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April 3, 2019

To Our Shareholders:

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## Notice of Establishment of New Corporate Venture Capital Company

Today we are pleased to announce that on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, PROTO CORPORATION (“the Company”) has established PROTO Ventures, a corporate venture capital company, to develop business investments in venture companies.

### 1. Purpose

As technology rapidly advances, creating new businesses has become essential for sustainable growth. Through PROTO Ventures, our group company will work together with venture companies to develop new business, enhance research and development, as well as to create synergy with existing businesses (Goo-net, MOTOR GATE, DataLine SalesGuide, etc.). PROTO Ventures will aim to further enhance corporate value through business development, support, and collaboration by making investments in automotive-related fields, AI / IT technology fields, and also Southeast Asia venture companies.

### 2. Company Overview

(1) Company name	PROTO Ventures
(2) Address	15-15, Hongo 2-chome, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-0033, Japan
(3) Representative	Toru Shiraki, Representative Director
(4) Business description	Investment
(5) Capital	30,000,000 yen
(6) Establishment	April 3, 2019
(7) Major shareholders and shareholding ratio	PROTO CORPORATION 100.0%
(8) End of fiscal year	March 31
(9) Relationships with the Company	Capital relationship : wholly owned by PROTO CORPORATION Human relationship : the representative director concurrently serves as one of the Company directors Business relationship : not applicable

### 3. Future Outlook

We believe that the establishment of this new company will only have a minor influence on the consolidated results of the Company for the current fiscal year. Any matters arise in the future that required to be disclosed will be disclosed separately.