

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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Chairman and President & CEO, Representative Director, Member of the Board Nomura Research Institute, Ltd.

## Wishing Everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

As we enter 2021, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year from NRI Group.

2020 was an unprecedented year on the arrival of Covid-19. But with that arrival also came unprecedented changes like new work styles such as "work from home" and new online business models, both of which, it is not an exaggeration to say, set the clock forward in Japan by 10 years at least. As the expression "turn disaster into fortune" goes, I believe it is necessary to take advantage of what we have gained and put it to use in creating a better society going forward.

The NRI Group continues to pursue its strategy of digital transformation. It is not easy to forecast technological advances, the state of society, industry or changes to companies going forward, but what is certain is that business and IT will fully integrate going forward, and we at NRI will further expand on our core strength of the combination of our consulting and solutions services to meet the needs of our clients and society.

Furthermore, as stated in our Medium-Term Management Plan NRI continues to pursue sustainable business through co-creating the 3 social values – an ideal society, a thriving future society, and a safe and secure society. We continue to further explore new possibilities as we renew our understanding of the fact that NRI Group's consulting and IT solutions all are connected to solving social issues.

This year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> year since NRI was listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange in December 2001. As we look back on the values of independence and autonomy that we have held since then, as we grow together with our clients that come to us for our strengths in business and IT, we continue to be a company devoted to solving social issues through its business, and remain in demand by society.

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