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## Supplementary Explanation Regarding Proposal 2 of Agenda of 58th Ordinary General Shareholders' Meeting

ASKUL Corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Company") is proposing to make partial amendments to the Articles of Incorporation at the 58th Ordinary General Shareholders' Meeting scheduled on August 4, 2021 to enable the Company to hold general shareholders' meetings attended by directors and shareholders via internet and other such means without specifying a physical venue (hereinafter referred to as "Virtual-only Shareholders' Meeting").

To this end, the Company would like to provide some supplementary explanation below to ensure shareholders' sufficient understanding of its view on this proposal. For the Company, the proposal will add another method for holding general shareholders' meetings while taking into consideration various situations that may occur in the future. The shareholders are requested to kindly understand the intention explained below and support the Company's proposal.

### 1. Content of the Proposal

Pursuant to the Act of Partial Revision of the Industrial Competitiveness Enhancement Act, etc. that came into force on June 16, 2021, the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation take effect, provided the Company receives confirmation from both the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry and the Minister of Justice that the Virtual-only Shareholders' Meeting held by the Company contributes to strengthen industrial competitiveness, with consideration for securing interests of shareholders.

The Company has decided to amend its Articles of Incorporation so as to abolish the current limitations on venue for general shareholders' meetings and enable holding general shareholders' meetings without specifying a location, thereby putting into place a system for enabling shareholders living in remote areas or having difficulties in going out to attend general shareholders' meetings by utilizing the internet. Thus, the Company intends to make shareholders' meetings more active, efficient, and smooth while making the meetings safe and secure even in the event of an infection outbreak or a natural disaster.

The Company believes that receiving opinions directly from shareholders at a general

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shareholders' meeting venue is a very precious opportunity, and it is not its intention to turn all future general shareholders' meetings into Virtual-only Shareholders' Meeting in ordinary times.

As for how to hold general shareholders' meetings after receiving approval for the proposal, the Company will have careful discussions each and every time by taking into account the social requirements, the situation of the Company and shareholders of the moment, and shareholders' opinions regarding the Company while giving priority to securing shareholders' rights and safety.

## 2. Operation of Virtual-only Shareholders' Meeting

If receiving approval for the proposal and holding a Virtual-only Shareholders' Meeting, the Company recognizes that it is of utmost importance to develop an operational structure. The Company will comply with the guidelines published by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry such as regarding development of infrastructure for IT systems and the structure of the shareholder registry administrator, fair treatment in exercising voting rights, measures against communication failure, development of a support system for shareholders who are unfamiliar with the internet, and exclusion of arbitrary operation in handling shareholders' questions, proposals, and motions. Further, the Company will discuss and prepare fair treatment of shareholders in relation to these from various perspectives, clarify standards to develop an operation method that does not infringe shareholders' rights, and decide it through careful deliberation at its Board of Directors Meeting.

As to the general shareholders' meeting this year, the Company plans to make public, on its corporate website at a later date, its responses to all questions and opinions regarding the meeting agenda from shareholders irrespective of their attendance at the meeting venue or via the internet.