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# **Basic Approach**

As a key task for management, Honda strives to enhance its corporate governance based on the Company's basic principle to strengthen the trust of its shareholders/investors, customers, and society; encourage timely, decisive, and risk-considered decision-making; seek sustainable growth and enhance corporate value over the medium- to long-term; and become "a company society wants to exist."

To clearly segregate the supervisory and execution functions of management, strengthen the supervisory function, and enable prompt and flexible decisions, Honda has created a Nominating Committee, Audit Committee, and Compensation Committee, each of which is composed of over 50% Outside Directors. Honda has also adopted a "company with three committees" structure, which allows the broad delegation of the business execution authority from the Board of Directors to the Executive Officers.

Honda is making efforts to appropriately disclose corporate information including the release and disclosure of quarterly financial results and management policies in a timely and accurate manner to bolster the trust and appreciation of shareholders/investors and society. Going forward, Honda will continue to strive to ensure the transparency of its management.

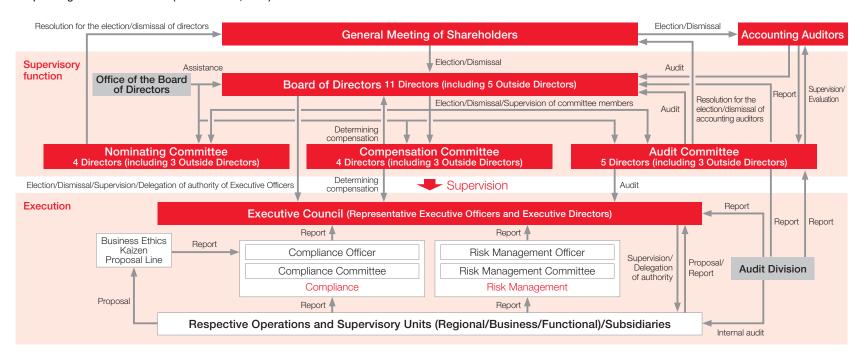
Please see "Honda Corporate Governance Basic Policies" and "Corporate Governance Report" for information on Honda's corporate governance policy. (Please use the link below.)

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# **Decision-Making and Supervision of Business Execution**

Honda has adopted a "company with three committees" system to delegate the decision-making authority of the Board of Directors to execute important business matters to the Executive Officers in accordance with the provisions of the Company's Articles of Incorporation and resolutions approved by the Board. This system enables quick decision-making and prompt business execution while clearly separating the functions of management supervision and business execution so that the Board is focused on overseeing business execution.

The Board of Directors has established criteria for deliberation and has delegated some of its authority to the Executive Council, which, in turn, delegates some of its authority to the Business Operating Board.

The Executive Council conducts preliminary deliberations on matters to be resolved by the Board of Directors and deliberates on important management matters within the scope of authority delegated by the Board of Directors. The Business Operating Board deliberates important management matters in each area within the scope of authority delegated by the Executive Council.

#### **Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors is comprised of six Inside Directors and five Outside Directors.

To respond to the mandate of the shareholders to achieve sustainable growth and enhance the corporate value of the Company over the medium to long term, the duties of the Board of Directors include making decisions concerning key Company matters such as its basic management policies and the monitoring of operations by Directors and Executive Officers. Additionally, the Board of Directors discusses and makes decisions concerning matters specified in the regulations of the Board of Directors, as well as matters set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and applicable laws. All other matters are delegated to the Representative Executive Officers or the Executive Officers.

Specific discussion topics at the Board of Directors in FY2023

- Medium-term management plan and its progress
- Quarterly consolidated financial statements and business outlook
- Quarterly operational execution status
- Duty execution statuses of committees
- Maintenance and operation of the internal control system
- Internal audit results, etc.

To fulfill the above roles, the candidates for Director, regardless of gender, nationality, or other personal attributes, shall be persons of superior character and insight who are experts in company management, laws, politics, accounting, education, or the Company's business. The Nominating Committee shall consider the balance of gender, nationality, knowledge, and related experience among the candidates.

#### Nominating Committee, Audit Committee, and Compensation Committee

To reinforce its supervisory function, the Company has established the Nominating Committee, Audit Committee, and Compensation Committee, all of which are comprised of a majority of Outside Directors.

#### 1. Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee determines the content of the proposals for the appointment or removal of Directors to be submitted to the shareholders' meeting and performs other duties prescribed by laws and regulations and the Articles of Incorporation. The Nominating Committee is composed of four Directors, including three Outside Directors. The Chairperson of the Nominating Committee is selected from among Independent Directors.

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Nominating Committee Members (as of June 21, 2023)

Fumiya Kokubu (Chairperson) (Outside Director)

Toshihiro Mibe

Kunihiko Sakai (Outside Director)

Kazuhiro Higashi (Outside Director)

Specific discussion topics at the Nominating Committee in FY2023

- Basic policy/annual activity plan
- The way of being a leader
- Succession plan for Directors
- Prospective Director candidates, etc.

#### 2. Audit Committee

To respond to the mandate of the shareholders, the Audit Committee conducts audits of the execution of duties by the Directors and Executive Officers and performs other duties as prescribed by laws and regulations and the Articles of Incorporation to ensure the sound and sustainable growth of the Honda Group. The Audit Committee is composed of two Inside Directors and three Outside Directors. The Chairperson of the Audit Committee is selected from among Independent Directors. To ensure the effectiveness of the audit, full-time member(s) of the Audit Committee are elected by resolutions of the Board of Directors.

Audit Committee Members (as of June 21, 2023)

Yoichiro Ogawa (Chairperson) (Outside Director)

Asako Suzuki (Full-time Audit Committee Member)

Masafumi Suzuki (Full-time Audit Committee Member)

Kunihiko Sakai (Outside Director)

Ryoko Nagata (Outside Director)

Mr. Yoichiro Ogawa, a Director, has abundant experience and considerable knowledge as a certified public accountant, and Mr. Masafumi Suzuki, also a Director, has had sufficient operating experience in the finance and accounting departments of the Company and its subsidiaries. Both qualify as "persons with considerable knowledge related to finance and accounting," as specified under Article 121-9 of the Regulation for Enforcement of the Companies Act of Japan. Additionally, the Company's Audit Committee has recognized Messrs. Yoichiro Ogawa and Masafumi Suzuki as "specialists in finance in the Audit Committee" as specified in the regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, based on Article 407 of the U.S. Public Company Accounting Reform and Investor Protection Act of 2002 (Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002). All five members of the Audit Committee remain independent as specified by the regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Specific discussion topics at the Audit Committee in FY2023

- Basic policy/annual activity plan
- Quarterly audit implementation status
- Quarterly review of consolidated financial statements by the Accounting Auditor
- Implementation status of internal audits, etc.

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Each member of the Audit Committee audits the execution of duties by Directors and Executive Officers in accordance with the auditing criteria for the Audit Committee, auditing policies, division of duties, etc., as determined by the Audit Committee. The audit is carried out through the following main activities using online tools such as web conferencing systems.

#### Main activities of the Audit Committee

Initiative	Details
Dialogue with Executive Officers	Exchange opinions in meetings with Executive Officers regarding the management and business environments (75 meetings held during FY2023 of which Outside Directors participated 15 times).
Attendance at important meetings	Monitor and verify the status of the execution of duties by Directors and Executive Officers by attending the Executive Council and expressing opinions as necessary (full-time members).
Implementation of on-site audits	Implement on-site audits based on the annual audit plan. For certain subsidiaries in Japan and overseas Group companies, remote audits are conducted via web conferencing systems and videos. FY2023 Honda headquarters/business sites 19 areas (1 area with the participation of Outside Directors) Group companies in Japan 19 companies (5 companies with the participation of Outside Directors) Group companies outside Japan 25 sites (6 sites with the participation of Outside Directors)
Collaboration with the Accounting Auditor and the Audit Division	Exchange opinions in meetings regarding the accounting audit plan and results (eight meetings held with the Accounting Auditor in FY2023). Also, implement audits in collaboration with the internal Audit Division.
Strengthening the Group's governance structure	Maintain and strengthen the Group's governance structure by sharing information and exchanging opinions with the auditors of Group companies in Japan and by hosting lectures by Outside Directors.

Standards for Audit Committee reports have been established to ensure the Committee receives timely and accurate reports. Based on these standards, reports are made periodically to the Audit Committee on the status of the business operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, the status of the implementation and operation of internal control systems, and other matters. Also, reporting is required whenever an issue arises that has a major impact on the Company.

The Company has formed the Board of Directors Office as a dedicated organization to support the Board of Directors, Nominating Committee, Audit Committee, and Compensation Committee in their duties.

Employees of the Board of Directors Office execute their duties under the supervision of the Board of Directors and the three committees. For matters such as performance evaluations, personnel changes, etc., the consent of the Audit Committee is required to ensure independence from Executive Officers and the effective implementation of instructions by the Audit Committee.

The Audit Division, organized as an internal audit division directly under the President and CEO, conducts internal audits of each division of the Company. It also provides supervision and guidance to internal audit divisions in major subsidiaries, and when necessary, audits subsidiaries directly.

The Audit Division regularly reports to the Audit Committee on audit policy, audit plans, and audit results, and when necessary, make additional reports on audit results at the request of the Audit Committee. Also, the Audit Committee and the Audit Division implement audits independently or in collaboration.

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#### 3. Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee makes determinations regarding the details of compensation for each Director and Executive Officer and carries out other duties as prescribed by laws and regulations and the Articles of Incorporation. The Compensation Committee is composed of one Inside Director and three Outside Directors. The Chairperson is selected from among Independent Directors.

Compensation Committee Members (as of June 21, 2023)

Kazuhiro Higashi (Chairperson) (Outside Director)

Shinji Aoyama

Fumiya Kokubu (Outside Director)

Yoichiro Ogawa (Outside Director)

Specific items considered by the Compensation Committee in FY2023

- Basic policy/annual activity plan
- Executive performance evaluation
- Long-term incentive (LTI) and stock delivery regulations

#### Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the Board of Directors

Each fiscal year, the Company evaluates the overall effectiveness of the Board of Directors to confirm the current status of the Board's functions and with the aim of further improving its effectiveness and promoting understanding among shareholders and stakeholders.

#### **Evaluation process**

Survey of all Directors (self-assessment).

External lawyers conduct hearings and collect the results.

Under the Chairperson's supervision, the Board of Directors discusses the evaluation results submitted by the Secretariat and issues a resolution.

#### **Evaluation results**

	Tasks for FY2022	Main initiatives for FY2023	Evaluation for FY2023	Tasks and initiatives for the future
Composition	Continued examination of the composition of the Board of Directors for further functional enhancement	Discussing the need for formulating, disclosing, and revising the skill matrix in the Nominating Committee	The current composition of the Board of Directors is appropriate	Further deepening the discussion on the expertise and diversity of future Directors.
Shared information	Further enhancement of timely information sharing and opportunities for business site visits for Outside Directors	Additional information sharing matters for Outside Directors     Enhancement of opportunities for Outside Directors to visit business sites and events	The information provided is substantial.     It was meaningful to have ample opportunities for external directors to visit business sites and events, which deepened their understanding of the business and allowed them to experience the corporate culture.	Provide information and inspection opportunities with a greater focus
Agenda items for deliberation, etc.	Further enhance opportunities to share information and exchange opinions about the progress status of the medium-term management plan and the direction of the next term plan	Setting up opportunities for information sharing and discussion regarding the direction of the next management plan.     Conduct a meeting to exchange views on management-related concerns	Discussion items are narrowed down to important matters.     Information sharing/ opinion exchange opportunities are effective	Enhancing board discussions through effective setup of information sharing/ exchange opportunities
Deliberation at meetings	Further revitalization of discussions in the Board of Directors	Update proposals and explanations on the day of the event as appropriate, based on questions and discussions raised at the pre-briefing	Active debates are underway     Each director provides insightful opinions and questions	Further revitalization of discussions in the Board of Directors (Continued)
Committee	Maintaining and enhancing coordination between committees and the Board of Directors	Report the deliberation status of each committee at the Board of Directors meeting immediately following the committee meeting	The deliberation status of each committee is being properly reported to the Board of Directors.	Maintaining and enhancing coordination between committees and the Board of Directors (Continued)

#### Summary of evaluation results

The results of the effectiveness evaluation confirmed that the effectiveness of the Board of Directors has been adequately ensured through the following initiatives: setting appropriate items for deliberation and frequency of meetings, providing information to outside directors and enhancing opportunities for exchange of opinions, including business site visits, as well as the appropriate operation of the three committees.

Going forward, the Company will further enhance the effectiveness of the monitoring-type Board of Directors by stimulating discussion both within and outside the Board of Directors and by further strengthening cooperation between the Board of Directors and the three committees.

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#### **Outside Directors**

Honda appoints Outside Directors who have abundant experience and deep insight and who are capable of overseeing the business management of the Company from an objective, highly sophisticated, and broad viewpoint thanks to their independent position outside the Company. The Company has at least two Outside Directors, and at least one-third of the members of the Board of Directors are Independent Directors who fulfill the Company's Criteria for the Independence of Outside Directors. All five Outside Directors currently in office satisfy the Criteria for Independence of Outside Directors and their interests are not in conflict with those of the Company or the shareholders. The five Outside Directors are specified as Independent Directors as prescribed by a provision of the Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE). The names of these Directors have been submitted to the TSE.

Please see "Honda Corporate Governance Basic Policies" for Honda's Criteria for the Independence of Outside Directors. (Please use the link below.) If any Outside Director also serves as an officer at another listed company, such Director shall only serve at four companies other than the Company so that they can secure sufficient time to perform their duties for the Company.

"Honda Corporate Governance Basic Policies" 
# https://global.honda/investors/policy/governance.html

#### Support Systems for Outside Directors

Honda's Board of Directors Office plays a central role in providing the following support to Outside Directors to ensure they can maximize their functions as Outside Directors.

- Orientation at the time the Director assumes this role
   Honda provides training in industry trends, as well as the Company's history,
   business, finances, organizations, internal control system, and other matters to newly appointed Outside Directors.
- 2. Preliminary briefing sessions and information-sharing meetings
  Preliminary briefing sessions are held for Outside Directors in advance of each Board of Directors' meeting for the following purposes: to ensure that they fully understand the details and background of each agenda item to be submitted to the Board of

Directors, its position in the medium- to long-term management plan, and other relevant information, and to ensure that the Board of Directors holds substantial deliberations. Honda also provides opportunities for information sharing and discussion among Directors on important matters such as the status of company-wide risk management and the progress of the medium- to long-term management plan, as appropriate.

- 3. Opinion exchange meetings on matters of management concern Honda holds opinion exchange meetings for Directors regarding matters of concern to management. These meetings aim to share with Outside Directors an awareness of the Honda Group's long-term challenges and directions to be pursued and to deepen their understanding of management initiatives. Such meetings are also intended to utilize the knowledge of Outside Directors in discussing future management policies.
- 4. Dialogue with Executive Officers/dialogue among Outside Directors
  To facilitate forthright communication among Directors, Honda provides opportunities for dialogue between Outside Directors and Executive Officers or Inside Directors, as well as dialogue among Outside Directors as needed.

#### 5. Inspection visits to business sites

Honda arranges inspection visits to its plants and other business sites as necessary to promote Outside Directors' understanding of the Company's business.



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# **Business Execution (Organizational Management)**

To strengthen regional and on-site business execution and to make prompt and appropriate management decisions, Honda assigns Executive Officers and other business execution managers to each regional, business, and functional divisions and key organizational units, who are delegated authority by the Representative Executive Officers and are responsible for executing operations in their areas of responsibility.

### **Director and Operating Officer Training**

Honda provides training in the Companies Act, corporate governance, etc., to Operating Officers who are prospective Director candidates. After they assume their positions as Directors, the Company also provides them with training to continually update their knowledge as necessary. Honda provides training in industry trends, as well as the Company's history, business, finances, organizations, internal control system, and other matters to newly appointed Outside Directors. After they assume their positions as Directors, the Company also provides them with additional opportunities, including visits to subsidiaries, to deepen their understanding of the Honda Group's business.

# Tax Policy

The Honda Tax Policy prescribes the basic stance and idea regarding taxes for Honda Motor Co., Ltd. and its consolidated subsidiaries. The policy aims to contribute to society as well as maintain and increase corporate value by complying with the tax laws and regulations, and their intent, for each country and region where Honda conducts business activities, and by making proper tax payments.

Tax systems of each country and region and international taxation rules are frequently changed. In this environment, to ensure the conducting of its business in a stable and proper manner Honda carries out accurate and high-quality tax affairs and responds to tax risks associated with its businesses in accordance with the Tax Policy. For details, please refer to the Honda Tax Policy. (Please refer to the link below.)

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### **Remuneration of Directors**

The Company views remuneration for Directors and Executive Officers, the key to its corporate governance, as an important driving force in realizing our fundamental beliefs, management policies, and aspirations. The Compensation Committee has established the following decision-making policy to encourage appropriate risk-taking and accurately reflect management responsibility to promote speedy reforms and thus achieve our vision amidst a rapidly changing environment.

The Company's remuneration structure for Directors and Executive Officers is designed to motivate employees to contribute to the improvement of the Company's business performance not only over the short-term but also over the medium- to long-term so that the Company can continuously enhance its corporate value. The structure consists of monthly remuneration, a fixed amount paid each month as remuneration for the execution of duties, a short-term incentive (STI) based on business performance for the relevant fiscal year, and a long-term incentive (LTI) based on medium- to long-term business performance.

Monthly remuneration shall be paid as a fixed amount each month based on the remuneration standards decided by the Compensation Committee.

STI shall be determined and paid by the resolution of the Compensation Committee, taking into consideration the business's performance in each fiscal year.

Based on the standards and procedures approved by the Compensation Committee, LTI is based on the business's medium- to long-term performance and paid in the form of Company shares and cash to function as a sound incentive for sustainable growth.

The remuneration paid to Directors who concurrently serve as Directors and Executive Officers shall consist of monthly remuneration, STI, and LTI. The composition rate shall be determined based on the remuneration standards decided by the Compensation Committee. The composition ratio of variable compensation shall increase according to the responsibilities assumed by the individual.

The remuneration paid to Outside Directors and other Directors who do not concurrently serve as Executive Officers shall consist only of monthly remuneration.

To advance the Company's sustainable growth and enhance its corporate value over the medium-to long-term from shareholders' perspectives, even Directors and Executive Officers who are ineligible for LTI shall acquire the Company's stock by contributing a certain portion of their remuneration to the Officers Shareholding Association.

Throughout their term of office and for one year after their retirement, Directors and Executive Officers shall continuously hold Company stock acquired as LTI or through the Officers Shareholding Association.

Please see Article 13 of "Honda Corporate Governance Basic Policies" for information on the policy for determining remuneration for Directors. (Please use the link below.)

"Honda Corporate Governance Basic Policies"

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Rate of increase in annual total remuneration and bonuses of the highest-paid individual (President and Representative Executive Officer, Chief Executive Officer) (Japan) → p. 151

## **Remuneration of Accounting Auditors**

The Company has had its financial statements audited in accordance with the Companies Act of Japan, the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act of Japan, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (United States) and the Exchange Act of 1933 (United States) by KPMG AZSA LLC.

Within KPMG AZSA LLC, a total of 80 staff members conducted external audits of the Company's financial statements. These accounting firm staff members are composed of 3 certified public accountants (Masahiko Chino, Isao Kamizuka and Takeshi Kamada), who are in overall charge of the Outside Audits, and 77 professional staff members (including 24 certified public accountants and 53 other staff members).

In deciding the amount of remuneration for services rendered by the Accounting Auditor, various factors are taken into consideration in discussions with the accounting firm, including the Company's size/characteristics, the time schedule for the audit and other matters. In addition, to preserve the independence of the Accounting Auditor, remuneration to be paid is required to obtain the prior approval of the Audit Committee.

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## Directors (as of June 21, 2023)



Chairman and Director Seiii Kuraishi ■ Chairman of the Board of Directors

Reasons for Appointment

Mr. Seiji Kuraishi has broad experience primarily in the areas of supply chain management and sales and marketing, as well as abundant international experience, and is familiar with the Company Group's business including overseas operations. In the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, he has properly fulfilled his duties as Chairman of the Board of Directors through managing the Board of Directors and overseeing business execution from a global perspective.

Apr. 1982 Jun. 2010	Joined Honda Motor Co., Ltd. Director	Apr.	2017	Officer in Charge of Strategy, Business Operations and Regional Operations
Apr. 2011	Operating Officer and Director Operating Officer (resigned from	Jun.	2017	Executive Vice President and Representative Director
00111 2011	position as Director)	Apr.	2019	Director in Charge of Strategy,
Nov. 2013	President of Honda Motor (China) Technology Co., Ltd.			Business Operations and Regional Operations
Anr 2014	Managing Officer of the Company	Apr.	2019	Chief Officer for Automobile Operations
Apr. 2016	Senior Managing Officer Executive Vice President, Executive	Jun.	2021	Director, Executive Vice President and Representative Executive Officer
	Officer and Representative Director	Jun.	2021	Member of the Compensation Committee
	Risk Management Officer	Apr.	2022	Chairman and Director (present)
	Corporate Brand Officer			Chairman of the Board of Directors
Apr. 2017	Chief Operating Officer	, <sub>(D1</sub> ,	LULL	(present)



Director, President and Representative Executive Officer Toshihiro Mibe

■ Member of the Nominating Committee

■ Chief Executive Officer Reasons for Appointment

Mr. Toshihiro Mibe has broad experience primarily in the areas of R&D and production, and is familiar with the Company Group's business including overseas operations. In the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, he has properly fulfilled his duties as Director, President and Representative Executive Officer, and Chief Executive Officer of the Company by demonstrating strong leadership and being responsible for the management of the entire Company Group, as well as overseeing business

		Joined Honda Motor Co., Ltd. Operating Officer	Apr.	2019	Officer in Charge of Intellectual Property and Standardization of the Company
		Executive in Charge of Powertrain	Apr.	2020	Senior Managing Officer
		Business for Automobile Operations	Apr.	2020	
Apr.	2014	Head of Powertrain Production Supervisory Unit of Automobile Production for Automobile Operations			Production, Purchasing, Quality, Parts, Service, Intellectual Property, Standardization and IT)
Apr.	2015	Executive in Charge of Powertrain	Apr.	2020	Risk Management Officer
		Business and Drivetrain Business for	Jun.	2020	Senior Managing Director
		Automobile Operations	Jun.	2020	
Apr.	2015	Head of Drivetrain Business Unit in Automobile Production for Automobile Operations			(R&D, Production, Purchasing, Quality, Parts, Service, Intellectual Property, Standardization and IT)
Apr.	2016	Senior Managing Officer and Director of	Apr.	2021	President and Representative Director
		Honda R&D Co., Ltd.	Apr.	2021	Chief Executive Officer (present)
	2018		Jun.	2021	Director, President and Representative
Apr.	2018	Executive Vice President and Director			Executive Officer (present)
		of Honda R&D Co., Ltd.	Jun.	2021	
Apr.	2019	President and Representative Director of Honda R&D Co., Ltd.			(present)



Director, Executive Vice President and Representative Executive Officer Shinii Aoyama

■ Member of the Compensation Committee

■ Chief Operating Officer

■ Risk Management Officer

■ In Charge of Government and Industry Relations

Reasons for Appointment

Mr. Shinji Aoyama has broad experience primarily in the area of sales and marketing in the Motorcycle Operations, as well as abundant international experience, and is familiar with the Company Group's business including overseas operations. In the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, he has properly fulfilled his duties as Chief Officer for Automobile Operations and Chief Officer for Business Development Operations by demonstrating strong leadership and contributing to the business from a global perspective, as well as overseeing business execution.

		Joined Honda Motor Co., Ltd.	Apr.	2019	President, Chief Executive Officer and
		Operating Officer	A	0040	Director of Honda North America, Inc.
		Chief Officer for Motorcycle Operations	Apr.	2019	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of American Honda Motor Co
		Operating Officer and Director			Inc.
Apr.	2017	(Asia & Oceania)	Jul.	2021	Managing Officer in Charge of Electrification of the Company
Apr.	2017		Oct.	2021	
Long	0047	Director of Asian Honda Motor Co., Ltd.			Senior Managing Executive Officer
	2017	(resigned from position as Director)			Chief Officer for Business Developmen
	2018		Λ	0000	Corporate Brand Officer
Apr.	2018	Vice Chief Officer for Regional			•
		Operations (North America)			Chief Officer for Automobile Operation
Apr.	2018	Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer and Director of	Jun.	2022	Director and Senior Managing Executive Officer
		Honda North America, Inc.	Apr.	2023	Director, Executive Vice President and
Apr.	2018	Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer and Director of			Representative Executive Officer (present)
		American Honda Motor Co., Inc.	Apr.	2023	Chief Operating Officer (present)
Nov.	2018	President, Chief Operating Officer and Director of Honda North America, Inc.	Apr.	2023	Member of the Compensation Committee (present)
Nov.	2018		Apr.	2023	Risk Management Officer (present)
		Director of American Honda Motor Co., Inc.	Apr.	2023	In Charge of Government and Industry Relations (present)
Apr.	2019	Chief Officer for Regional Operations (North America) of the Company			

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Director, Senior Managing Executive Officer

#### Noriva Kaihara

- Chief Officer for Regional Operations (North America)
- President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of American Honda Motor Co., Inc.

#### Reasons for Appointment

Mr. Noriya Kaihara has broad experience primarily in the areas of service, quality, and purchasing, as well as abundant international experience, and is familiar with the Company Group's business including overseas operations. In the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, he demonstrated strong leadership to increase the joy of customers as an officer responsible for North America, and has achieved satisfactory results through contributing to the business from a global perspective.

Apr.	1984	Joined Honda Motor Co., Ltd.
Apr.	2012	General Manager of the Automobile Quality Assurance Division
Apr.	2013	Operating Officer
Apr.	2013	Chief Quality Officer
Jun.	2013	Operating Officer and Director
Apr.	2014	Chief Officer for Customer Service Operations
Apr.	2014	Head of Service Supervisory Unit for Automobile Operations
Apr	2016	Chief Officer for Customer First

- Automobile Operations

  Apr. 2016 Chief Officer for Customer First Operations

  Jun. 2017 Operating Officer (resigned from
- Apr. 2018 Managing Officer

  Apr. 2018 Chief Officer for Purchasing Operations
- Apr. 2020 Head of the Business Supervisory Unit, Automobile Operations
   Apr. 2021 Chief Officer for Customer First Operations
   Apr. 2021 Risk Management Officer
   Jun. 2021 Managing Executive Officer
   Oct. 2021 Managing Officer
   Oct. 2021 Chief Officer for Regional Operations (North America) (present)
- Oct. 2021 President, Chief Executive Officer and Director, American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (present)

  Apr. 2023 Senior Managing Executive Officer of
- Jun. 2023 Director, Senior Managing Executive
  Officer of the Company (present)



Asako Suzuki

■ Member of the Audit Committee (Full-time)

#### Reasons for Appointment

Ms. Asako Suzuki has broad experience primarily in the areas of sales and marketing, accounting and finance, human resources and corporate governance, as well as abundant international experience, and is familiar with the Company Group's business including overseas operations. In the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, she has properly fulfilled her duties as Director and a Member of the Audit Committee by auditing and overseeing the execution of duties by Directors and Executive Officers.

Apr. 1987 Joined Honda Motor Co., Ltd.
 Apr. 2014 President of Dongfeng Honda Automobile Co., Ltd.
 Apr. 2016 Operating Officer of the Company
 Apr. 2018 Vice Chief Officer for Regional Operations (Japan)
 Apr. 2019 Chief Officer for Human Resources and Corporate Governance Operations
 Apr. 2020 Operating Executive

Jun. 2021 Director (present) Jun. 2021 Member of the Audit Committee (Full-time) (present)



Masafumi Suzuki

Member of the Audit Committee (Full-time)

#### Reasons for Appointment

Mr. Masafumi Suzuki held the position of General Manager of Accounting Division for Business Management Operations of the Company. He has high expertise and abundant experience in the areas of accounting and finance, and is familiar with the Company Group's business including overseas operations. In the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, he has properly fulfilled his duties as Director and a Member of the Audit Committee by auditing and overseeing the execution of duties by Directors and Executive Officers.

Apr. 1987 Joined Honda Motor Co., Ltd.
Apr. 2012 General Manager of Regional Operation
Planning Office for Regional Operations
(Europe, CIS, the Middle & Near East
and Africa)

Apr. 2013 General Manager of Accounting
Division for Business Management
Operations

Jun. 2017 Director (Full-time Audit and Supervisory Committee Member) Jun. 2021 Director (present)

Jun. 2021 Member of the Audit Committee (Full-time) (present)



Directo

Kunihiko Sakai

- Member of the Nominating Committee
- Member of the Audit Committee

#### Reasons for Appointment

Mr. Kunihiko Sakai has high expertise and abundant experience as a legal affairs specialist having served as Public Prosecutor and a lawyer, including posts of Superintending Prosecutor at High Public Prosecutors' Offices from July 2014 to March 2017. He has properly fulfilled his duties as Outside Director who is an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member since June 2019, and as Outside Director and a Member of the Nominating Committee and the Audit Committee since June 2021, by auditing and overseeing the entire business management of the Company from an independent standpoint.

Apr. 1979 Public Prosecutor of Tokyo District Public Prosecutors' Office Jun. 2012 President of Research and Training

Jul. 2014 Superintending Prosecutor of Takamatsu High Public Prosecutors' Office

Sep. 2016 Superintending Prosecutor of Hiroshima High Public Prosecutors' Office (resigned in March 2017)

Apr. 2017 Registered with the Dai-Ichi Tokyo Bar Association Apr. 2017 Advisor Attorney to TMI Associates (present)

Jun. 2018 Audit and Supervisory Board Member (Outside) of Furukawa Electric Co., Ltd. (present) Jun. 2019 Outside Director (Audit and Supervisory

Jun. 2019 Outside Director (Audit and Supervisor Committee Member) of the Company

Jun. 2021 Outside Director (present)
Jun. 2021 Member of the Nominating Committee

7) (present)

Jun. 2021 Member of the Audit Committee (present)

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## Directors (as of June 21, 2023)



Fumiya Kokubu

Member of the Nominating Co

- Member of the Nominating Committee (Chairperson)
- Member of the Compensation Committee

#### Reasons for Appointment

Mr. Fumiya Kokubu held positions of President and CEO, and Chairman of the Board of Marubeni Corporation from 2013, and has abundant experience and deep insight regarding corporate management. He has properly fulfilled his duties as Outside Director since June 2020, and as Outside Director, the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee and a Member of the Compensation Committee since June 2021 by overseeing the entire business management of the Company from an independent standpoint.

Apr. 1975 Joined Marubeni Corporation
Apr. 2013 President and CEO, Member of the
Board of Marubeni Corporation
Apr. 2019 Chairman of the Board of Marubeni
Corporation (present)

Jun. 2019 Outside Director of Taisei Corporation (present)

Jun. 2020 Outside Director of the Company (present)

Jun. 2021 Member of the Nominating Committee

(Chairperson) (present)

Jun. 2021 Member of the Compensation
Committee (present)

May 2022 Chairman of Japan Machinery Center for Trade and Investment (present) May 2022 Chairman of Japan Foreign Trade Council, Inc. (present)



Directo

#### Yoichiro Ogawa

- Member of the Audit Committee (Chairperson)
- Member of the Compensation Committee

#### Reasons for Appointment

Mr. Yoichiro Ogawa has high expertise and abundant experience as an accounting specialist having served as a Certified Public Accountant for many years, including posts of CEO of Deloitte Tohmatsu Group from July 2015 to May 2018. He has properly fulfilled his duties as Outside Director, the Chairperson of the Audit Committee and a Member of the Compensation Committee since June 2021 by auditing and overseeing the entire business management of the Company from an independent standpoint.

Oct. 1980 Joined Tohmatsu & Aoki Audit Corporation (currently Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLC) Mar. 1984 Registered as Japanese Certified Public

Accountant
Oct. 2013 Department Corporation of Deloitte Touche

Tohmatsu LLC
Oct. 2013 Deputy CEO of Tohmatsu Group (currently Deloitte Tohmatsu Group)

Jun. 2015 Global Managing Director for Asia
Pacific of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu
Limited (United Kingdom) (resigned in
May 2018)

Jul. 2015 CEO of Deloitte Tohmatsu Group

Jun. 2018 Senior Advisor of Deloitte Tohmatsu Group (resigned in October 2018)

Nov. 2018 Founder of Yoichiro Ogawa CPA Office (present)

Jun. 2020 Outside Audit & Supervisory Board

Member of Recruit Holdings Co., Ltd. (present)

Jun. 2021 Outside Director of the Company

(present)

Jun. 2021 Member of the Audit Committee
(Chairperson) (present)

Jun. 2021 Member of the Compensation Committee (present)



Directo

#### Kazuhiro Higashi

- Member of the Nominating Committee
- Member of the Compensation Committee (Chairperson)

#### Reasons for Appointment

Mr. Kazuhiro Higashi held positions of President and Chairman of Resona Holdings, Inc. from April 2013 to June 2022, and has abundant experience and deep insight regarding corporate management. He has properly fulfilled his duties as Outside Director, the Chairperson of the Compensation Committee and a Member of the Nominating Committee since June 2021 by overseeing the entire business management of the Company from an independent standpoint.

Apr. 1982 Joined Resona Group
Apr. 2013 Director of Resona Holdings Inc.
Apr. 2013 President and Representative, Executive
Officer of Resona Holdings, Inc.
Apr. 2013 Representative Director, President and
Executive Officer of Resona Bank,

Limited
Jun. 2013 Chairman of Osaka Bankers
Association (resigned in June 2014)
Apr. 2017 Chairman of the Board President and

Representative Director of Resona Bank, Limited Jun. 2017 Chairman of Osaka Bankers Association (resigned in June 2018)

Association (resigned in June 2018)

Apr. 2018 Chairman of the Board, President,
Representative Director and Executive
Officer of Resona Bank, Limited

Apr. 2020 Chairman and Director of Resona Holdings, Inc. (resigned in June 2022) Apr. 2020 Chairman and Director of Resona

Bank, Limited (resigned in June 2022) Jun. 2020 Outside Director of Sompo Holdings, Inc. (present)

Jun. 2021 Outside Director of the Company (present)

Jun. 2021 Member of the Nominating Committee

Jun. 2021 Member of the Normhating Committee (Chairperson) (present)

Jun. 2021 Member of the Compensation Committee (Chairperson) (present) Jun. 2022 Senior Advisor of Resona Holdings, Inc. (present)

Jun. 2022 Senior Advisor of Resona Bank, Limited (present)



Directo

Ryoko Nagata

Member of the Audit Committee

#### Reasons for Appointment

Ms. Ryoko Nagata held positions of Executive Officer and Audit & Supervisory Board Member of Japan Tobacco Inc. from 2008 to March 2023, and has abundant experience and deep insight regarding corporate management and audit. She has properly fulfilled her duties as Outside Director and a Member of the Audit Committee since June 2021 by auditing and overseeing the entire business management of the Company from an independent standpoint.

Apr. 1987 Joined Japan Tobacco Inc.

Jun. 2008 Executive Officer of Japan Tobacco Inc.

Mar. 2018 Standing Audit & Supervisory Board

Member of Japan Tobacco Inc.

(resigned in March 2023)

Jun. 2021 Outside Director of the Company (present)

Jun. 2021 Member of the Audit Committee

Mar. 2023 External Corporate Auditor of Medley, Inc. (present)

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# **Skills Matrix**

Name	Position	Committee * Chairperson indicated in red	Corporate management	Internationality	Industrial experience	New business strategies	HR	Accounting & finance	Legal & risk management	ESG & sustainability
Seiji Kuraishi	Chairman and Director	-	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Toshihiro Mibe	Director, President and Representative Executive Officer	Nominating	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Shinji Aoyama	Director, Executive Vice President and Representative Executive Officer	Compensation	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	
Noriya Kaihara	Director, Senior Managing Executive Officer	-		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>				<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Asako Suzuki	Director (inside)	Audit		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>	
Masafumi Suzuki	Director (inside)	Audit		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>			<b>✓</b>		
Kunihiko Sakai	Director (outside)	Nominating/ Audit		<b>✓</b>					<b>✓</b>	
Fumiya Kokubu	Director (outside)	Nominating/ Compensation	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>			
Yoichiro Ogawa	Director (outside)	Audit/ Compensation	<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>			<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		
Kazuhiro Higashi	Director (outside)	Nominating/ Compensation	<b>~</b>			<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	
Ryoko Nagata	Director (outside)	Audit				<b>✓</b>	✓			<b>✓</b>
Masafumi Suzuki  Kunihiko Sakai  Fumiya Kokubu  Yoichiro Ogawa  Kazuhiro Higashi	Director (inside)  Director (inside)  Director (outside)  Director (outside)  Director (outside)	Audit  Nominating/ Audit  Nominating/ Compensation  Audit/ Compensation  Nominating/ Compensation				\frac{1}{\sqrt{1}}	<td></td> <td></td> <td></td>			

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# Executive Officers (as of April 1, 2023)



Katsushi Inoue ■ Chief Officer, Electrification Business Development Operations



Managing Executive Officer Mitsugu Matsukawa ■ President and Director, Honda Development & Manufacturing of America, LLC



Managing Executive Officer Noriaki Abe ■ Chief Officer, Motorcycle and Power Products Operations ■ Chief Officer, Traffic Safety Promotion Operations ■ Compliance Officer



Managing Executive Officer Keiji Ohtsu ■ President and Representative Director, Honda R&D Co., Ltd.



Managing Executive Officer Masayuki Igarashi ■ Chief Officer, Regional Operations (China) ■ President, Honda Motor (China) Investment Co., Ltd. ■ President, Honda Motor (China) Technology Co., Ltd.



Managing Executive Officer Kensuke Oe ■ Head, Production Unit, Automobile Operations



Managing Executive Officer Taro Kobayashi Chief Officer, Automobile Operations
 Chief Officer, Regional Operations (Associated Regions)



Managing Executive Officer Manabu Ozawa ■ Chief Officer, Corporate Strategy Operations



Managing Executive Officer Hironao Ito ■ Head, BEV Development Center, Electrification Business Development Operations ■ Head, Automobile Development Center,

Automobile Operations

■ Director, Honda R&D Co., Ltd.



Executive Officer Eiji Fujimura ■ Chief Financial Officer ■ Chief Officer, Corporate Management Operations

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# **Honda Code of Conduct**

To earn the trust of customers and society and achieve sustainable growth, we must not only comply with laws and regulations but also practice sincere and ethical conduct.

Recognizing this, Honda has formulated the Honda Code of Conduct, which summarizes the integrity of conduct to be practiced by all Honda associates around the world, and shares it throughout the Group, including subsidiaries in Japan and overseas.

The Company works to instill the Honda Code of Conduct in each and every associate through awareness-raising activities such as distribution of leaflets and posters, publication of in-house newsletters, distributing educational videos, and introducing case studies and other information on the intranet, as well as conducting training sessions. The status of these activities is regularly reported to the Compliance Committee after confirmation by each division and subsidiary of the Company.



Honda Code of Conduct



In-house newsletters

# **Compliance Committee**

To improve compliance in the Honda Group, Honda has established a Compliance Committee, headed by a Compliance Officer designated by the Board of Directors. This Committee is composed of the Compliance Officer as well as Executive Officers and other Executives who are appointed by the Executive Council. The Committee determines important measures for the internal control system, including the formulation and revision of compliance policies, checks the status of the development and operation of the internal control system, supervises the proper operation of the Business Ethics Kaizen Proposal Line, and decides measures to prevent recurrences of serious compliance-related matters when they arise. When a particularly important compliance-related matter arises, it will be deliberated or reported at a meeting of the Executive Council or the Board of Directors, depending on the nature of the matter.

The Compliance Committee met five times (four regular meetings and one extraordinary meeting) in FY2023 to report on the status of development and operation of internal control systems as well as the operation status of the Business Ethics Kaizen Proposal Line, among other things. There were no major violations of laws or regulations in FY2023.

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# **Business Ethics Kaizen Proposal Line**

Honda established the Business Ethics Kaizen Proposal Line as a structure for improving corporate ethics issues. This hotline accepts proposals and provides consultation from a fair and neutral standpoint, for any violations of laws/regulations or internal rules in the workplace, and issues that are difficult for associates to remedy or resolve in the workplace for some reason, such as difficulties in consulting with their superiors.

Furthermore, in addition to cases of a clear violation of laws/regulations or internal rules, this hotline provides consultation and responds to inquiries about the details of internal rules when questionable cases have occurred and engages in fact checking related to such cases. Proposals are accepted by email, letter, telephone or fax from all subsidiaries and suppliers in Japan and overseas, as well as from the parent company. This hotline ensures protection of the Kaizen proposers and accepts also anonymous proposals.

Moreover, the Company established a point of contact within an external law office to facilitate associates to submit proposals. As for overseas, local points of contact have been established in all Regional Operations, while some subsidiaries set up their own points of contact.

In FY2023, 333 proposals and consultations were handled by the Business Ethics Kaizen Proposal Line (including points of contact outside the Company). Among these, 164 concerned the parent company, 160 concerned subsidiaries and 9 concerned other matters.

Following investigations of the proposals and consultations submitted, disciplinary action was taken in four cases in the parent company and six cases in subsidiaries. There was no case involving the Company that resulted in punitive dismissal. None of the cases involved violations of the Honda Policy on the Prevention of Bribery.

In order to raise internal awareness of the points of contact, Honda provides notice on its intranet, distributes information cards to all associates, including fixed-term employees and temporary workers, and displays information posters in each workplace. These tools clearly state that the Kaizen proposers are protected. In addition, Honda observes how well these points of contact are recognized through an annual associate vitality survey for all associates. For departments found in these surveys to have low recognition of the points of contact, the Company makes additional efforts to increase their awareness.

# Initiatives to Prevent Bribery and Corruption

Honda prohibits bribery and corruption.

The Honda Code of Conduct requires that the Company complies with laws and regulations, and states that "as an independent corporate entity, Honda maintains appropriate relationships with political entities (political organizations and politicians) and administrative entities (governmental agencies and government officials)" and "will interact with political and administrative entities in an appropriate manner in compliance with laws, regulations and company policies and will not offer politicians or government officials entertainment or gifts (both monetary and nonmonetary) that are prohibited by laws, regulations and company policies." Moreover, the Code stipulates that the associates "will not receive from or provide to business partners benefits in the form of goods (both monetary and non-monetary) or entertainment beyond what is generally considered appropriate by society."

In addition to the above, the Company also established the Honda Policy on the Prevention of Bribery and Corruption, which stipulates basic policy about bribery and corruption, and the Honda Guideline for the Prevention of Bribery and Corruption, which stipulates specific compliance items and prohibited items. These are posted on the intranet for Honda associates along with related educational content.

Honda strives to further reduce the risk of bribery and corruption by educating all associates on the bribery and corruption prevention through awareness-raising activities in accordance with the Honda Code of Conduct, and by providing training to personnel stationed overseas and newly appointed managers based on their positions and roles. Regarding its subsidiaries, Honda has launched training programs, matched to conditions in each company, aimed at raising awareness.

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# Initiatives for Prevention of Anti-Competitive Behavior

As a company engaged in business globally, Honda takes great care in its daily business activities to comply with competition laws in the countries where it operates.

The Honda Code of Conduct states that "Honda will engage in free and open competition with competitors to maintain its stance as a company trusted by customers and society" and that each associate "will comply with competition laws (antitrust laws)" to ensure compliance with competition laws.

As a part of its measures to strengthen compliance, Honda implements individual training for related departments on anti-competitive behavior. It also incorporates programs on the topic of anti-competitive behavior in training for personnel stationed overseas and for newly appointed managers. Additionally, Honda publishes awareness-raising content concerning anti-competitive behavior on the Company's intranet for its associates.

# **Rules on Conflict Minerals**

The rules for disclosure on conflict minerals adopted by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and mandated by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and the Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act) require corporations to confirm that the purchase and use of conflict minerals from the Democratic Republic of the Congo and adjoining countries are not contributing to the funding of armed groups or the abuse of human rights in the region.

Honda aims to be 'conflict-free' by not using conflict minerals associated with illicit activities such as funding armed groups and human rights violations in conflict zones.

Accordingly, Honda conducts surveys based on the standards prescribed in the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas. To achieve this goal and help resolve the global problem of conflict minerals, the Company is actively engaged with domestic and international industry organizations and its suppliers.

To conduct the surveys, Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association, Inc. has created a manual for suppliers to help them complete the survey forms, as well as tools to tabulate the survey results.

Also, in collaboration with entities such as the Japan Auto Parts Industries Association and the Japan Electronics and Information Technology Industries Association, Honda is examining efficient survey methods and is working to understand and analyze survey results while regularly implementing various working activities.

In North America, Honda is working with the Responsible Minerals Initiative (RMI), an international initiative promoting responsible mineral procurement, to encourage smelters and refiners to participate in the Responsible Minerals Assurance Process (RMAP).

Honda shares the Honda Supplier Sustainability Guidelines with its suppliers, which summarize what is expected of them regarding Sustainability activities, including how to deal with conflict minerals, and encourages procurement in line with the guidelines. Honda is encouraging its tier 1 suppliers to implement the same initiatives toward their sub-tier suppliers.

Since 2013, Honda has surveyed its suppliers worldwide concerning the use of conflict minerals. In FY2023, Honda received responses from over 7,000 suppliers. In addition to reporting the survey results to the SEC, the Company also makes them publicly available on its website. (Please use the link below.)

If the survey reveals any minerals of concern, regardless of the source country, Honda works together with its suppliers to take appropriate measures. The Company is also working to improve the accuracy of its survey and requests further investigation when survey responses are insufficient.

Honda Supplier Sustainability Guidelines

From the IR Library website "Form SD/Conflict Minerals Report" # https://global.honda/investors/library.html

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# Establishing an Effective Risk Management Structure

Honda formulated the Honda Global Risk Management Policy with Group subsidiaries included in its scope of application.

The Honda Global Risk Management Policy aims to drive the Company's sustainable growth and stabilize management based on the Honda Philosophy. The Policy targets all risks with the potential to impact operations on a global scale.

In implementing risk management activities, a company-wide Risk Management Officer, who is elected by the Board of Directors, plays a central role in creating a relevant framework and taking follow-up measures to ensure that the activities take root. Honda has established the Risk Management Committee to conduct deliberations on important matters related to risk management.

In addition, each organization in the Company has set up a risk management secretariat and established an independent risk management system in accordance with the basic policies of the regulations, thereby promoting risk management activities under its own responsibility.

As a key initiative, each organization undertakes risk assessment activities to identify, evaluate, and address risks using common methods.

Additionally, when a crisis occurs, the Company establishes a Global Emergency Headquarters proportionate to the anticipated magnitude of the crisis's impact to manage the crisis response.

# **Risk Management Committee**

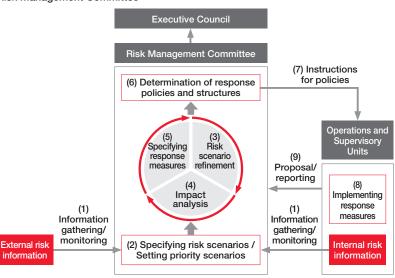
The business environment has undergone drastic changes in recent years in all business categories. Accordingly, the complexity and uncertainty of risks are rising, which requires effective risk management activities. Honda set up the Risk Management Committee chaired by a company-wide Risk Management Officer (RMO), to identify, discuss, and monitor important risks from a holistic perspective.

The Risk Management Committee not only identifies internal risks but also gathers and monitors information on external risk trends associated with changes in the external environment. The Committee uses internal and external information to ascertain specific risk scenarios and conduct impact analyses in relation to Honda's business strategies. Based on this objective risk analysis, management members engage in discussions to determine the response policies and structures for the company-wide risks that Honda should address that are consistent with its management strategies.

Of these, risks that are particularly important in terms of business strategy are designated as company-wide priority risks, and the status of response to these risks is regularly checked and discussed.

The discussions and monitoring activities of the Risk Management Committee are reported to the Executive Council in a timely and appropriate manner.

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# **Risk Management Committee**

In FY 2023, Honda also identified company-wide priority risks, which have been addressed mainly by the responsible departments. In the meantime, the status of progress have been confirmed and discussed by the Risk Management Committee.

#### Company-wide priority risks 0-----

Company-wide priority risk items	Risk perspectives
Geopolitical risk	Stoppages or delays of business activities due to the strengthening of economic security policies and human rights laws and regulations, or the conflicts between nations or regional conflicts
Purchasing and procurement risk	Stoppages or delays of production activities due to difficulties in receiving parts supplies from suppliers or increases in the prices of raw materials and parts, etc.
Information security risk	Suspension of important operations/services due to cyberattacks and other incidents, leakage of confidential or personal information
Business Alliances and Joint Ventures Risk	Disagreements among partners regarding business, leakage of profit or technology, delays in decision-making
Environmental risk	Costs incurred in response to climate change regulations and fuel consumption and emissions regulations in various countries
Intellectual property risk	Infringement of Honda's intellectual property rights or payment of expensive compensation or licensing fees
Natural disaster risk	Stoppages or delays of business activities due to natural disasters (earthquakes, floods, etc.) or spread of infectious diseases
Financial and economic risk	Business impact from economic trends, economic fluctuations, or Currency fluctuations
Risk related to brand image	Business impact associated with damage to brand image

# **Risk Assessment Activities**

Honda globally carries out risk assessment activities.

The purpose of these activities is to foresee the potential risks to Honda's business and respond pre-emptively to minimize these risks.

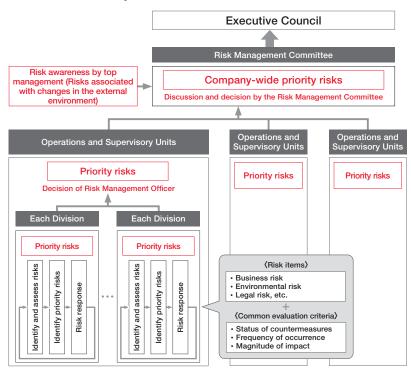
Each department performs an annual risk evaluation using the Group's common risk items and evaluation criteria to identify the divisional priority risks.

Each of the Operations and Supervisory Units carries out repeated discussions based on the results of the risk assessments of each department. They then identify and respond to priority risks of the Operations and Supervisory Units based on the judgment of Risk Management Officer of the Operations and Supervisory Units.

Additionally, the status of priority risks of the Operations and Supervisory Units based on the risk awareness of the Operations and Supervisory Units is reported to the Risk Management Committee. Internal and external risk trends are then considered in order to identify and respond to company-wide priority risks.

Through these efforts, Honda aims to firmly establish risk management activities within each Operations and Supervisory Unit, reduce the risk faced by the entire Group, and raise the risk awareness of every associate.

#### Risk Assessment Activity Structure



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# Crisis Response

Honda carries out risk-sensing activities to monitor and report on signs of a crisis. While collecting a wide range of crisis information that may have an impact on Honda, the Company is also establishing an information coordination system in case a crisis becomes apparent.

When a crisis occurs, the Company establishes a Global Emergency Headquarters proportionate to the anticipated magnitude of the crisis's impact to manage the crisis response. In this way, Honda creates a structure to prevent the crisis from spreading and to quickly bring the situation under control.

Through its initiatives and experience, Honda's Global Emergency Headquarters is working to strengthen its functions to better cope with future events.

Honda regularly holds Emergency Headquarters drills to verify its crisis response capabilities. Honda has held drills to simulate responses to an earthquake directly under the Tokyo metropolitan area and the Nankai Trough earthquake. The Company has also reaffirmed (confirming cooperation between groups) how to respond to a crisis occurring at multiple bases, as well as basic actions in its crisis response.

Also, concerning disaster drills, besides ensuring the safety of human life and procedures to account for its associates, Honda continuously holds training on procedures from a business continuity planning (BCP) viewpoint to share information and identify the impact of a crisis on business at an earlier stage.

As a recent example of its crisis response, to counter COVID-19, Honda launched a Global Emergency Headquarters. The Company promotes companywide, cross-sectional responses and strengthens functions by reflecting on these responses.

In terms of COVID-19 status, the resumption of socio-economic activities is accelerating and the normalization of production, development, purchasing, sales, and other business activities is also underway at Honda.

Going forward, Honda will continue to strengthen our business foundation in areas such as production, development, procurement, and sales. In the event of a resurgence of infections, we will prioritize the safety of stakeholders including our customers, business partners, and associates, and take measures to minimize the negative impact on our business and performance from a business continuity perspective.

Additionally, Honda is actively promoting company-wide, cross-sectional measures in collaboration with our suppliers to minimize the impact of the semiconductor supply issue.

#### Global Emergency Headquarters Structure





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# **Information Management**

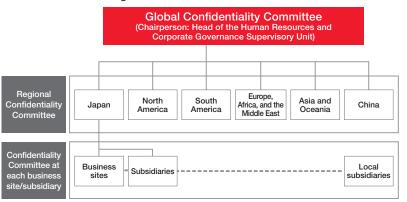
To protect information assets, including confidential information and personal information, Honda has formulated the Global Confidentiality Policy and the Global IT Security Policy, the scope of which extends to Group subsidiaries. These policies stipulate the adoption of a systematic response structure, the use of compliance items when handling confidential information and personal information, and the implementation of security standards for information systems and networks. They also specify the line of reporting in the event of an information leak.

As part of its efforts to effectively implement these policies, Honda has set up the Global Confidentiality Committee chaired by the Head of the Human Resources and Corporate Governance Supervisory Unit to ensure timely responses to changes in information flows and other issues.

The Global Confidentiality Committee determines globally common mediumterm policies and an annual activity plan. Based on this plan, each Regional Confidentiality Committee takes the lead in promoting activities to safely handle information obtained through Honda's business activities, including personal information and confidential information.

Besides continuously strengthening its activities to ensure information security against cyberattacks, which are becoming increasingly sophisticated and complex, the Company performs daily monitoring while establishing systems capable of immediately responding to events that must be addressed.

#### **Global Information Management Structure**



#### **Protection of Personal Information**

Honda recognizes the importance of protecting personal information and regards prioritizing the protection of customer information as its social responsibility. To ensure the proper handling of customer information, Honda has formulated the Global Privacy Policy, which covers Group subsidiaries. The policy prescribes matters that must be universally complied with by subsidiaries worldwide, as well as an implementation structure, and is operated accordingly.

The Company has appointed information supervisors and information managers in departments handling personal information and provides training on the protection of personal information. Moreover, Honda reports the methods for managing the personal information it holds and the information management status of outsourced contractors to the Confidentiality Committee of each business site and company. To ensure the details of these reports are updated, the Company conducts a review of information security in all departments at least once a year. Additionally, Honda sets stricter security standards for information systems containing customer information while regularly confirming the implementation of security measures.

Honda has built a structure for collaboration between the Global Confidentiality Committee and each Regional Confidentiality Committee to respond to national personal information protection regulations, which are being established at an accelerating pace. The Company is steadily formulating comprehensive responses to regulations while closely monitoring trends.

Additionally, Honda utilizes data to help solve social issues and provide its customers with even better products and services. Honda has formulated the Risk Management Guidelines for Data Utilization to handle data properly, reduce related risks, and promote effective data utilization. It has also established the Board for Judging Data Utilization Risks with the Head of the Intellectual Property and Legal Supervisory Unit serving as the decision-making authority. Honda deliberates on the risk response status concerning data collection, data storage management, and data utilization and decides whether to implement relevant measures.

Honda is putting into place structures that will respond quickly to an information leak or request for the disclosure of personal information in accordance with the laws and regulations of the relevant country. In FY2023, there were no major losses or leaks of personal information or serious complaints about customer privacy.

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## **Product Cybersecurity**

Honda participates in the Automotive Information Sharing & Analysis Center (Auto-ISAC), which has begun operations in Japan and the United States, to share and analyze information related to automotive cybersecurity. The Auto-ISAC collects information on incidences detected within the industry.

Moreover, Honda obtains information independently, including information on relevant laws and specifications, as well as industry standards. By using this information in its response to security issues, Honda is proactively taking steps to promote the safety and security of its products.

Additionally, Honda reorganized the Cybersecurity Committee to further accelerate decision-making and execution across all related departments, including strengthening cooperation between management. Through the Committee's activities, the Company will continue to ensure the safety and security of the products it provides to customers.