for mutual recognition in CoC certification was signed with CSC (Certified Seafood Collaborative), the scheme owner of the former U.S. RFM. Subsequently, CSC expanded its scope from the United States to the global community and reorganized into CSI (Certified Seafood International), but it will continue to cooperate to reduce duplicate costs associated with the

certification system. In March 2026, at the Seafood EXPO North America in Boston, discussions were held regarding certification bodies and related matters.

Regarding MEL awareness activities overseas, in April we participated in Seafood EXPO Global in Barcelona and exchanged views with overseas scheme owners, including CSI. Furthermore, we exhibited a booth at Seafood EXPO Asia held in Singapore in September

As part of Japan's sustainable fisheries initiatives, the MEL certification system was introduced, and Takahashi Shoten from Yaizu, a co-exhibitor, offered tastings of the "Pole-and-Line Fishing Bonito Tataki," which was well received.

[Newsletter, Website, SNS, etc.]

The official newsletter 'MEL News' was published monthly to share information with members, certified business operators, and other stakeholders. Each issue features reports from certified businesses and columns from experts, providing recommendations and encouragement for the MEL Council.

We have been strengthening our information sharing on Instagram, and as of the end of February 2026, our follower count exceeded 4,000. The fifth generation of Instagram ambassadors consists of nine members (seven female and two male), with a total of about 350,000 followers. The certified seafood monitoring campaign was held twice this fiscal year, and by utilizing ads on Instagram, it received a lot of response.

Matters and Contents	Dates, Sessions, etc.	Location, etc.
5th Ambassador Kickoff Meeting	May 27, 2025	MEL Council
What is MEL Exhibition?	Same year, June 2 ~ July 4	Shufu Kaikan Plaza F Tokyo
Marine Day Project 2025 in Aomi	Same year, July 21	International Cruise Terminal
Asa-sho Summer Navi	Same year, July 26	Osaka Science and Technology Museum
MEL Parent-Child Classroom	Same year, July 30	MEL Council
Yumeichi Rakuza Workshop	Same year, August 2	Toyosu Market
Japan International Seafood Show	Same year, August 20~22	Tokyo Big Sight

FOOD STYLE JAPAN	Same year, September 25~26	Tokyo Big Sight
Consumer's Room 'Fish Day' Exhibition	Same year, October 6~10	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Instagram Monitor Campaign (Taishin Suisan / Sea Steak)	Same year, October 10~24	MEL Council
Yumeichi Rakuza Workshop	Same year, December 20	Toyosu Market
Instagram Monitor Campaign (Sunrise Farm / Morning Finish)	January 14~28, 2026	MEL Council
Minato City Biodiversity Panel Exhibition	Same year, January 20~23	Minato Ward Office
	Same year: January 24 ~ February 9	Minato Park Shibaura
Yumeichi Rakuza Workshop	Same year, February 21	Toyosu Market
Seafood Show Osaka	Same year, February 25~26	ATC Hall
5th Ambassador Closing Meeting	Same year, March 10	MEL Council

(6) Business meetings, seminars, and training sessions

Exhibited at the Japan International Seafood Show in August and the Seafood Show Osaka in February 2026. This year, a seafood eco-label corner was set up in one corner of the venue, and at the Tokyo event, in addition to the MEL Council, Yamashita Suisan, Nippon Sekka, Takahashi Shoten, and Marui Shoten exhibited. In addition to the MEL corner, companies such as Kunihiro, Asahi Kyohan, Nanyo Bejoy, Tsuji Suisan, Dainichi, Kochi Dosui, Sakashita Suisan, Tokushima Fish Market, Oita Prefecture Fisheries Cooperative, Fukuoka City Fisheries Cooperative, Osaka Prefecture Iwashiki-Kinchaku Net Fisheries Cooperative, Japan Offshore Perse Seine (Enmaki) Fisheries Cooperative, Yonkyu, Nichimou, Kyokuyo, Maruha Nichiro, and Nissui exhibited independently or at their prefectural booths to showcase MEL-certified products. MSC, ASC, and GSA (BAP), both headquartered overseas, also exhibited. At the Osaka event, Dainichi, Marui Shoten, and Takahashi Shoten exhibited. At the MEL booth, products from certified businesses, posters, and brochures were exhibited and introduced, providing opportunities for connections between producers and buyers.

On the first day of the Japan International Seafood Show, a "MEL Certification Certificate Awarding Ceremony" was held at a nearby venue, co-hosted by the Japan Fisheries Resources Conservation Association and the Marine Biological Environment Research Institute. Twelve certification recipients participated, and representatives from each business operator shared how "MEL certification is connected to practical work."

In August, a seminar was held in Sakaiminato City on regional revitalization using MEL certification, proposing initiatives for "MEL City Sakaiminato." Furthermore, briefings were held to promote certification acquisition for multiple fisheries companies, aquaculture operators, retailers, food service businesses, and fisheries companies.

The Auditor Training Courses were held online in July and February 2026 to enhance the skills of existing judges. A training session for new auditors was held in Kawasaki City in October.

Matters and Contents	Dates, Sessions, etc.	Location, etc.
Japan International Seafood Show	August 20~22, 2025	Tokyo Big Sight
MEL Certification Ceremony	August 20	TFT Building
FOOD STYLE JAPAN 2025	Same year, September 25~26	Tokyo Big Sight
Seafood Show Osaka	February 25~26, 2026	ATC Hall
Business meetings and briefings for obtaining and maintaining fisheries eco-label certification (selected)		
Toyo Refrigeration	April 17, 2025	MEL Council
Japan Offshore Perse Seine (Enmaki) Fisheries Cooperative	Same year, April 22	MEL Council
Ehime Prefecture Fisheries Administration Division	Same year, June 11	MEL Council
Sumiyoshi Fisheries	Same year, June 19	Head Office
Sankyo Goods Merchants	Same year, July 10	MEL Council
Thai Union	Same year, July 25	Online
Kyowa Suisan	August 18	MEL Council

Regional Revitalization Using MEL Certification Seminar	August 7, 2025	Sakaiminato City
Training Sessions for Training Certification Auditors (Fisheries, aquaculture, CoC)	July 17~18, 2025	Kawasaki (Technofa)
	October 14~16	Kawasaki (Technofa)
	February 12~13, 2026	Kawasaki (Technofa)

(7) Other Activities

Every month, tripartite liaison meetings (certification bodies, Fisheries Agency, MEL Council) were held to manage audit progress, respond to requests from certification businesses, share information on various issues, and exchange opinions to improve the overall system.

In April, May, June, October, November, December, and February 2026, we held individual meetings with the Japan Accreditation Board (JAB) to exchange views on procedures for revising fishery standards and mutual approval of CoC with CSI. In July, we also held a meeting with the Japan GAP Association to exchange opinions on obtaining CoC certification by groups by region and business type.

This year, we continued to provide consulting services for obtaining certification. Although this is a budget project directly entrusted by the consulting implementer, the MEL Council supports the selection of target participants and progress management. By the end of March, 23 consulting cases had been conducted, of which 6 had certification and come into effect.

On February 10, 2026, the 10th Advisory Board meeting was held. Chaired by Senior Special Professor Matsuda of Yokohama National University, the session focused on remaining challenges ahead of MEL's 10th anniversary in December 2026 and improvements for future internationalization, with diverse perspectives from board members.

Balance Sheet

As of March 31, 2026

(Unit: yen)

Subject	This year	Previous year	Increase/ Decrease
I. Assets			
11. Current Assets			
Cash and deposits	6,097,889	2,426,041	3,671,848
Accounts receivable	8,373,000	7,148,750	1,224,250
Advance payment	387,881	387,881	0
Total current assets	14,858,770	9,962,672	4,896,098
2. Fixed Assets			
(1) Other fixed assets			
Furniture and fixtures	30,973	105,306	△ 74,333
Deposit	1,763,100	1,763,100	0
Long-term prepaid expenses	3,675,298	4,340,339	△ 665,041
Total fixed assets	5,469,371	6,208,745	△ 739,374
Total Assets	20,328,141	16,171,417	4,156,724
II. Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable	7,930,213	7,148,750	781,463
Deposit	0	188,045	△ 188,045
Temporary receipts	76,050	54,052	21,998
Total current liabilities	8,006,263	7,390,847	615,416
Total liabilities	8,006,263	7,390,847	615,416
III. Net Assets			
Total Net Assets	12,321,878	8,780,570	3,541,308
Total liabilities and net assets	20,328,141	16,171,417	4,156,724

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

From April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

(Unit: yen)

Subject	This year	Previous year	Increase/Decrease
I. Changes in General Net Assets			
I. Changes in Current Accounts			
(1) Operating income			
Membership fee	15,770,000	14,520,000	1,250,000
Business revenue	13,612,000	12,067,000	1,545,000
Subsidies received	16,746,000	16,746,000	0
Miscellaneous Income	21,612	7,181	14,431
Current Revenue	46,149,612	43,340,181	2,809,431
(2) Current expenses			
Business expenses	16,746,000	16,746,000	0
Salary and allowances	8,785,622	9,436,526	△ 650,904
Meeting expenses	417,247	240,500	176,747
Travel expenses and transportation expenses	1,283,382	627,883	655,499
Communication and transportation costs	63,815	43,939	19,876
Consumables cost	108,876	102,405	6,471
Materials fee	36,988	5,200	31,788
Printing and binding costs	0	91,245	△ 91,245
Various honorariums	1,008,000	920,000	88,000
Consignment fee	4,996,680	5,239,362	△ 242,682
Miscellaneous expenses	45,390	38,940	6,450
Management fee	25,862,304	24,064,020	1,798,284
Salary and allowances	13,995,077	10,845,589	3,149,488
Meeting expenses	264,444	549,627	△ 285,183
Travel expenses and transportation expenses	851,659	1,300,707	△ 449,048
Communication and transportation costs	875,967	966,076	△ 90,109
Consumable furniture and equipment expenses	0	170,940	△ 170,940
Consumables cost	1,370,224	888,425	481,799
Materials fee	57,840	57,310	530
Public relations expenses	58,369	165,000	△ 106,631
Entertainment expenses	649,145	848,281	△ 199,136
Utility bills (electricity, gas, water)	87,177	97,501	△ 10,324
Rent	4,977,478	4,967,421	10,057
Various honorariums	35,000	0	35,000
Taxes and public charges	3,309	1,099	2,210
Consignment fee	2,255,811	2,941,410	△ 685,599
Depreciation expenses	74,333	74,333	0
Miscellaneous expenses	306,471	190,301	116,170
Total current expenses	42,608,304	40,810,020	1,798,284
Pre-adjustment Ordinary Profit and Loss	3,541,308	2,530,161	1,011,147
Profit and Loss Valuation Total	0	0	0
Current period change	3,541,308	2,530,161	1,011,147
2. Extraordinary Increase/Decrease Section			
(1) Non-current income			
Total non-recurring income	0	0	0
(2) Non-current expenses			
Total non-recurring expenses	0	0	0
Extraordinary Gains/Losses for the Period	0	0	0
Amount transferred to other accounts	0	0	0
Ordinary Change in Net Assets	3,541,308	2,530,161	1,011,147
Opening balance of general net assets	3,780,570	1,250,409	2,530,161
Ending balance of general net assets	7,321,878	3,780,570	3,541,308
II. Changes in Designated Net Assets			
Change in Restricted Net Assets	0	0	0
Beginning balance of designated net assets	5,000,000	5,000,000	0
Designated Net Assets Ending Balance	5,000,000	5,000,000	0
III. Net Assets at End of Period	12,321,878	8,780,570	3,541,308

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

From April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

(Unit: yen)

Subject	General Account	Fisheries Eco-label Promotion Project	Promotion of Sustainable Fisheries Products	total
I. Changes in General Net Assets				
1. Changes in Current Accounts				
(1) Operating income				
Membership fee	15,770,000	0	0	15,770,000
Business revenue	13,612,000	0	0	13,612,000
Subsidies received	0	11,849,000	4,897,000	16,746,000
Miscellaneous Income	21,612	0	0	21,612
Current Revenue	29,403,612	11,849,000	4,897,000	46,149,612
(2) Current expenses				0
Business expenses	0	11,849,000	4,897,000	16,746,000
Salary and allowances		6,702,380	2,083,242	8,785,622
Meeting expenses		267,247	150,000	417,247
Travel expenses and transportation expenses		1,133,818	149,564	1,283,382
Communication and transportation costs		1,331	62,484	63,815
Consumables cost		0	108,876	108,876
Materials fee		36,988	0	36,988
Various honorariums		1,008,000	0	1,008,000
Consignment fee		2,674,136	2,322,544	4,996,680
Miscellaneous expenses		25,100	20,290	45,390
Management fee	25,862,304	0	0	25,862,304
Salary and allowances	13,995,077			13,995,077
Employee benefits expenses	0			0
Meeting expenses	264,444			264,444
Travel expenses and transportation expenses	851,659			851,659
Communication and transportation costs	875,967			875,967
System management fee	0			0
Consumable furniture and equipment expenses	0			0
Consumables cost	1,370,224			1,370,224
Materials fee	57,840			57,840
Public relations expenses	58,369			58,369
Entertainment expenses	649,145			649,145
Printing and binding costs	0			0
Utility bills (electricity, gas, water)	87,177			87,177
Rent	4,977,478			4,977,478
Various honorariums	35,000			35,000
Taxes and public charges	3,309			3,309
Consignment fee	2,255,811			2,255,811
Depreciation expenses	74,333			74,333
Miscellaneous expenses	306,471			306,471
Total current expenses	25,862,304	11,849,000	4,897,000	42,608,304
Pre-adjustment Ordinary Change in Net Assets	3,541,308	0	0	3,541,308
Profit and Loss Valuation Total	0	0	0	0
Current period change	3,541,308	0	0	3,541,308
2. Extraordinary Increase/Decrease Section				
(1) Non-current income				
Total non-recurring income	0	0	0	0
(2) Non-current expenses				
Total non-recurring expenses	0	0	0	0
Extraordinary Change in Net Assets	0	0	0	0
Amount transferred to other accounts	0	0	0	0
Ordinary Change in Unrestricted Net Assets	3,541,308	0	0	3,541,308
Opening balance of general net assets	3,780,570	0	0	3,780,570
Ending balance of general net assets	7,321,878	0	0	7,321,878
II. Changes in Designated Net Assets				0
Change in Restricted Net Assets	0	0	0	0
Beginning balance of designated net assets	5,000,000	0	0	5,000,000
Designated Net Assets Ending Balance	5,000,000	0	0	5,000,000
III. Net Assets at End of Period	12,321,878	0	0	12,321,878

Inventory of Assets

As of March 31, 2026

(Unit: yen)

Balance Sheet Accounts		Location, quantity, etc.	Purpose of use etc.	amount
(Current Assets)	deposit	Savings account Mizuho Bank		6,097,889
				6,097,889
	Accounts receivable			8,373,000
	Advance payment			387,881
Total current assets				14,858,770
(Fixed assets)				
	Other fixed assets			
	Furniture and fixtures			30,973
	Deposit			1,763,100
	Long-term prepaid expenses			3,675,298
Total fixed assets				5,469,371
Total Assets				20,328,141
(Current liabilities)				
	Accounts payable			7,930,213
	Temporary receipts			76,050
Total current liabilities				8,006,263
Total liabilities				8,006,263
Net assets				12,321,878

May 8, 2026

Audit Report

MEL Council

Auditor Mitsunori Yoshida (Signature)

Auditor Keiji Tomioka (Signature)

We hereby report on the audit of the business report, financial statements, attached details, public interest expenditure plan implementation reports, and other audits of directors' duties for fiscal year 2025 (from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026) as follows.

1. Overview of the audit method

- (1) Regarding accounting audits, the accuracy of financial statements and their attached schedules was examined using audit procedures deemed necessary, such as reviewing accounting books, accounting documents, important approval documents, and reports.
- (2) Regarding the audit of duties, we attended important meetings such as the Board of Directors, regularly received reports from directors and others of our corporation on the status of execution of duties, and reviewed their appropriateness.

2. Audit Results

- (1) The business report and its supplementary statements are recognized as accurately presenting the status of the corporation in accordance with laws, regulations, and the articles of incorporation.
- (2) Recognize that there are no acts of misconduct or serious violations of laws or the articles of incorporation regarding the performance of duties by directors.
- (3) The content of the Board of Directors' resolutions regarding the establishment of necessary systems to ensure the proper conduct of our corporation's operations is appropriate.
- (4) The financial statements and their supplementary statements properly present the status of the corporation's assets and profits and losses in all important respects.

End