# **Corporate Governance/Corporate Information**



### **Corporate Governance Concepts**

The PLUS Group conducts business that emphasizes sound management, transparency and compliance. We recognize the importance of establishing a management system that can flexibly respond to changes in the business environment, and we endeavor to strengthen corporate governance. In addition, we are working on proper management of various compliance and risk issues in our business environment, and appropriate responses to them in the event of a crisis.

#### Corporate Governance System

The Board of Directors of PLUS CORPORATION, composed of 11 directors, deliberates on important management matters and reports on business overviews. In addition, we have established the Corporate Council as a body to discuss matters delegated by the Board of Directors and other important business matters, in order to expedite decision-making and engage in active discussions on management issues as

#### Internal Control System

In addition to the Director's meeting and Auditors, PLUS CORPORATION has established an Audit Division to conduct a wide range of business management audits and

#### Compliance Committee/Risk Management Committee

At the PLUS CORPORATION, the Board of Directors, President & Chief Operating Officer, Compliance Committee, and Audit Division are authorized and responsible for carrying out decision-making, auditing of observance status, and making instructions for improvements with regards to various compliance-related matters.

Basic Risk Management Guidelines have also been established to enable appropriate management and action concerning the various risks encountered during our and presidents of subsidiaries on a periodic basis. Reports on important issues related to audits are received from accounting auditors and the Audit Department, and on-site audits are performed on a regular basis.

appropriate. Two corporate auditors attend meetings of the

Board of Directors and of Corporate Council, and exchange

opinions with President & Chief Operating Officer, directors,

internal audits in cooperation with the Auditors and the Audit Division, and to strengthen the system to ensure the effectiveness of internal control.

business activities. A Risk Management Committee and Crisis Management Office report directly to the Managing Directors and address the following risks: (1) risks of violations of laws, (2) product and service related risks, (3) credit related risks, (4) information related risks, (5) employment and human resource related risks, (6) risks of crime or other foul play in our companies, (7) risks of disaster and accidents, (8) environmental risks and (9) other relevant risks.



#### Corporate Governance System Chart

### PLUS Group Compliance Policy

In June 2006, PLUS Group established The PLUS Group Compliance Policy as a guide for thorough implementation of compliance practices. This policy establishes the basic matters

#### **Compliance Education and Training for** Everyone Working in the Group

In order to raise awareness of compliance in general, The PLUS Group endeavors to instill compliance throughout the company by measures such as regularly providing education and training on laws and regulations. In fiscal year 2023, we implemented measures for realizing a work environment that is free of improper behavior and harassment within the entire Group. For example, we conducted five compliance seminars for Group executives on topics such as achieving diversity.

#### Fair Competition and Trade

The PLUS Group complies with laws and regulations such as the Antimonopoly Act and the Subcontract Act, and thoroughly implements measures to ensure fair trade. In addition to formulating the Action Guidelines for Compliance with the Antimonopoly Act and the Manual for Compliance with the Antimonopoly Act, we have established the Antimonopoly Act and Subcontract Act Subcommittee within the Risk Management Committee to disseminate information about the action guidelines and compliance manual. In addition to

#### Establishment and Operation of a Whistle-blower System (Helpline)

The PLUS Group has formulated Compliance Helpline Regulations and put in place an internal reporting system whereby any PLUS Group employee can consult about and report conduct that is questionable in terms of compliance, and have set up two reporting points, both external (reporting to consulting lawyer of PLUS CORPORATION) and internal

Human Rights Policy

PLUS Group is putting in efforts to build a corporate culture that fully respects human rights and appreciates personality and individuality.

- 1. We do not discriminate based on race, religion, ethnicity, gender, disability, or any other status, and do not tolerate such behavior from other parties. Also, a fundamental approach to respect for human rights is for us to practice mutual respect and act while thinking from the perspectives of others. We always keep this in mind in our behavior.
- 2. We do not tolerate child labor or forced labor. If we find our clients or other business contact is using such labor, we call for corrective action, and will not do or terminate business unless the correction is verified.
- 3. We respect and defend human rights based on our

that allow everyone in the Group to act while complying with laws and regulations and with a high sense of ethics.

#### Prevention of Sexual and **Power Harassment**

To preventing sexual or power harassment at workplaces and realize a working environment where every person is respected as an individual and able to work in equal relationships with others in a comfortable way, The PLUS Group established rules to prevent sexual and power harassment. In order to prevent any harassment from reoccurring, we inform every employee of the rules and offering sexual and power harassment prevention courses as part of the internal training given by external trainers. This training mainly targets managerial staff, helping them learn from previous cases of harassment which occurred in the group.

the various guidelines, we have posted resources such as a collection of questions submitted in-house and a link to the Fair Trade Commission FAQ on the company intranet so that all employees can check them immediately when necessary. In addition, e-learning compliance seminars are always available throughout the Group for employees to learn about topics such as the Product Liability Act and the Act against Unjustifiable Premiums and Misleading Representations, and we regularly hold study meetings on various laws and regulations.

(reporting to Compliance Committee Office). If a report is submitted, we pay due consideration to preventing any disadvantage being incurred by the whistle-blower. We strive to prevent any harassment, misconduct, or the like, and if it does occur, to detect it at an early stage and correct it.

corporate value. We acknowledge that human rights violation lower the morale and motivation in the workplace, and will not overlook any violation of human rights, striving to create healthy and strong working environment.

4. We conduct ourselves keeping in mind the followings in order to improve our workplaces.

#### (1) Teamwork in the execution of our duties

We bring the expertise of individuals together in the team to deliver products and services that are beneficial to society.

#### (2) Openness in the workplace

We build a culture of openness in the workplaces where employees are able to discuss uninhibitedly with supervisors or senior employees.



## Key Regulations and Policies, and Our Certification Status

The PLUS Group has established and properly applies regulations and policies for each area of E (Environmental) S (Social) G (Governance). We also disclose information appropriately and swiftly, and engage in business activities based upon society's needs. Please visit the PLUS CORPORATION sustainability webpage for the latest information on our regulations, policies, and certification status. https://www.plus.co.jp/en/sustainability/

Environment	IS014001 Certification
	Environmental Management System (EMS) created by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in 1996
•Environmental	<ul> <li>PLUS CORPORATION (Date of first registration February 29, 2000)</li> <li>PLUS VIETNAM INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD (Date of first registration October 3, 2013)</li> </ul>
Policy of PLUS	•PENTEL CO., LTD. (1) Ibaraki Plant, (2) Yoshikawa Plant, (3) Soka Plant (The respective first registration dates are
Group	(1) February 19, 1999, (2) July 10, 1998, (3) July 13, 2000)
	<ul> <li>PENTEL STATIONERY (TAIWAN) CO., LTD. (Date of first registration May 3, 2002)</li> <li>PENTEL (THAILAND) CO.,LTD. (Date of first registration 2015)</li> </ul>
	•PLUS Logistics Corporation (Date of first registration February 13, 2024)
	ISO50001 Certification
	Energy Management System designed to manage and continuously improve the energy used by companies, etc. • PLUS VIETNAM INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD (Date of first registration October 21,2020)
	FSC® Forest Certification
	An international certification system for responsibly managed forests and forest products that have been properly procured so
	that limited forest resources can be used on into the future • PLUS CORPORATION (Date of first registration February 11, 2004)
	Certificate Code:SGSHK-COC-001642 Licence Code:FSC-C009302
	Green Management Certification
	A certification system for transport operators (trucks, buses, taxis, passenger ships, coastal shipping, port transportation, and warehouses) who conduct initiatives aimed at environmental conservation
	•PLUS Cargo Service Co., Ltd. (Date of first registration August 10, 2005)
Society	ISO9001 Certification Quality Management System (QMS) created by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in 1987
Regulations	•PLUS Cargo Service Co.,Ltd. (Date of first registration December 1, 1997) *Japanese version only
<ul> <li>PLUS Group</li> <li>Procurement Policy</li> </ul>	•PLUS Corporation Furniture Company (Date of first registration February 23, 1998)
•PLUS Group Quality	<ul> <li>PLUS LOGISTICS CO., LTD. (Date of first registration March 9, 2004)</li> <li>Shantou Plus Instruments Co., Ltd. (Date of first registration June 12, 2008)</li> </ul>
Charter/Quality	•PLUS Stationery Shanghai Co., Ltd (Date of first registration June 14, 2011)
Policy •PLUS CORPORATION	•PLUS VIETNAM INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD (Date of first registration April 23, 2018)
Health Management	•PENTEL CO., LTD. (1) Development and manufacture of stationery, (2) Development and manufacture of applicators and containers for cosmetics, (3) Design and manufacture of mechanical pencils and lead for
Declaration/Health Management Policy	mechanical pencils, (4) Design, development, and management of consigned manufacture of electronic input
	devices and their peripheral devices, (5) Design, manufacture, and installation of automatic machines, robots, jigs
	and tools, and volume reduction containers, (6) Design and management of consigned manufacture of containers (for medical products, cosmetics, etc.), (7) Taiwan, (8) India, (9) Mexico, (10) Thailand (The respective first
	registration dates are (1)(2) June 1, 1995, (3) August 29, 1995, (4)(5)(6) November 24, 1998, (7) April 3, 1999, (8)
	April 7, 2015, (9) 2009, (10) 2015)
	• PENTEL CHEMICAL CO., LTD. (Date of first registration July 24, 2000)  ISO13485 Certification
	An international standard for quality management systems specialized for the medical device industry
	•PENTEL CHEMICAL CO., LTD. (Date of first registration August 17, 2018)
	•PLUS VIETNAM INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD (Date of first registration September 27, 2021) SA8000 Certification
	An international standard for the exercise of the rights of all workers, and for the protection of workers
	•PLUS VIRTNAM INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD (Date of first registration February 8, 2018)
Governance	Privacy mark (JIS Q 15001)
	Businesses that meet certain requirements for the protection of personal information are permitted to use the Privacy Mark
•PLUS Group	<ul> <li>PLUS Logistics corporation (Date of first registration September 20, 2005)</li> <li>PLUS CORPORATION (Date of first registration October 24, 2006)</li> </ul>
Intellectual Property	•PLUS CORPORATION (Date of first registration October 24, 2006) •PLUS Cargo Service Co., Ltd. (Date of first registration June 11, 2009)
Policy •Personal	•NSK Corporation (Date of first registration August 19, 2013)
Information	•OFFICECOM Co.,Ltd. (Date of first registration April 13, 2018)
Protection Policy •Information Security	ISO27001 Certification An international standard that regulates systems to manage information security measures
•Information Security Policy	•PLUS CORPORATION (Date of first registration April 9, 2005)
PLUS Group	Biznet Corporation (Date of first registration June 1, 2007)
Compliance Policy	•PLUS Cargo Service Co.,Ltd. (Date of first registration May 25, 2022) *Japanese version only

## **Corporate Profile**

Company Name	PLUS CORPORATION
Headquarters	12F, Toranomon Towers Office, 4-1-28, Toranomon, Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-0001, Japan +81-3-5860-7000
Founded	February 16, 1948
Capital and others	9,867 million yen (total amount of capital stock and capital surplus)
Representative	President & Chief Operating Officer: Tadahisa Imaizumi
Number of employees	Non-consolidated: 1,457; Consolidated: 8,108 (as of December 31, 2023)
Consolidated Subsidiaries	46 companies (as of December 31, 2023)

Major Businesses	Manufacture and sales of office furniture, and office interior goods Manufacture and sales of stationery, office supplies, OA and PC related products, and office equipment Design, construction, and interior design of office environments Manufacturing and sales of electro-optical equipment and educational equipment Sales of daily commodities, food products, software and books Online sales of the above-mentioned products Overseas business related to the above- mentioned products
Sales	97.5 billion yen (January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, non-consolidated) 231.8 billion yen (January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, consolidated)

### **The PLUS Network**

PLUS CORPORATION and our group companies operate in the stationery business field, furniture business field, distribution business field and logistics/service business field. Our companies have an impact on one another, sometimes as network companies and sometimes as good rivals. In order to create customer satisfaction with our original methods, we are developing a unique business based on the flexible approach of undergoing various transformations in response to social changes and customer needs.

