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# **Notice Concerning the Acquisition of Shares of Studio Ghibli** By Nippon TV

Nippon Television Holdings, Inc., (the "Company") hereby announces that our consolidated subsidiary, Nippon Television Network Corporation ("Nippon TV") has resolved, at the Meeting of the Board of Directors on September 21, to acquire shares of Studio Ghibli Inc. ("Studio Ghibli") and make it subsidiary of Nippon TV. Studio Ghibli has also resolved to approve the share transfer to Nippon Television at the Meeting of the Board of Directors on the same date.

#### Reason for acquisition of shares 1.

Ever since it showed "Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind" (1984, directed by Hayao Miyazaki) on TV in 1985, Nippon TV has shown Studio Ghibli works on its film programme, Friday Road Show. Nippon TV has a long history of partnership with Studio Ghibli, including its funding to Ghibli film production since "Kiki's Delivery Service" (1989, directed by Hayao Miyazaki) and support for the opening of Ghibli Museum, Mitaka. Nippon TV believes that given that Studio Ghibli has created works loved by people from all over the world as

well as Japan. Nippon TV decided to acquire the shares of Studio Ghibli because Nippon TV believes that supporting this world-class studio more than ever before will contribute to enhancing the corporate value of the

entire Nippon TV Group.

Nippon TV will make Studio Ghibli its subsidiary by holding 42.3% of the voting rights of Studio Ghibli on its own account and entering into an agreement to support the management of Studio Ghibli.

### 2. Expected synergies

- (1) By supporting management through share acquisitions, Studio Ghibli will be able to focus more on "craftmanship" than ever before and this will establish a foundation for creating new works.
- (2) Nippon TV, that has respected the studio's values of "esteeming its works" is able to continue to protect the value of its brand in the future.

# 3. Overview of the subsidiary (Nippon TV) acquires the shares

| (1) | Name                        | Nippon Television Network Corporation                                |  |  |
|-----|-----------------------------|--|--|--|
| (2) | Location                    | 1-6-1, Higashi Shimbashi, Minato-ku, Tokyo                           |  |  |
| (3) | Job title and name of       | Yoshikuni Sugiyama   |  |  |
|     | representative              | Representative Director, Chairman                                    |  |  |
| (4) | Description of business     | Basic and general broadcasting businesses based on the Broadcasting  |  |  |
|     |                             | Act, Media Businesses, other broadcasting-related businesses         |  |  |
| (5) | Share capital               | 6 billion yen  |  |  |
| (6) | Year/Month of Establishment | October 1952   |  |  |
|     |                             | Effective October 1, 2012, Nippon Television Network Corporation     |  |  |
|     |                             | changed its trade name to Nippon Television Holdings, Inc. upon      |  |  |
|     |                             | transitioning to a certified broadcasting holding company structure. |  |  |
|     |                             | Nippon Television Network Corporation was registered as a new        |  |  |
|     |                             | subsidiary as of the same day.                                       |  |  |

### 4. Overview of the sub-subsidiary (Studio Ghibli) subject to change

| (1) | Name                        | Studio Ghibli Inc.   |  |
|-----|-----------------------------|--|--|
| (2) | Location                    | 1-4-25, Kajinocho, Koganei-shi, Tokyo                              |  |
| (3) | Job title and name of       | Toshio Suzuki  |  |
|     | representative              | Representative Director  |  |
| (4) | Description of business     | Planning and production of animation movies and related operations |  |
| (5) | Share capital               | 10 million yen   |  |
| (6) | Year/Month of establishment | June 1985  |  |

# 5. Overview of the counterparty to the acquisition of shares

| (1) Name   | Multiple individual shareholders              |  |
|--|---|--|
| (2) Location The counterparty are individuals, and the Company |   |  |
|  | disclosing at the will of the counterparties. |  |
| (3) Relationship between the Compa                             | ny Not applicable.                            |  |

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# 6. Shareholding after acquisition

| Number of shares held after | 470 shares                           |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| the change                  | (Number of voting rights: 470 units) |
|                             | (Ratio of voting rights held: 42.3%) |

X Regarding the acquisition price, we refrain from disclosing it at this time but will promptly inform you as soon as the announcement becomes possible in the future.

# 7. Timetable

| Date of resolution at the meeting | September 21, 2023          |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| of the Board of Directors         |                             |
| Date of conclusion of the         | October 6, 2023 (scheduled) |
| agreement                         |                             |
| Date of closing of share transfer | October 6, 2023 (scheduled) |

# 8. New management structure of Studio Ghibli after becoming a subsidiary

| Job title                   | Name               | Remarks   |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|---|
| Director, Honorary Chairman | Hayao Miyazaki     |   |
| Representative Director,    | Toshio Suzuki      |   |
| Chairman                    |                    |   |
| Representative Director,    | Hiroyuki Fukuda    | Senior Operating Officer of Nippon Television   |
| President                   |                    | Holdings, Inc.                                  |
|                             |                    | Board Director, Chief Content Officer of Nippon |
|                             |                    | Television Network Corporation                  |
| Representative Director,    | Kiyofumi Nakajima  |   |
| Vice President              |                    |   |
| Managing Director           | Goro Miyazaki      |   |
| Director                    | Yoshikuni Sugiyama | Representative director, chairman of Nippon     |
|                             |                    | Television Holdings, Inc.                       |
|                             |                    | Representative director, chairman of Nippon     |
|                             |                    | Television Network Corporation                  |
| Director                    | Kenichi Yoda       | Associate Managing Director, Producer           |
|                             |                    | Event, Business Development of Nippon           |
|                             |                    | Television Network Corporation                  |
| Director                    | Takuo Murase       | Attorney-at-law                                 |
| Auditor                     | Yusuke Yoshie      | Director of Corporate Strategy Division of      |
|                             |                    | Corporate Strategy Department of Nippon         |

|  | Television Holdings, Inc. |
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<sup>\*</sup> Resolution at the extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of Studio Ghibli is scheduled to be held on October 30, 2023.

# 9. Future outlook

The impact of the share acquisition on future consolidated financial results is immaterial, and we will promptly disclose if there is any matter that need to be announced.

End.

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Nippon Television Network Corporation ("Nippon TV") and STUDIO GHIBLI INC. ("Studio Ghibli") each held the Meeting of the Board of Directors on September 21 and resolved that Nippon TV acquires the shares of Studio Ghibli and makes it a subsidiary.



Yoshikuni Sugiyama, Representative Director, Chairman of Nippon TV (left) and Toshio Suzuki, President and Representative Director of Studio Ghibli (right). Photo taken at Friday Roadshow and Ghibli Exhibition.

Studio Ghibli released the latest film directed by Hayao Miyazaki, *The Boy and the Heron*, in cinema in July this year after seven years of production. We are deeply thankful that many people came to see the film in cinema and many reviews were given.

Studio Ghibli has long been considering who will succeed the company with the director Hayao Miyazaki and the producer Toshio Suzuki reaching 82 and 75 years old respectively.

So far, Goro Miyazaki, the oldest son of director Hayao Miyazaki, the founder, and also an animation film director himself, has been mentioned several times as a candidate for the successor. However, Goro Miyazaki, believing it is

hard for him to shoulder Ghibli's future on his own and the company's future should rather be left to someone else's care, has firmly declined.

Therefore, Studio Ghibli has explored candidates to take care of the management from various angles. A while ago, the company started talks with Nippon TV, with whom it has a long-standing close relationship.

It all started last year when Suzuki, Studio Ghibli producer, and Yoshikuni Sugiyama, representative director, chairman of Nippon TV had a chance to sit down and talk at a spa. Suzuki asked if Nippon TV would assist them with the management so that Ghibli can focus on filmmaking. Sugiyama promised to consider the offer if it means that this way, they can continue to support Ghibli works and protect the environment where Ghibli can continue filmmaking.

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Nippon TV believes that given that Studio Ghibli has created works loved by people from all over the world as well as Japan, it would greatly contribute to the corporate value growth of the entire Nippon TV Group to give even more support to Studio Ghibli by making it a subsidiary.

Nippon TV and Studio Ghibli have long worked together while respecting Studio Ghibli's values and thus are convinced that Nippon TV can forever protect the "craftmanship" and brand value of Studio Ghibli.

Following careful discussion, the companies each decided by resolution of Meeting of the Board of Directors today that Studio Ghibli will become a subsidiary of Nippon TV.

Specifically, Nippon TV will obtain Studio Ghibli shares and become a largest shareholder with 42.3% voting rights. Also, Nippon TV will send directors to Studio Ghibli so that they can support the management.

At the same time, Nippon TV will respect Studio Ghibli's autonomy while Studio Ghibli continue to focus on animation film productions and operation of Ghibli Museum and Ghibli Park.

We appreciate your continued support of the new Studio Ghibli activities.

End.

Inquiries regarding this matter

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