# Characteristics and Emphases of Japanese Corporate Governance Code

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- Dissemination of information and opinion about Japanese corporate governance reform
- Introduction of candidates for independent director and "Kansayaku"
  - Training and education for directorship and "Kansayaku"

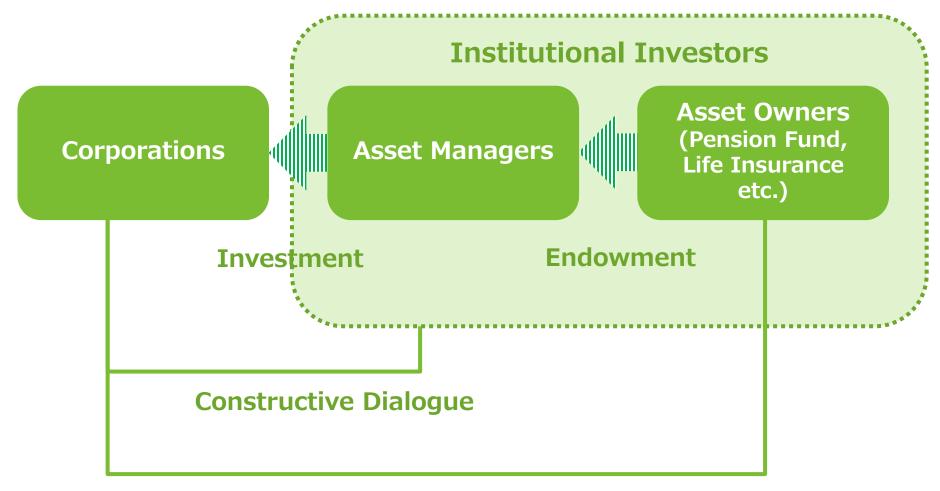
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## **Principles of the Corporate Governance Code**

- 1. The Right and Equal Treatment of Shareholders
- 2. Cooperation with Stakeholders other than Shareholders
- 3. Ensuring Appropriate Disclosure and Transparency of Information
- 4. Responsibilities of the Board
- 5. Constructive Dialogue with Shareholders

## **Stewardship Code and Investment Chain [1]**



#### **Constructive Dialogue**

## **Stewardship Code and Investment Chain [2]**

### Drastic Change of the Distribution of Shareholders

	'80s	2016	
Corporate	32%	22%	
Individuals	22%	17%	
Banks	16%	4%	
Life Insurance	14%	6%	
Trust Banks	9%	20%	
Foreign	7%	31%	
Total	100%	100%	

## Effective Use of Independent Directors (as of June 2017)

TSE	# of Cos	More than two Independent Director		
ISE		# of Cos	%	as of 2014
1 <sup>st</sup> Section	2021	1778	88.0%	<b>←</b> 21.5%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Section	523	331	63.3%	
Mothers	241	87	36.1%	
JASDAQ	752	202	26.9%	
Total	3537	2398	67.8%	<b>←</b> 13.2%

## Remarkable Development after the Introduction of CG Code [2]

- 1. Enhanced ROE (above 8 % ) and ROA ( 3%)
- 2. Increased Total Payout Ratio to 40%
  - Dividend : 30%
  - Share Buybacks : 10%
- Institutional investors' punctual voting at the general shareholders meeting