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Notice Concerning Change of Trade Name and Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation

Kitazato Corporation (the “Company”) hereby announces that it has resolved, at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on May 15, 2026, to submit a proposal regarding change of trade name and partial amendments to the Articles of Incorporation, as described below, at the 19th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders scheduled to be held on June 25, 2026.

1. Change of trade name

(1) Reason for change

The Company has long used the abbreviated name “Kitazato,” which has become widely recognized among stakeholders.

As part of further strengthening its global brand strategy, the Company has decided to unify its corporate name, logo, and brand name in order to enhance brand consistency and increase brand value. Accordingly, the Company has decided to change its trade name to “Kitazato.”

There will be no changes to the logo design or English company name.

(2) New trade name [Trade name in English]

Kabushiki Kaisha Kitazato [Kitazato Corporation in English]

(3) Scheduled date of change

July 1, 2026

(4) Corporate Logo

There will be no change to the corporate logo as shown below.

2. Partial amendments to the Articles of Incorporation

(1) Reason for the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation

In connection with the change described in “1. Change of trade name” above, Article 1 of the current Articles of Incorporation will be amended accordingly.

(2) Details of amendments to the Articles of Incorporation

Current Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendments
(Trade Name) Article 1 The name of the Company shall be <u>Kabushiki Kaisha Kitazato Corporation</u> , and its English name shall be Kitazato Corporation.	(Trade Name) Article 1 The name of the Company shall be <u>Kabushiki Kaisha Kitazato</u> , and its English name shall be Kitazato Corporation.
Supplementary Provisions (Newly established)	Supplementary Provisions <u>(Effective Date of Amendment to Article 1 of the Articles of Incorporation)</u> <u>The amendment to Article 1 (Trade Name) of the Articles of Incorporation shall become effective on July 1, 2026, and this Supplementary Provisions shall be deleted upon the lapse of the same date.</u>