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### **Notice of Appeal Judgment (Favorable Ruling)**

Regarding the lawsuit seeking an injunction against trademark infringement, etc., submitted by the Company against three former area franchisees, Meiko Gijuku Kyushu CO., LTD., Meiko Network Kyushu CO., LTD. and ANEM Corporation as the defendants, the Tokyo District Court (court of first instance) rendered a judgment on March 14, 2025, upholding most of the Company's claims (the "Original Judgment").

Subsequently, the defendants appealed to the Intellectual Property High Court against the Original Judgment. On May 14, 2026, the Intellectual Property High Court rendered a judgment dismissing all the appeals (a judgment in favor of the Company) (the "Judgment") by Meiko Gijuku Kyushu CO., LTD., Meiko Network Kyushu CO., LTD. and ANEM Corporation (the "Appellants"). Therefore, we hereby announce the details as follows.

#### **1. Background**

The Company determined that the relationship of trust had been completely destroyed due to serious default on debt and breach of trust by the Appellants, such as non-payment and understatement of royalties, fraudulent reporting of the number of students, and violation of non-competition. Accordingly, the Company canceled the area franchise agreement with them on December 17, 2020.

In response to this, the Appellants filed petitions for a provisional disposition order to the Tokyo District Court seeking confirmation of their status as franchisees of the Company, etc., asserting the invalidity of the cancellation of the agreement. However, the Tokyo District Court dismissed the petitions on March 25, 2021 (disclosed on March 26, 2021). Furthermore, the Appellants made an immediate appeal against this decision to the Tokyo High Court, which was also dismissed on November 5, 2021 (disclosed on November 10, 2021).

In parallel with the procedures concerning the above provisional disposition, since the Appellants continued their business by unauthorizedly using the "Meiko Gijuku" trademarks even after the cancellation of the agreement, the Company submitted a lawsuit on the merits to the Tokyo District Court on July 19, 2021, to seek an injunction of the use of trademarks, etc.

On March 14, 2025, the Tokyo District Court rendered a judgment upholding most of the Company's claims (disclosed on March 17, 2025). However, the Appellants, dissatisfied with this judgment, appealed to the Intellectual Property High Court (disclosed on August 7, 2025).

## **2. Summary of the Appeal Judgment**

(1) Court: Intellectual Property High Court

(2) Date of Judgment: May 14, 2026

(3) Contents of the Judgment (Main text):

- All appeals in this case are dismissed.
- The costs of the appeal shall be borne by the Appellants.

## **3. Future Developments**

This Judgment recognized the validity of the cancellation of the area franchise agreement that the Company has claimed thus far (Including the provisional disposition cases, the Tokyo District Court, the Tokyo High Court, and the Intellectual Property High Court have recognized the validity of the cancellation of the area franchise agreement in all four judgments in total). Taking this Judgment as a new opportunity, the Company will further strengthen the business development of Meiko Gijuku in the Kyushu and Okinawa area with our “Purpose” and a strong sense of mission to support the realization of the dreams of highly creative and independent children and to create a memory of “You Can if You Think You Can” as a pioneer of the No. 1 individual tutoring schools nationwide.

## **4. Impact on Business Results**

With the finalization of this judgment, the recovery of payment of damages, etc. recognized in the first instance is expected. However, the specific impact on the Company's consolidated business results is currently under close examination. The Company will make a prompt announcement as soon as it is finalized.