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## Board Meeting Minutes Italian Chamber of Commerce in Japan

July, 10th 2020

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The Board of Directors (BoD) of the **Italian Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ICCJ)** met on **July 10th, 2020** at 9:00 am at its premises at FBR Mita Bldg., Mita 1-4-27, Minato-ku, Tokyo to discuss the following agenda:

- 1. Ratification Minutes of June Board Meeting**
- 2. Financial situation as of June 30th**
- 3. Update EBC**
- 4. Any other matter**

Attending: President Oliviero Morelli, Vice-President Massimo Allegri, Treasurer Rosario Pedicini and Board Members (BM) Gael Austin, Paolo Soldano, Flavio Gori, Francesco Tiberio and Marco Zoli.

The minutes are drawn up by General Manager (GM) Davide Fantoni.

The President, after verifying that the legal number of attendees has been reached as stated by the By Laws and therefore confirming the validity of the present meeting, brings to the attention of the BoD for discussion the following items:

- 1. Ratification Minutes of June Board Meeting**

The BoD ratifies the Minutes of June Board Meeting previously approved online.

- 2. Financial situation as of June 30th**

The Treasurer presents to the BoD the financial situation as of June 30th with a Total income of 47,678,230 JPY and Total Expenses of 41.386.758JPY giving a result of 6.291.472JPY.

- 3. Update EBC**

Board Member Marco Zoli shares the update from the latest EBC meeting:

- On a general base, EU chambers do not see a big drop in membership due to the Covid impact nonetheless some of them are considering offer discounts on membership fees.
- The EU delegation announces that from September an EXPORT HELPDESK will be available for EU companies. From August the EU-Vietnam EPA will come into force.



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- Name of the proxy for each chamber: in order to give a better visibility, weight to proxies, EBC proposed to change the name to SHERPA, or DEPUTY, to be voted by email.
  - Financial: main points are the re-negotiation of rent. The White Paper production is guaranteed due to cost saving from translation and fee payments from chambers.
  - Committees activity: Telecom Carriers committee will be closed as it has been inactive for a long time.
  - White Paper: being shipped these days, everyone agrees we should find a way to get feedback from the readers in order to improve it. Launch event, web based, planned for the end of July.
  - Advocacy-related: mostly focused on the entry ban where little improvements have been seen so far. A survey prepared by the German chamber was spread also to other chambers and the data are being analyzed now. With the result the plan is to meet Japanese stakeholders such as Keidanren and possibly have some article in Japanese press.
  - Any other business: the Swedish Chamber has confirmed their withdrawal from the EBC.

The BoD thanks Mr Zoli for the update and regarding the the proxy, agrees on keeping the naming PROXY and way of voting.

#### **4. Any other matter**

Being there no other matter in need of further discussion, the President declares the meeting closed at 10:30 am. The next Board Meeting is scheduled on August 7th. at 10:30.