

Reference Materials

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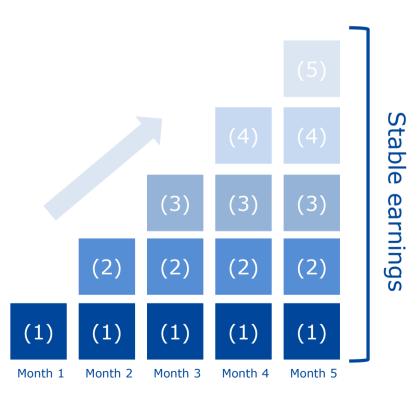
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Business Description

Conduct recurring revenue business with stable earnings regardless of industry

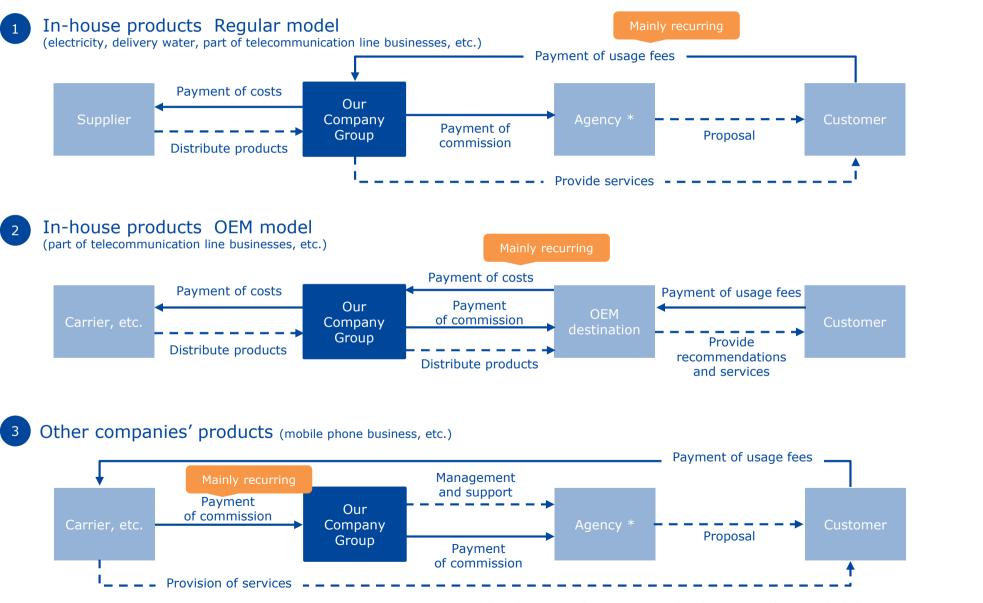
The company and the company group make their core business stock business where continuous revenue is expected from usage fees, etc., after the sale of goods and services, and aim to contribute to stakeholders including customers, business partners, shareholders, employees and society, etc., through diffusing various goods and services widely to individual and corporate customers.

Products and	Products and Services						
Electricity Delivery Comm water ation							
Main source of revenue	Monthly service usage charge						
Minimum contract period for major products	2–3 years (automatic renewal thereafter)						
Main customers	SMEs and individuals						



(1): Revenue from customers starting service usage in Month 1(2): Revenue from customers starting service usage in Month 2

Flow of Money and Services



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*Our Company Group may make the proposal instead of the Agency

Flow of money

Flow of services

Strengths

(1)Recurring-type business model	A business model based on recurring profit, which is long-term stable revenue. Recurring sales in which 78% of the revenue comes from constant income.
(2)Strong sales structure	One of the best sales networks and customer bases in Japan
(3)High liquidity on hand	Net cash assets* 440.2 billion yen (as of March 2023) *Cash and deposits + Bonds + Listed investment securities (not including listed subsidiaries) – Interest-bearing liabilities
(4)Corporate culture	Allocate funds within the range of objective numerical criteria. Fast decision-making. Simplicity and frugality.
(5)Uniqueness	A system that does not depend on a specific target (business, product, customer, business partner, sales channel, etc.)

Solid Sales Structure

As of March 31, 2023

Sales network

Customer base

Sell mainly to SMEs and individual consumers



Sales channels Primarily push marketing



Main Business and Segments

		In-house Products	Segments	Third-party products
Main Business	Description	Corporate Service	Individual Customer Service	Commission -based Sales
Internet connection line	Sales of MVNO business, Sales of optical fiber line, etc.	~	 Image: A set of the set of the	 Image: A set of the set of the
Electricity	Provision of Electricity as electricity retailers	~	 Image: A set of the set of the	-
Industry-specific IT Solutions	Online reservation service	~	-	-
Insurance	General insurance, Small amount & short term insurance	-	 Image: A set of the set of the	-
Water delivery	Provision and sale of water coolers	-	1	-
Mobile phones	Sales of mobile phones	-	-	√
OA equipment	Sales of photocopy machines, etc.	-	-	 Image: A second s

Shareholder Return Policy (Principle)

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(1) Dividend

Consider progressive dividends*

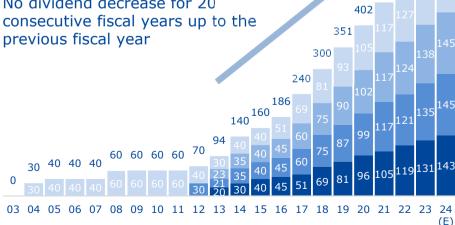
*Not reducing but maintaining or increasing the amount of dividends

(2) Repurchase of treasury stock

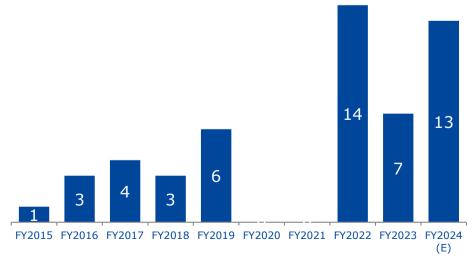
Flexible repurchase according to stock prices

Dividends per share (JPY)

- Quarterly dividend
- Dividend increase for 12 consecutive fiscal years up to the previous fiscal year
- No dividend decrease for 20 consecutive fiscal years up to the previous fiscal year



- Aggregate amount of treasury stock repurchased (Billions JPY)
- 10-year cumulative total 52.7 billion yen



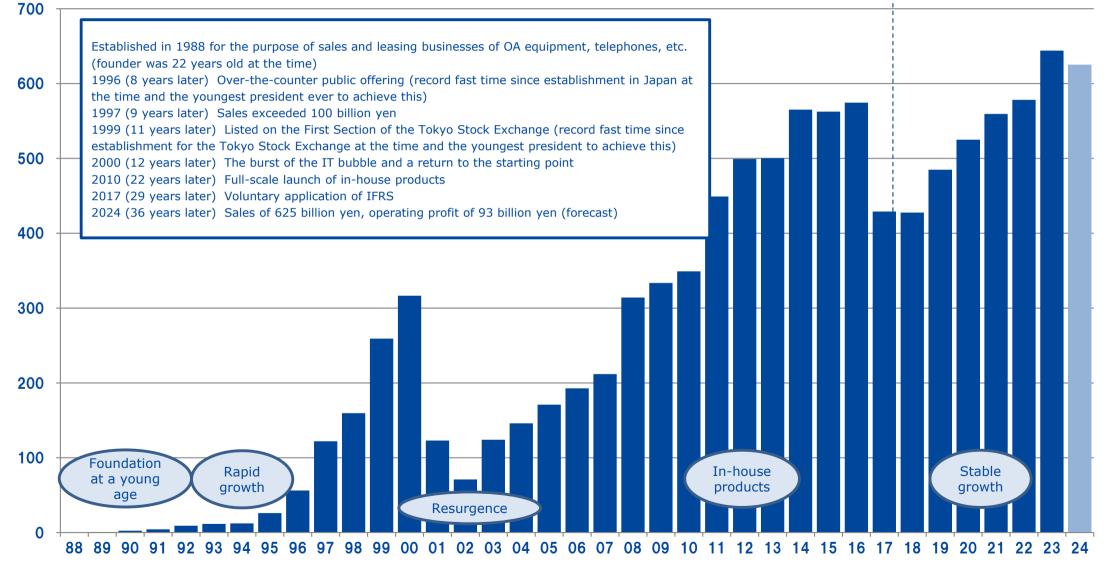
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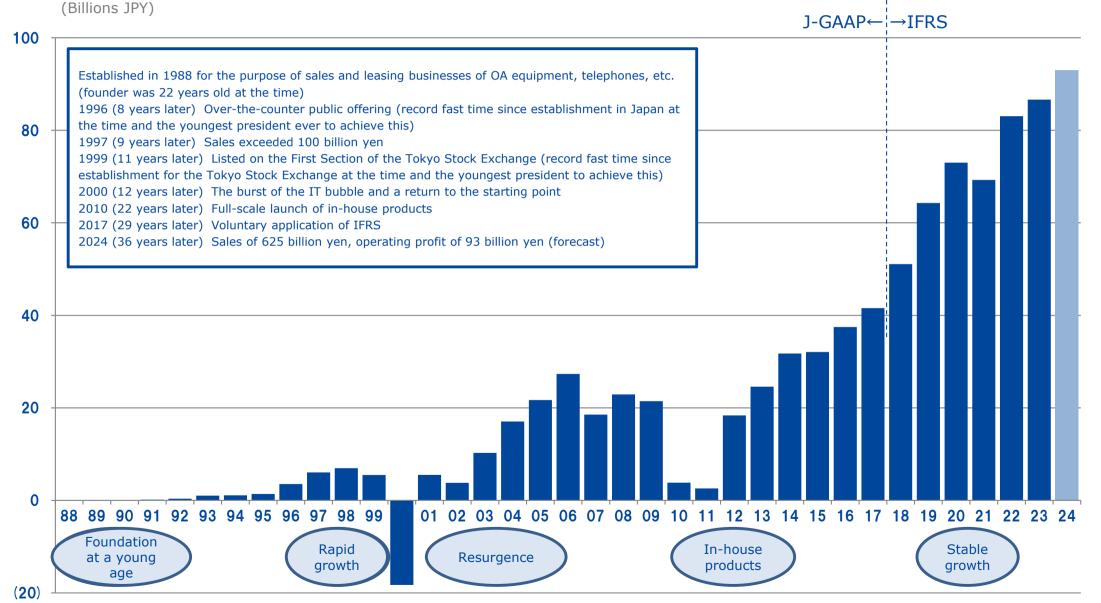
Sales Since Establishment

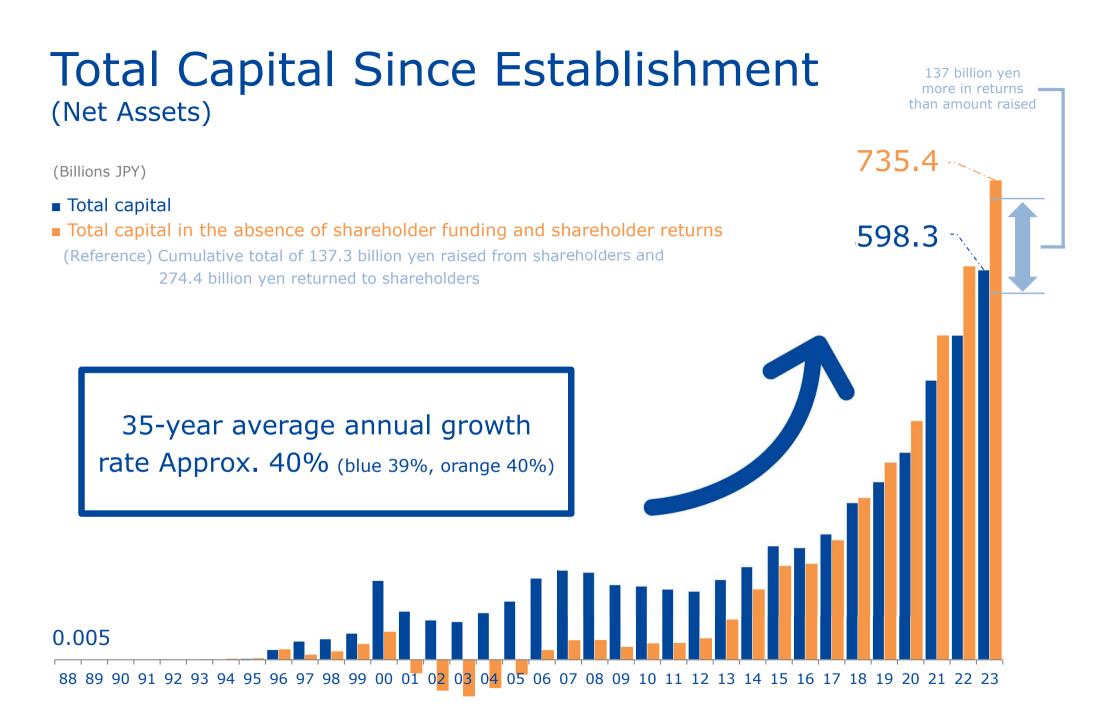
(Billions JPY)

J-GAAP← → IFRS



Operating Profit Since Establishment





Annual Growth Rate for 10 Fiscal Years (1)

(E	(Billion JPY) Revenue		Re	Recurring profit			Operating profit				
		Total	In-house products	Third- party products	Total	In-house products	Third- party products	Total	In-house products	Third- party products	
	14/3	565.1	78.0	489.5	53.1	53.1 19.1		31.7	8.7	27.9	29.3
	15/3	562.5	86.4	479.3	60.4	25.0	35.3	32.0	5.4	32.3	20.7
	16/3	447.6	120.0	330.1	68.6	32.3	36.2	37.6	8.6	34.3	22.5
	17/3	428.9	146.8	284.0	74.1	40.3	33.8	41.5	11.1	35.1	39.0
	18/3	427.5	216.4	212.8	81.1	50.9	30.2	49.4	22.5	30.3	42.9
	19/3	484.3	282.1	204.5	92.0	64.3	27.7	64.2	38.3	27.9	49.5
	20/3	524.5	337.6	189.4	113.3	87.9	25.4	73.0	45.8	28.4	51.6
	21/3	559.4	398.8	161.8	108.3	83.3	25.0	69.2	47.3	24.2	54.6
	22/3	573.0	427.4	147.5	127.0	102.3	24.6	83.5	64.9	21.2	87.5
	23/3	643.9	524.0	122.0	127.0	107.2	19.8	86.6	55.0	34.4	91.3
	FYE 3/24 (forecast)	625.0	518.7	114.2	150.0	134.9	15.0	93.0	78.6	16.7	76.0
	Average growth rate for 10 fiscal years	1%	20%	(13%)	10%	21%	(7%)	11%	24%	(5%)	10%

* The total does not match the breakdown because intercompany eliminations and others are omitted from the presentation.

Annual Growth Rate for 10 Fiscal Years (2)

(Billion JPY)		BS		Per share		Sharehold	er Return	Ca	Capital efficiency		
		Equity	EPS (Yen)	BPS (Yen)	Dividends (Yen)	Acquisition of the Company's own shares	Dividend payment amount	ROA	Hypothetical consolidated ROA	ROE	Hypothetical consolidated ROE
	14/3	130.0	¥623	¥2,843	¥140	22.0	6.5	10.8%	-	23.9%	
	15/3	161.2	¥450	¥3,488	¥160	1.3	7.3	8.8%	-	14.3%	
	16/3	166.7	¥485	¥3,413	¥186	3.1	8.6	9.4%	-	13.8%	
	17/3	180.4	¥840	¥3,896	¥240	4.3	11.1	9.0%	-	22.5%	
	18/3	225.3	¥927	¥4,878	¥300	3.0	13.8	8.3%	-	20.6%	
	19/3	257.2	¥1,075	¥5,607	¥351	6.0	16.1	8.6%	-	20.5%	
	20/3	285.7	¥1,126	¥6,228	¥402	0.0	18.4	8.2%	9.8%	19.0%	23.2%
	21/3	393.4	¥1,190	¥8,575	¥456	0.0	20.9	6.2%	10.2%	16.1%	18.8%
	22/3	468.6	¥1,927	¥10,380	¥491	14.7	22.2	6.1%	11.4%	20.3%	28.2%
	23/3	571.0	¥2,037	¥12,773	¥545	7.1	24.4	5.5%	10.6%	17.6%	21.6%
	FYE 3/24 (forecast)	618.2	¥1,713	¥14,325	¥578	13.0	25.6	5.4%	-	12.3%	-
	Average growth rate for 10 fiscal years	16%	10%	17%	15%	-	14%	-	-	-	

* The cumulative total from FYE 3/14 to FYE 3/24 (planned) will be 74.7 billion yen in acquisition of the Company's own shares, 175.4 billion yen in payment of dividends and 250.1 billion yen in shareholder return.

Annual Growth Rate for 10 Fiscal Years (3)

			Employees	
		Number of employees (people)	Sales per capita (millions of yen)	Operating profit per capita (millions of yen)
	14/3	11,198	58	3
	15/3	12,367	47	2
	16/3	12,803	36	2
	17/3 18/3	10,463 8,667	38 44	3
	19/3	7,572	59	7
	20/3	8,033	67	9
	21/3	7,224	73	9
	22/3	6,802	81	11
	23/3	5,697	108	14
	YE 3/24 (forecast)	5,654	116	17
gr	Average owth rate r 10 fiscal	(6%)	6%	17%
	years			

Annual Average Growth Rate for 5, 10 and 20 Fiscal Years

		5 fiscal years	10 fiscal years	20 fiscal years
Sales	Total	5%	1%	7%
	In-house products	12%	20%	-
	Other companies' products	(11%)	(13%)	(1%)
Recurring profit	Total	9%	11%	13%
	In-house products	16%	21%	-
	Other companies' products	(11%)	(7%)	0%
Operating profit	Total	7%	11%	8%
	In-house products	15%	24%	-
	Other companies' products	(9%)	(10%)	0%
Net income	Net income	8%	10%	10%

		5 fiscal years	10 fiscal years	20 fiscal years
BS	Equity	19%	16%	11%
Per share	EPS	9%	10%	11%
	BPS	19%	16%	12%
	Dividends	9%	15%	15%
Shareholder Return	Dividend payment amount	9%	14%	14%
Employees	Number of employees	(5%)	(6%)	0%
	Sales per capita	14%	7%	7%
	Operating profit per capita	16%	18%	8%

 \ast The five fiscal years are based on numerical comparison between FYE 3/19 and FYE 3/24 (forecast).

 \ast The 10 fiscal years are based on numerical comparison between FYE 3/14 and FYE 3/24 (forecast).

* The 20 fiscal years are based on numerical comparison between FYE 3/04 and FYE 3/24 (forecast).

* Results for in-house and third-party products prior to FYE 3/18 are provisional figures as they were before the change in reporting segments.

[Reference] Total Shareholder Return Since Listing (TSR)

Each fiscal year

Annual average growth rate

	TOPIX share index with dividends included	Total shareholder return of HIKARI TSUSHIN		TOPIX share index with dividends included	Total shareholder return of HIKARI TSUSHIN
1996/8	-0.2%	186.6%	2010/3	28.5%	-11.2%
1997/8	-6.7%	-31.9%	2011/3	-9.2%	8.0%
1998/8	-21.8%	-22.7%	2012/3	0.6%	38.4%
1999/8	32.9%	1241.6%	2013/3	23.8%	78.5%
2000/8	4.4%	-90.4%	2014/3	18.6%	71.6%
2001/8	-26.4%	-74.4%	2015/3	30.7%	-7.9%
2002/3	-3.1%	2.1%	2016/3	-10.8%	10.8%
2003/3	-24.8%	-2.7%	2017/3	14.7%	25.8%
2004/3	51.1%	290.5%	2018/3	15.9%	51.8%
2005/3	1.4%	36.3%	2019/3	-5.0%	22.9%
2006/3	47.8%	12.9%	2020/3	-9.5%	-10.5%
2007/3	0.3%	-32.5%	2021/3	42.1%	22.2%
2008/3	-28.1%	-41.0%	2022/3	2.0%	-30.8%
2009/3	-34.8%	-30.3%	2023/3	5.8%	29.4%

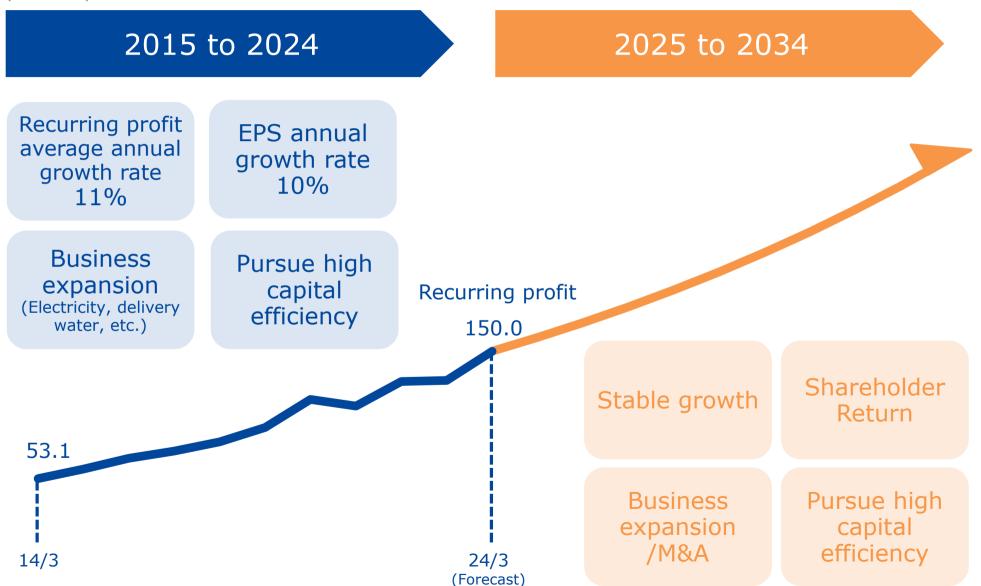
	TOPIX share index with dividends included	Total shareholder return of HIKARI TSUSHIN
Since listing 1996-2023	2.7%	8.0%
In the last 20 years	6.8%	16.0%
In the last 10 years	9.2%	16.1%

■ Total growth rate

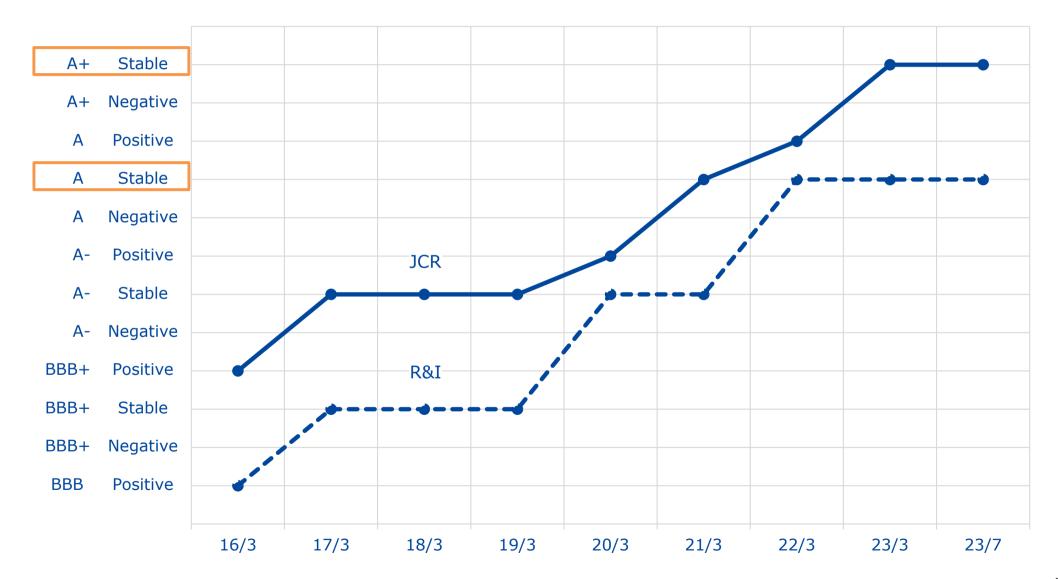
Since listing 1996-2023	203%	789%
In the last 20 years	374%	1,930%
In the last 10 years	242%	446%

The Next 10 years

(Billion JPY)



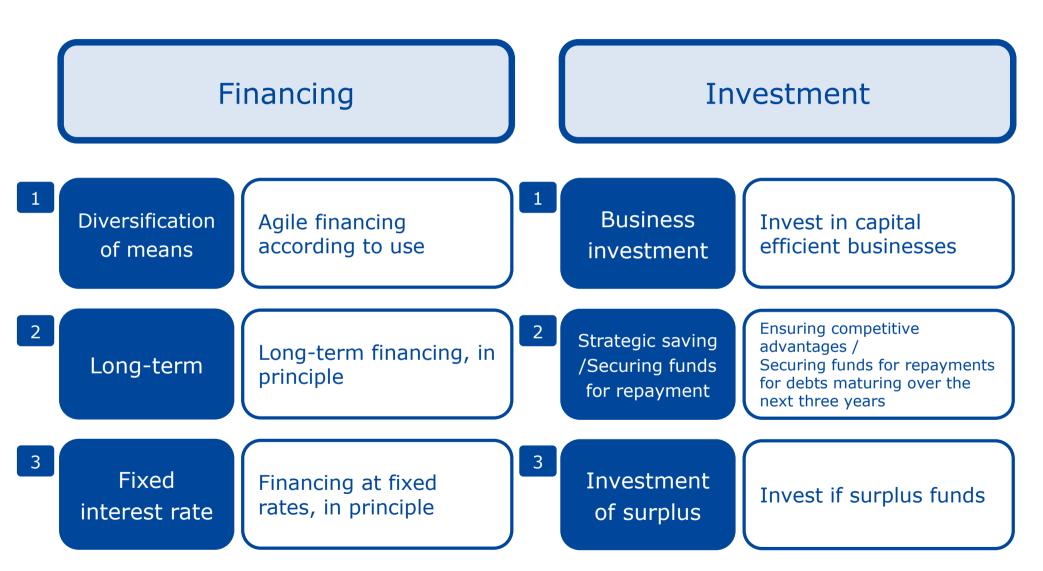
External Ratings JCR A+(Stable) R&I A (Stable)



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Financial Strategy

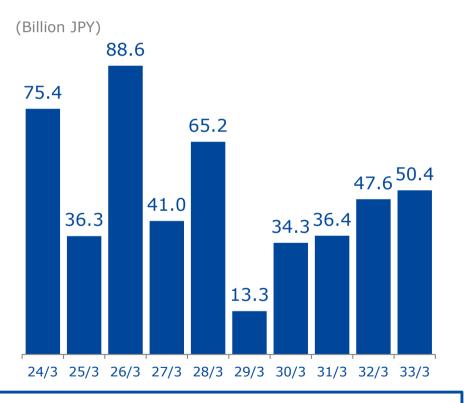


Financing

Composition of Amount, Period, and Interest Rates

	21/3	22/3	23/3
Total interest-bearing debt (billion yen)	514.1	612.6	721.7
Average period of outstanding borrowings (in months)	85	92	79
Fixed-interest rate ratio (By dividing interest bearing debt at fixed interest rate by total interest-bearing debt)	90%	96%	95%

Long-term borrowing Scheduled term-by-term payments for the next 10 fiscal years (as of Mar 31, 2023)



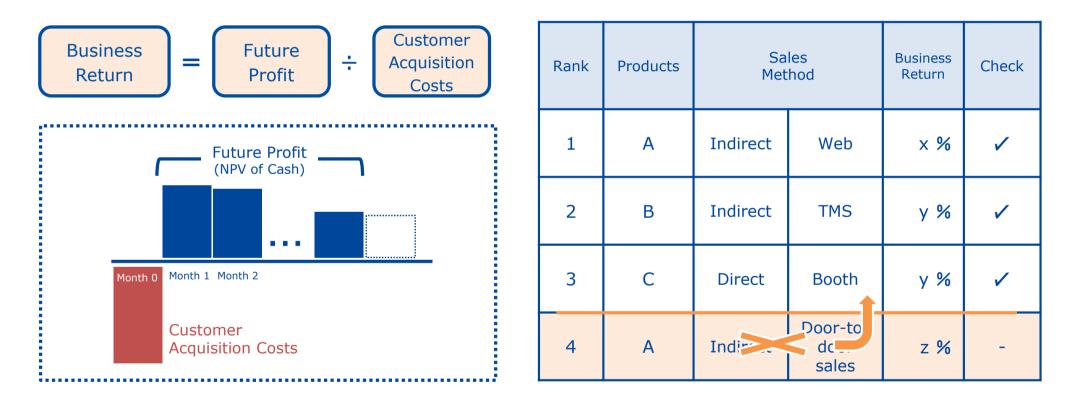
The company tries to make its financial foundation solid with financing by borrowing for as long a term as possible without risk of interest-rate fluctuations.

Fund Management (1) Business Investment

Capital Efficiency Management

Concept

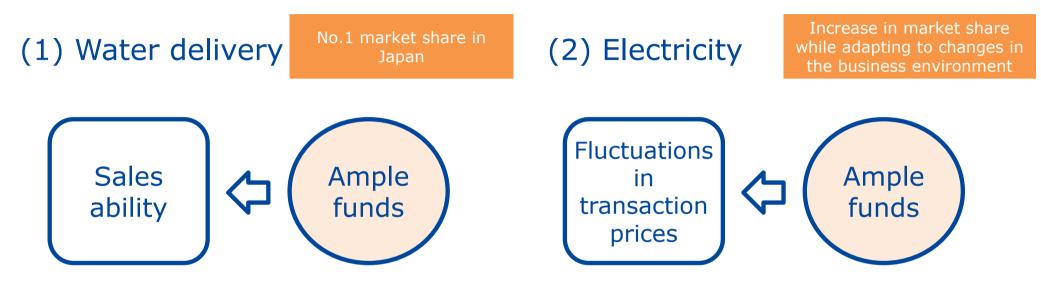
Monthly Capital Allocation Review



Check future profits relative to acquisition costs and focus on businesses and sales that meet or exceed certain standards.

Fund Management (2) Strategic Savings - Securing funds for repayment

Cases of Ensuring Competitive Advantage



We have more funds than our competitors. We expanded the business size and obtained the largest share in Japan as a result of active investment related to customer acquisition costs while maintaining a certain level of yield.

A surge in working capital due to soaring electricity transaction prices was addressed with ample funds. We invested in M&A while competitors struggle. Market share is increasing. Fund Management (2) Strategic Savings - Securing funds for repayment

Update of Financial Discipline

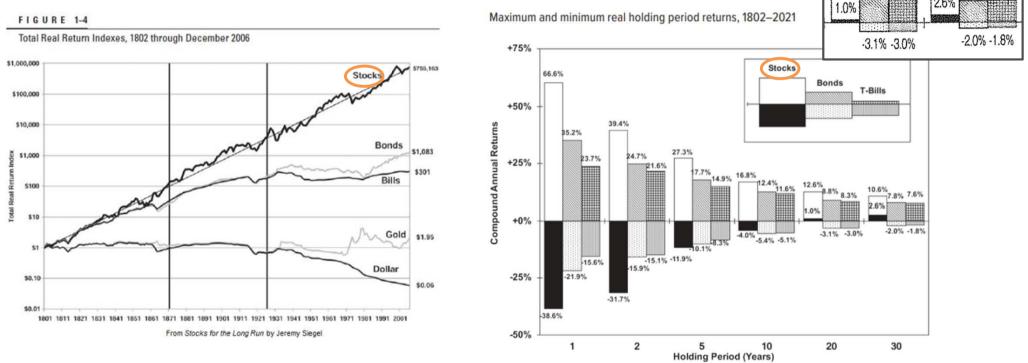
(Billions JPY)		As of Mar 31, 2021	As of Mar 31, 2022	As of Mar 31, 2023	As of Sep 30, 2023
(1)	Cash Reserves	324.5	338.2	406.2	486.4
	Cash and cash equivalents	324.5	338.2	389.3	443.5
	Bonds (*Mainly U.S. bonds, high-grade corporate bonds)	-	-	17.5	42.9
(2)	Balance of interest-bearing liabilities due within 3 years	221.5	212.3	265.9	241.3
(3)	Difference (1-2)	102.9	125.9	140.9	245.1

Added bonds to our cash reserves, and continue to maintain cash reserves that exceed the balance of interest-bearing liabilities due within three years.

Fund Management (3) Investment of Surplus Funds

Method of Investing Surplus Funds

Jeremy Siegel wrote in his book, "Stocks for the Long Run," that from 1802 to 2006, (1) stocks showed 20-vear and 30-vear the fastest growth in investment returns and the best long-term stability in the United States; (2) holdings were expanded holding stocks in the United States for 17 years or longer resulted in no real losses; and (3) the longterm yield of stocks also exceeded that of bond investments in 16 countries including Japan. 12.6%



⁽Ref.) Jeremy Siegel, Stocks for the Long Run. Nikkei bp. 2009 p 10, 23, 24

We believe that investment in stocks is an appropriate way to invest surplus funds.

10.6%

4% 7.6%

8.8% 8.3%

Characteristics of Our Stock Investment

	Example of funds	The Company		
Recognition of investment targets	Stocks	Business	Judgment is not based on market trends	
Investment period	With a deadline	Without a deadline	Partial holding of companies we want to work with indefinitely	
Maximum holding ratio	Yes	No	Possible to operate as a consolidated subsidiary as a business company	
Liquidity of stocks	Investment targets are high-liquidity stocks	Regardless of liquidity	We can invest even in low-liquidity stocks	
КРІ	Capital gains, income gains, etc.	EY	Not affected by stock price fluctuations (market prices)	

We can manage surplus funds for a long period.

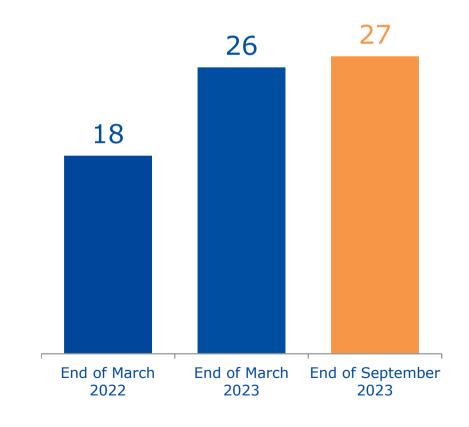
Fund Management (3) Investment of Surplus Funds

Major Listed Companies that Became Consolidated Subsidiaries /Number of Affiliated Companies Accounted For by the Equity Method

*This is merely a case study, and does not imply that the current listed stock investments are intended to make investee companies a consolidated subsidiary.

	Stock name	Start of investment	Time of becoming a consolidated subsidiary
1	FT Group (formerly FT Communications)	Q3 FY2007	Q1 FY2014
2	iFLAG (formerly Telewave)	Q4 FY2007	Q3 FY2016
3	Intea Holdings	Q1 FY2011	Q4 FY2017
4	WebCrew	Q1 FY2014	Q3 FY2015
5	Premium Water Holdings (formerly Water Direct)	Q4 FY2014	Q4 FY2015
6	CHIC Holdings (formerly ACTCALL)	Q3 FY2019	Q4 FY2019

Major Listed Companies That Became a Consolidated Subsidiary Number of Affiliated Companies Accounted For by the Equity Method (Listed Companies Only)



Fund Management (3) Investment of Surplus Funds

Listed stock investment policy/approach (Principle)

• Net investment

• Stability

*Invest in stable companies with sound cash flow, recurring revenue, solid financial foundation, etc.

 We regard purchasing stocks as owning part of the business

 We aim to establish a good relationship with companies we have invested in

Listed company stock investment status

(L) EY (Billions JPY)	20	22	2023		
	End of September	End of December	End of March	End of June	End of September
Investment book value (Acquisition price)	510.2	524.2	532.6	544.4	544.2
[Ref.] Market value	6,974	7,270	759.2	830.0	850.0
Look-through earnings Last 12 months *	76.4	78.8	80.3	83.8	82.0
[Ref.] Of which, affiliated companies accounted for by the equity method	13.1	13.1	13.4	13.7	13.6
Earnings Yield Look-through earnings / Investment book value	15.0%	15.0%	15.1%	15.4%	15.1%
Number of companies we have invested in	470	496	494	554	557
Of which, affiliated companies accounted for by the equity method	24	26	26	27	27

* "Look-through earnings" is calculated by multiplying operating profit of each of the companies we invested in by our stock holding ratio and adding all them up.

* "Last 12 months" means four quarters of the last 12 months from the record date for which financial results have been announced.

Listed Company Stock Investment Status (2) Look-through Performance and Indicators

(Billions JPY)

PL	Look-through revenue	1,412.3		Indicator	EY	15.1%	
	Look-through earnings	82.0			PER	8.1	
	Look-through basic earnings	66.8		55% of listed	PBR	0.8	
BS	Look-through net cash assets	300.9	s	nare acquisition value	Dividend yield	4.1%	
	Look-through total assets	1,382.2	 * As of the end of September 2023. * PL/BS is calculated by multiplying the figures of each company we invested in by our stock holding ratio and adding all them up. * PL is calculated based on the figures of the last 12 months (4 quarter each company is a stock of the last 12 months). 			quarters	
	Look-through shareholders' equity	660.9		have been ar the previous record date).	2 months from the record on nounced), and BS is calcu fiscal year (financial result tors are the ratio to invest	lated based on the fig ts immediately before	ures for

Listed Stock Investment Status (3)Turnover and Liquidity

Turnover rate

(Billions JPY)

	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
(1) Average market price during the period	416.8	564.5	698.0
(2) Sale amount	23.5	26.9	52.4
(2) / (1) Turnover rate	5.6%	4.8%	7.5%

Liquidity

Percentage of the amount available for sale at the time of market sale with a 20% participation rate based on the 20-day average volume to total market value of listed shares held(as of the end of March 2023)

Within 1 month	37%
Within 3 months	51%
Within 1 year	76%

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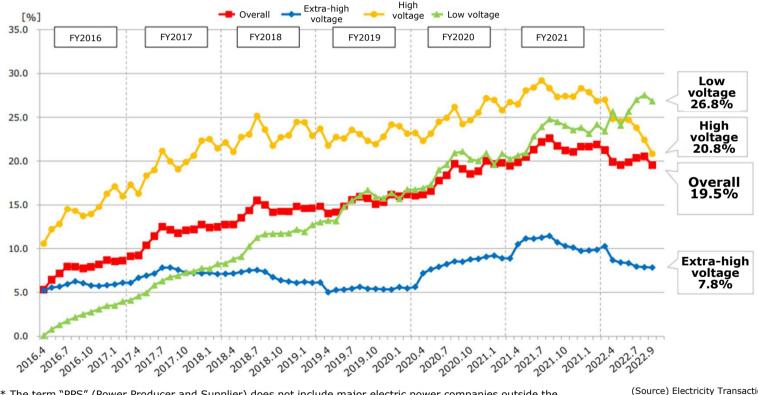
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Electricity Business Market

(share of PPS in total electricity sales)

Since the full liberalization of electricity retailing in April 2016, the share of PPS in total electricity sales has been increasing.

In the low-voltage field, PPS accounted for 26.8% of the market.



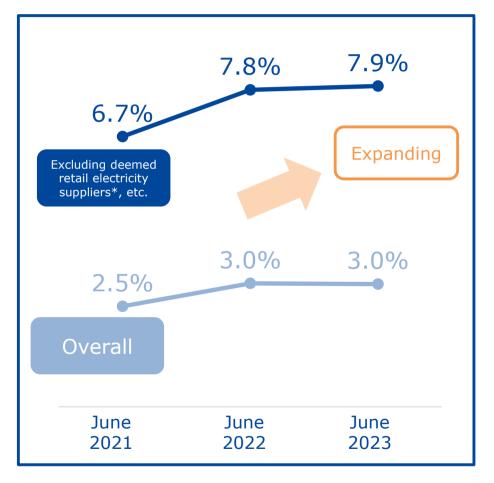
 * The term "PPS" (Power Producer and Supplier) does not include major electric power companies outside the service area (former general electric utilities), but includes subsidiaries of major electric power companies.
 * Share is calculated based on the volume of electricity sold. (Source) Electricity Transaction Report issued by the Electricity and Gas Market Surveillance Commission

Agency for Natural Resources and Energy "Progress and Recent Trends in the Total Liberalization of Electricity and Gas Retail" 2023-1-25 p. 3 https://www.meti.go.jp/shingikai/enecho/denryoku_gas/denryoku_gas/pdf/058_03_00.pdf

Market Share in the Electricity Business

(1) Annual Trends in Electricity Supply Share

(low-voltage electricity, free rates)



(2) Electricity Supply in June 2023

(excluding low-voltage electric power, deemed retail electricity suppliers, etc.)



*Source: Our company research based on the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy's "Electric Power Survey Statistics" *Deemed retail electricity suppliers, etc. include TEPCO Energy Partner, Inc. The Kansai Electric Power Co., Inc., and Chubu Electric Power Miraiz Co., Inc.

Delivery Water Business Market (Number of Customers)

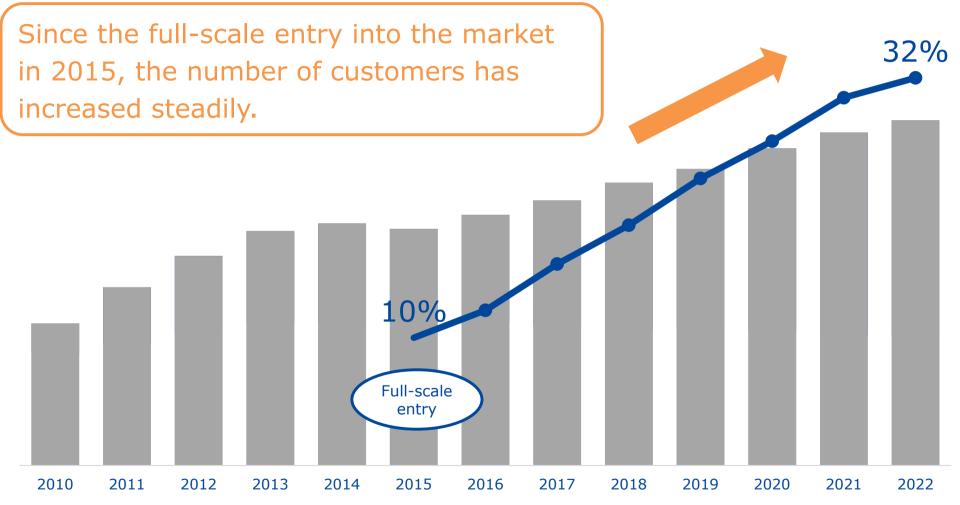
(10,000 dispensers)



Source: Japan Delivery Water & Server Association's "Statistics of the Delivery Water Industry in Japan" <u>https://jdsa-net.org/data/statistics/</u> * Calendar year (for example, 2021 is the number of customers at the end of December 2021)

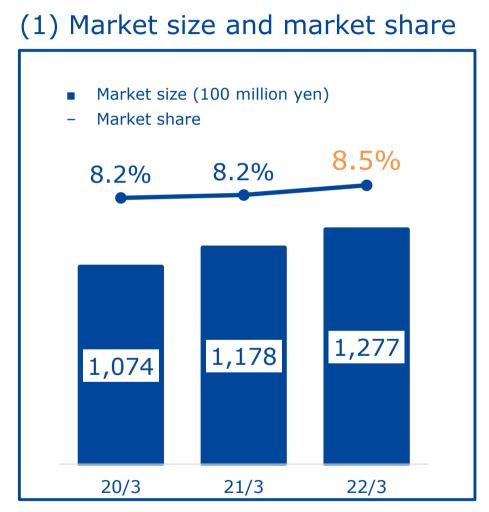
Delivery Water Business Market Share

(Number of Customers)



Source: Our company estimates based on Japan Delivery Water & Server Association's "Statistics of the Delivery Water Industry in Japan" https://jdsa-net.org/data/statistics/ Calendar year (for example, 2021 is the number of customers at the end of December 2021)

Market of Small-Amount and Short-Term Insurance Industry (income from premiums)



(2) Ranking (FYE 3/22)



*The Small Amount and Short Term Insurance Association of Japan https://www.shougakutanki.jp/general/ Compiled by our company from Diamond Online feature article in the issue of August 29, 2022 "115 companies in turbulent times in the rankings of small-amount and short-term insurance Part 1" https://diamond.jp/articles/-/308621

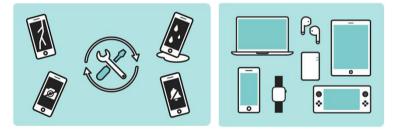
Examples of Insurance Business

(General insurance, Small amount & short term insurance)

(1) Communication device repair insurance

(2) Home insurance

Mobile Insurance のモバイル保険



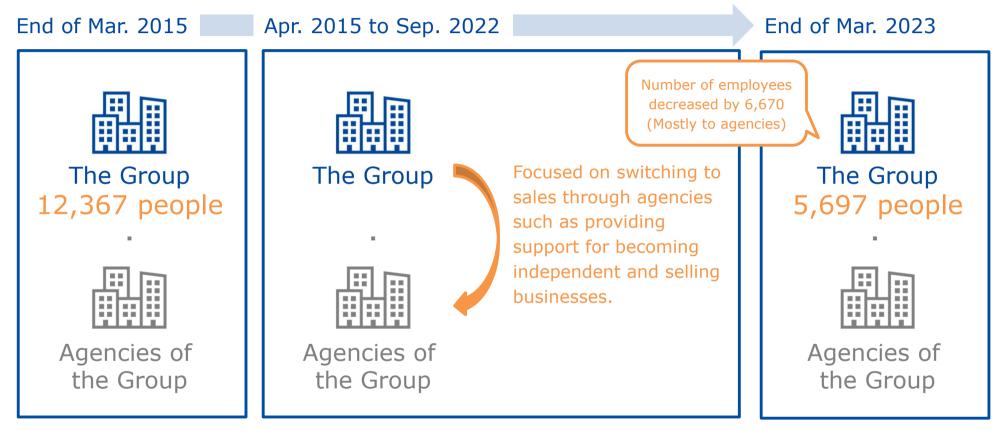
- \boxdot Coverage for repair costs.
- Coverage for up to multiple devices under a single policy.
- Coverage will be kept intact after changing to different models.
- ☑ Coverage for all mobile devices.

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- ☑ Liability for damages to landlords
- $\ensuremath{\boxdot}$ Liability for damages to others in daily life
- $\ensuremath{\boxdot}$ Repair cost of rented rooms

Changes in the Number of Employees* and Sales Channels

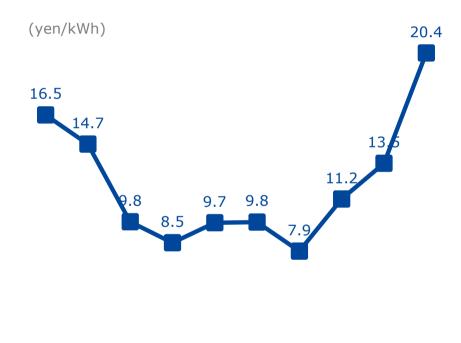
*Consolidated number of employees + Average number of temporary employees



Focused on expanding sales through agencies, which brings higher operating profit per person.

Electricity Business Impact on Performance (estimate)

JEPX Spot Market annual average system prices



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Impact on recurring profit and operating profit

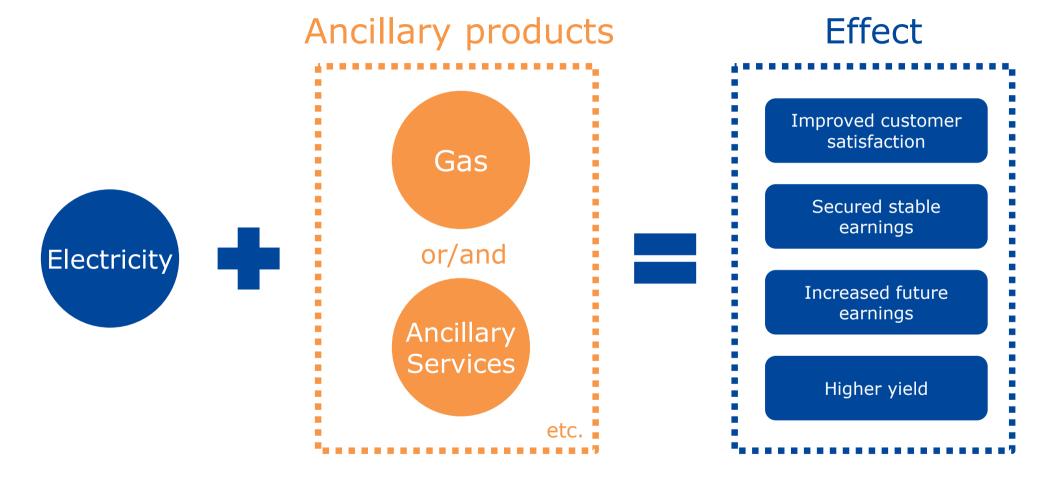
* The impact above is based on certain conditions, and may be different from an impact that may actually arise.

JEPX Spot Market Annual Average System Price	Comparison of impact on recurring profit and operating profit between forecast and initial plan
10 yen/kWh	
20 yen/kWh	(1 billion yen) to 1 billion yen
30 yen/kWh	approximately
40 yen/kWh	

[Reference]

Average of 8.52 yen in April 2023 (down 52% YoY)

Cross-Selling and Up-Selling in the Electricity Business



We conduct ancillary sales of various products that meet customer needs.

Explanation of Recurring Profit and Acquisition Cost

(Billions JPY)	FY2023					
	Total	Recurring		Lump sum		
Revenue	643.9	Communication usage fees from Company's customers, commission income from telecommunication carriers and insurance companies	497.3	Initial commission income, hardware sales proceeds of hardware, etc.	146.5	
Cost of goods sold + SGA expenses	(557.3)	Cost of service provided, cost of customer retention such as billing costs, etc.	ed, cost of her retention (370.3) cost, personnel expenses for marketing, sales		(187.0)	
Operating Profit	86.6	Recurring Profit	127.0	Acquisition Cost	(40.4)	

Methods and Range of Stock Valuation by Disclosure Material

Disclosure material	Account Item	Evaluation Method	Range		
			Consolidated Subsidiary	Equity method Affiliate	Others
Consolidated	Investments accounted for using equity method	Net Asset value	-	Listed and unlisted companies	-
statement of financial position	Other financial assets	Fair value	-	-	Listed and unlisted companies
Financial results	Book value of listed stock investments	Acquisition price	-	✓ Listed companies only	✓ Listed companies only

Profit Recognition Due to Changes in Shareholdings

Unrealized Gains on listed stock nvestments do not affect basic earnings

	Account Items	Ra	Line Items		
	Account Items	Before	After	Impacted	
Decrease in		Consolidated Subsidiaries	Consolidated Subsidiaries	No profit*	
	Profits or Losses from Sales of Shares Revaluation Gain at Exclusion of Stock	Consolidated Subsidiaries Equity Method Affiliates/ Others		Operating Income	
Shareholdings		Equity Method Affiliates	Equity Method Affiliates/ Others	Pre-tax Profits	
		Others	Others	Comprehensive Income	
	Profits or Losses from Step- by-Step Acquisition of Stocks	Equity Method Affiliates	Consolidated Subsidiaries	Pre-tax Profits	
Increase in Shareholdings		Others	Equity Method Affiliates/ Consolidated Subsidiaries	Comprehensive Income	
	Gain from Negative Goodwill	Others/ Equity Method Affiliates	Equity Method Affiliates/ Consolidated Subsidiaries	Operating Income	
		Others/ Equity Method Affiliates	Equity Method Affiliates	Pre-tax Profits	
No change in Shareholdings	- · · · ·	Debt Instruments (Preferred	Pre-tax Profits		
	Impairment Losses	Equity Instruments	Comprehensive Income		
	Unrealized Gains	Others	Comprehensive Income		

*The difference between the equity interests sold and the sale price is the capital surplus.

Reference Materials

- **1** Business Overview
- 2 Past Performance (since establishment, last five fiscal years)
- **3** Financial Strategy
- **4** Other Supplementary Materials
- **5** Sustainability Information

Our Sustainability

Management Principles

- Contribute to stakeholders by providing products and services that meet the needs of the times

- Follow the true nature of our company as we respond in a timely and appropriate manner to those changes, and take a medium- to long-term perspective to propose and implement strategies aligned with the circumstances of the times, in order to enhance our sustainable corporate value

Management Vision

- Secure stable earnings and stable profit growth based on recurring profit

Materiality

- Adapt to changes in the business environment

(1) Revenue Structure/Risk Diversification	(2) Pursue Capital Efficiency	(3) Human Resource Development	(4) Speedy Management		
Governance					

(1) Revenue Structure/Risk Diversification

Revenue Structure

Business model centered on recurring profit, which is long-term, stable earnings

Risk Diversification

A system that does not depend on a specific target (business, product, customer, business partner, sales channel, etc.)

Operating profit = Recurring profit + Acquisition cost

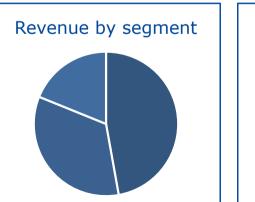
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Long-term, stable Mainly variable costs earnings

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Recurring profit is long-term, stable earnings, and unlikely to see a large deterioration in the short run. Acquisition costs are variable costs, over which the company has control on its own. Accordingly, the revenue structure is adaptable to changes in the business environment. Corporate customers Approx. 1,000,000 Individual consumers Approx. 3,000,000

Agencies Approx. 1,000

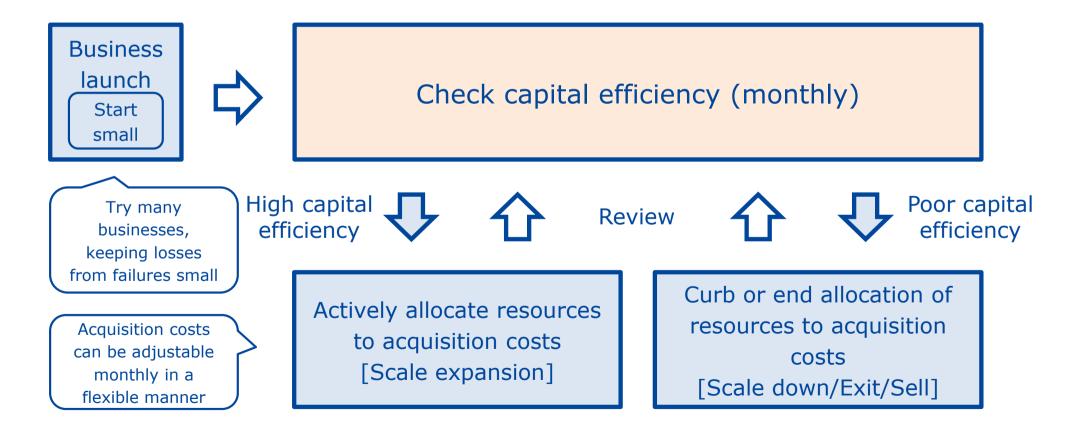




* Number of customers and agents are as of the end of March 2023; net 71 sales are actual results for the fiscal year ended March 2023

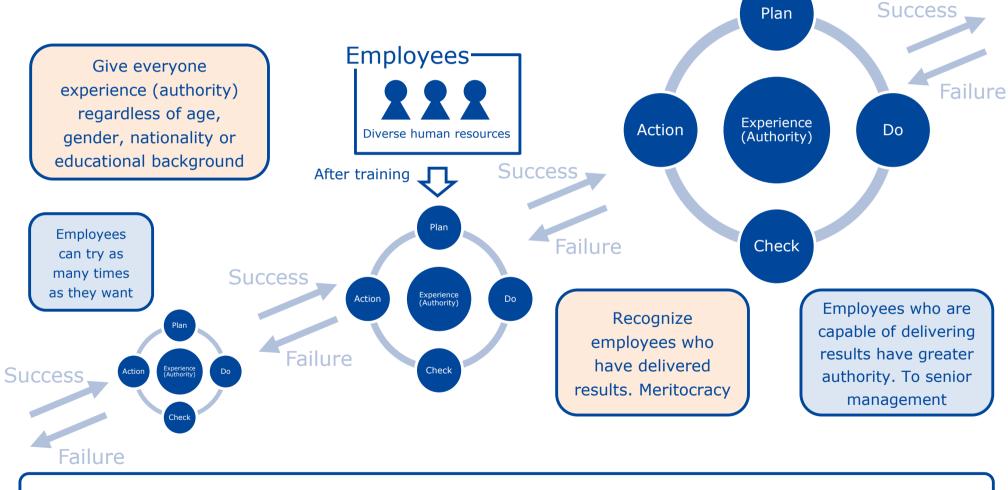
(2) Pursue Capital Efficiency

- Pursue high capital efficiency by avoiding focusing management resources on businesses with poor capital efficiency
- Regardless of business performance, continual cost reduction and cash flow improvement are prioritized



(3) Human Resource Development

Environment that allows diverse human resources to thrive



Foundation: Work environment that allows employees to focus on their work

(4) Speedy Management

Swift decision-making with a flatter organizational hierarchy and delegation to departments

5-levels Organization Hierarchy



- Decentralization enables swift and decisive decision-making in response to opportunities and threats.
- Decision-making can be made at the appropriate levels, allowing each level to tackle important issues.
- Employees can act on their own initiative.

Environment

1) Forest maintenance activity

Considering that a forest with a high function to conserve water source creates a high-quality water resource and generates a rich dietary life, we are maintaining forests by thinning, etc. to create healthy forests.

2) Mt. Fuji clean-up activity

We regularly participate in clean-up activities held by local communities and specialists to protect the environment surrounding Mt. Fuji.

3) PET Bottle Weight Reduction

We reduced the weight of plastics bottle by 20% compared to conventional bottles. We now use fewer plastics by installing these new bottles in 97% of the products.

4) Provision of water to welfare facilities

To effectively utilize home delivery water that Premium Water's users did not receive and help to improve welfare, we provide local welfare facilities for the disabled with water servers and home delivery water free of charge.

5) Non-possession

Tangible fixed assets accounted for 1.7% of the total assets as of the end of the fiscal year ended March 2023.

6) Reuse

- When purchasing furniture and fixtures, used items are selected in principle.

- Reused shelves are available for employees to share stationery and office supplies, and this reduces the number of new items purchased and waste.

7) Paperless

Other efforts include promoting paperless meetings including the meetings of the Board of Directors.
Encourage suppliers to digitize invoices and other mailed items.

Social

1) Promotion of diversity

Through a thorough performance-based evaluation, the Group practices a fair performance evaluation that is free from bias based on age, gender, nationality and educational background.

2) Meritocracy

Based on the idea that experience makes people grow, we give employees countless opportunities to tackle challenges, and highly evaluate those who deliver results. Those who can make achievements gain a greater authority and are promoted to executive positions.

3) Respect for human rights

The Group respects human rights and the basic rights of workers, and strives to eliminate unfair discrimination, harassment, forced labor, and child labor. The Group focuses on allowing employees to perform activities in good mental and physical health by establishing a counseling desk for employees to talk about any troubles and worries that they may have.

4) Working hours

Long work hours and working on holidays are prohibited in principle.

5) Various systems

The Group created a work environment that allows employees to work comfortably by developing systems including flextime, childcare leave and shortened work hours, and support systems for returning to work after childbirth.

The Group promotes health improvement activities including subsidizing vaccination through the Group's health insurance association.

6) Setting up an opinion-box system

- We have established a system that allows employees to directly pass on their opinions, concerns, etc. to the management and executives while either disclosing their identity or doing so anonymously.

Social

7) Economic contributions

The Group runs businesses all over Japan, and its continuous profit growth leads to economic growth of the entire society, job creations in a broad range of fields and revitalization of local communities.

8) Contribution to local government

The Group donates to Toshima-ku (head office location) some of the shareholder benefit items given by companies in which the Group invests. In December 2022, the Group received a letter of appreciation from the Toshima Ward Residents Council of Social Welfare.
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(Used stamps are turned into money and used as funds for the welfare businesses.)

- The Group regularly cleans the vicinity of Ikebukuro Station in Toshima-ku.

- The Group supports the NPO Ecocap Promotion Association that collects plastic caps of PET (plastic) bottles to raise money for vaccinations.

Governance

1) Remuneration of executive directors

Remuneration of executive directors is determined based on indices including operating profit in order to incentivize executive directors to enhance the intrinsic corporate value from a long-term perspective and to achieve performance targets from a short-term perspective. In June 2022, the Investment Audit Committee and the Compensation Committee were established to strengthen governance.

2) Listed Stock Investments

The Group complies with a certain degree of financial discipline (securing funds for repayment of interestbearing debt for the next three years as cash reserves) and has established a committee (Investment Audit Committee), with a majority independent outside directors as members to develop an external monitoring system.

3) Risk Management

As part of our response to the basic policy for internal control determined by the Board of Directors, we hold regular meetings to gather internal risk information and report to the Audit and Supervisory Committee.

4) Information Security / Business Continuity Plan

To manage the personal information of our customers and employees properly, we are trying to establish a system that allows us to comply with laws and regulations, prevent breaches of contracts, gather and manage information, and propose an appropriate operational procedures.

In addition, we have set crisis management rules for the risks that would occur in our daily business operations and the risks caused by external factors such as disasters, and are creating a BCP system.

Corporate Governance Structure

General Meeting of Shareholders Appointment/Dismissal Newly established in June 2022 Appointment/ dismissal Accounting and internal control audits **Board of Directors** Compensation (External Directors : 3 including Audit and Committee Consult Supervisory Committee Members) Cooperation Accounting Audit and Supervisory Auditor Investment Committee Determination of proposals for appointment or dismissal Audit Committee (External Director and Audit and Supervisory Committee Member: 2 persons) Counsel/ recommendation Supervision Cooperation Cooperation Directors Audit Audit Finance & IR **Internal Audit** н Accounting General Internal HR Dept. Legal Dept. Affairs Dept. Dept. Dept. Dept. Controls Dept. Consolidation of supervision and management standards Audit Group Companies (Business Companies)

E(Environment)/ CO2 emissions

-		Unit	FY2022	FY2023
Scope1	Direct Emission		0	0
Scope2	Indirect Emission of Energy Sources		8,088	7,371
Scope3	Category 2: Capital Goods		-	48,487
	Category 3: Fuel- and Energy-Related Activities Not Included in Scope 1 or Scope 2	t-CO2	-	465,825
	Category 5: Waste Generated in Operations		-	201
	Category 6: Business Travel		-	2,047
	Category 7: Employee Commuting		-	1,069
	Category 15: Investments *		-	19,794
Total			-	544,795

* Aggregate of 37 companies disclosing Scope 1 and 2 emissions as at end-March 2023.

ESG data (consolidated) S(Social)

		Unit	FY2022	FY2023	
Number of employees		Total	Persons	5,310	4,488
(regular	employees)	Ratio of females	%	42	37
Number of employees in managerial positions (regular employees)		Total	Persons	952	973
		Ratio of females	%	18	18
Numbe	Number of Employees Taking Childcare Leave		Persons	195 * female only	81
	Ratio of males		%	-	32
Average overtime hours per month (regular employees)			Hours	16	16
Utilization of paid leave (regular employees)			%	64	63

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