



# JP-HOLDINGS, INC.

Financial Results for the 2Q of Fiscal Year ending March 2023



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# Every activity is for children's smiles





# Leading company in the child-raising support business

JP Holdings Group is a leading company in the child-raising support business, and operates childcare support facilities, including nursery schools, school clubs, and children's houses.

JP Holdings Group was founded in 1993, and started childcare business by establishing a day-care center for children of our employees so that they can work without worry. As joint-stock corporations were allowed to do nursery business in 2000, we first spread safe, reliable childcare services nationwide, while being supported by various people.

Group companies include Japan Nursery Service Inc., J Kitchen Inc., which cooks meals for nursery schools, J Cast Inc., which offers classes in English, gymnastics, and eurhythmics for childcare support facilities and supports development for childcare, J Planning Sale Inc., which plans and sells childcare-related goods, and Japan Nursery Institute for General Research Inc., which conducts training and research about childcare and support for development and support business by visiting nursery schools, and operates the childcare platform "codomel." These subsidiaries are managed and supervised by JP Holdings, Inc.

# **Outline of the Business of JP-Holdings**

We operate the childcare support business in an integrated manner.

JP-Holdings
Business administration/development
(new and existing businesses)

Group purchase Sale of childcare goods Development of group facilities



J Planning Sale Sale of childcare goods

Japan Nursery Service
Operation of nursery
schools, school clubs,
and children's houses

#### **JP-Holdings**

Childcare support business taking full advantage of synergy among group companies



and children's houses

Operation of nursery schools, school clubs,

**Operating 307 facilities around Japan** 

J Kitchen Cooking of lunches and advisory

Cooking of lunches (Our company and other companies) Advisory

Development and operation of early childhood learning programs
English, exercise, eurhythmics, dance Support for development





Japan Nursery Institute for General Research Training and research

Training business
BPO service
Support business by visiting
nursery schools
Platform business
Overseas business

\*\*J Cast Inc. and J Planning Sale Inc. will be merged into Japan Nursery Institute for General Research Inc. on January 1, 2023.

### **Our Management Philosophy and Corporate Message**

- To renew our management philosophy and operational philosophy, and produce a new corporate message
- Under the new philosophies, we will improve our child-raising support business based on the cooperation with local communities.

### JP Holdings Group's System



**Management philosophy** 

**Corporate message** 

**Operational philosophy** 

Childcare philosophy and child-raising philosophy

To contribute to the development of a society filled with smiles through childcare support

Every activity is for children's smiles

**1** To conduct childcare and child-rearing while giving top priority to safety and reliability

**©To put importance on daily childcare, so that our facilities will be remembered forever** 

To bring a smile to each child, while our staff can enjoy their jobs

**To contribute to society by operating facilities that are connected to and support local communities** 

**STo always offer child-raising support demanded by the times** 

Childcare philosophy

To nurture the skills to survive tomorrow

Child-rearing philosophy

To develop the ability to become an ideal self



# FY3/23 Q2 Results



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# Changes in Environment during the First Half of FY3/23

Competition is intensifying in each region, so it is important to "develop nursery schools and facilities that would be selected by customers."

#### Economic environment

- Accelerated inflation around the world
- ⇒Increases in corporate goods price index and consumer price index in Japan
  - ·Impact of geopolitical risks and accelerated yen depreciation
  - **→**Further price hikes
  - **⇒**Soaring oil and raw material prices
  - Impact of the lingering COVID-19 Pandemic
  - **→**Uncertainty in the economic environment
  - **⇒**Easing of regulations (business hours, overseas immigration)

#### Industry trends

- Decrease in birth rate
- **→**The number of births in the period from January to June fell below 400,000 for the first time, and the number of births this year is projected to fall below 800,000.
- •Number of children desired by unmarried women: Below 2 for the first time
- **⇒**Current situation where it is difficult to be positive about childbirth and child-rearing
- •Number of children on waiting lists: Smallest in history
- ⇒2,944 children on waiting lists, down to 1/9 of the number five years ago
- •Shortage of labor has become more serious due to the impact of COVID-19.
  - ⇒50% of companies are short of full-time employees.
- •Establishment of the "Agency for Children" in April 2023
- → Measures to cope with the declining birthrate, achieve various improvements in treatment, and care for children with developmental concerns
  - **⇒**Corrective measures by local governments

### **Upward Revision of FY3/23 Forecast**

#### Upwardly revised due to cost reductions, streamlined business operation and improved asset efficiency

**Net sales** 

- •To increase digital support, regional cooperation, and early childhood learning programs as part of "development of nursery schools and facilities that would be selected by customers"
- •Expected to exceed the initial forecast owing to the success of various measures implemented in each region.

Operating and ordinary incomes

- •To streamline business operation via reshuffling of personnel, and review the ordering system and operations to curb price hikes
- •Initial forecasts were revised upwardly due to cost reductions and streamlined business operation.

Net income attributable to owners of parent

- ·Sold fixed assets (land and buildings) of each facility owned, for the improvement of asset efficiency.
- •Initial forecasts were revised upwardly due to the expected extraordinary gains from the sale of fixed assets (land and buildings).

Unit: million yen	Net sales	Operating income	Ordinary income	Net income attributable to owners of parent	Net income per share
Previous forecast (A)	35,640	3,560	3,580	2,325	26.58 yen
Revised forecast (B)	35,640	3,633	3,711	2,566	29.64 yen
Change (B-A)	0	73	131	241	-
Percentage change	0%	2.1%	3.7%	10.4%	-
Results in the previous term (FY3/22)	34,373	3,344	3,358	2,279	26.6 yen

# **Acquisition of Treasury Stock**

As a measure to return profits to shareholders to improve capital efficiency, we will conduct it swiftly while taking into account changes in market and industry conditions, including performance and capital conditions, opportunities for investment in growth, and stock prices.

(1) Type of shares to be repurchased	Common stock of our company
(2) Total number of shares to be repurchased	2,635,500 shares (maximum) (Ratio to the number of outstanding shares (excluding treasury stock): 3.01%)
(3) Total amount payable for shares to be repurchased	711,585,000 yen (maximum)
(4) Repurchase period	From October 7, 2022 to January 31, 2023
5) Acquisition method	Market purchase based on a discretionary transaction agreement
Status of share repurchases as of the end of October	
(1) Type of shares repurchased	Common stock of our company
(2) Total number of shares repurchased	962,800 shares
(3) Total amount paid for repurchased shares	292,225,900 yen
	From October 7, 2022 to October 31, 2022 (contract basis)
(4) Repurchase period	Troni October 7, 2022 to October 31, 2022 (Contract basis)

#### **Summary of Business Results for the Second Quarter of FY3/23**

# Increased sales and profit from the previous fiscal year thanks to an increase in the number of children accepted and streamlined business operation

**Net sales:** Increased due to the opening and undertaking of operation of new facilities and the increase in the number of children accepted at existing facilities as a result of the successful implementation of measures to "develop nursery schools and facilities that would be selected by customers" with a focus on the digital technology.

**Operating and ordinary incomes:** Improved significantly from the previous fiscal year due to factors such as sales increase from the opening and undertaking of operation of new facilities and the increase in the number of children accepted at existing facilities, streamlined business operation via reshuffling of personnel at each facility, and improved profitability following a review of the ordering system to curb price hikes, despite the special expenses in the previous term.

**Net income**\*1: In addition to the above-mentioned increase in ordinary income, extraordinary income was recorded from the sale of fixed assets (land and buildings) owned by our company to improve asset efficiency, resulting in a significant increase in net income from the previous period.

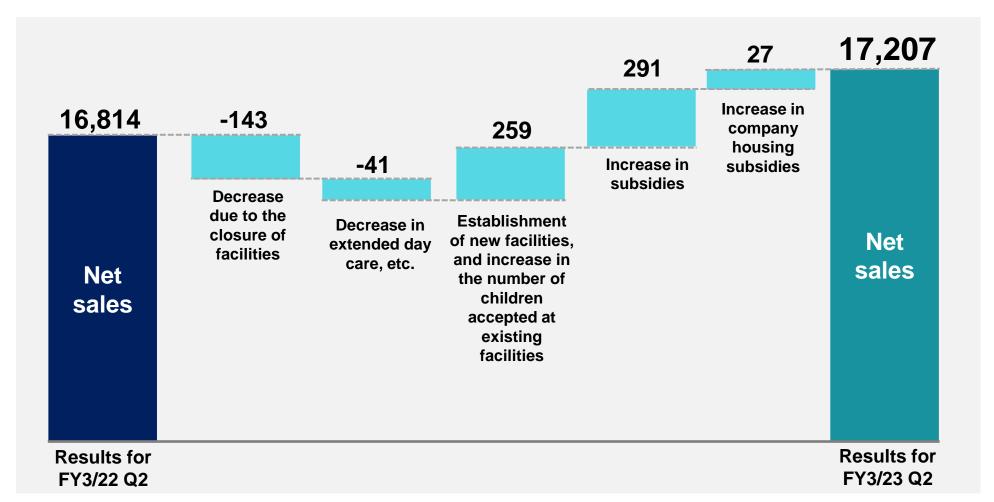
Unit: million yen	FY3/22 Q2 Results	FY3/23 Q2 Results	Change Compared to the Previous Term	Rate of Change Compared to the Previous Term	Rate of Achievement of Forecast after Upward Revision	Upwardly Revised Forecast
Net sales	16,814	17,207	392	2.3%	48.3%	35,640
Operating income	1,095	1,502	407	37.2%	41.4%	3,633
Operating income margin	6.5%	8.7%	-	2.2%	-	10.2%
Ordinary income	1,111	1,521	410	36.9%	41.0%	3,711
Ordinary income margin	6.6%	8.8%	-	2.2%	-	10.4%
Net income attributable to owners of parent	708	1,130	421	59.5%	44.0%	2,566
Net income margin attributable to owners of parent	4.2%	6.6%	-	2.4%	-	7.2%
Net income per share (yen)	8.11	12.92	_	4.82	-	

<sup>\*1:</sup> Net income represents "Net income attributable to owners of parent."

# FY3/23 Q2 Factors for Changes in Net Sales

#### **Net sales**

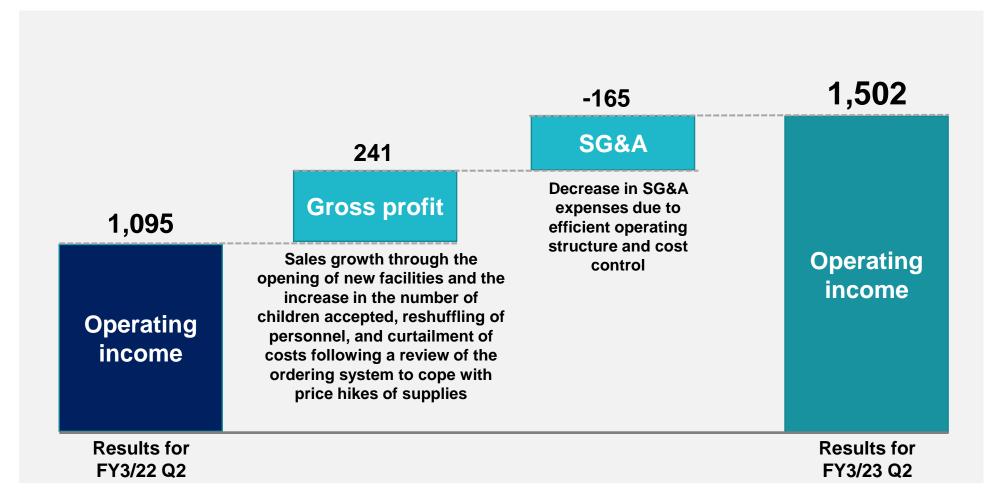
Sales grew, as new facilities were opened and the number of children accepted increased at existing facilities during the term thanks to the efforts to "develop nursery schools and facilities that would be selected by customers," including the digital tours of facilities, online programs regarding English, exercise, eurhythmics, dance, etc. amid the coronavirus pandemic, and the adoption of new programs for early childhood learning.



# FY3/23 Q2 Factors for Changes in Operating Income

# Operating income

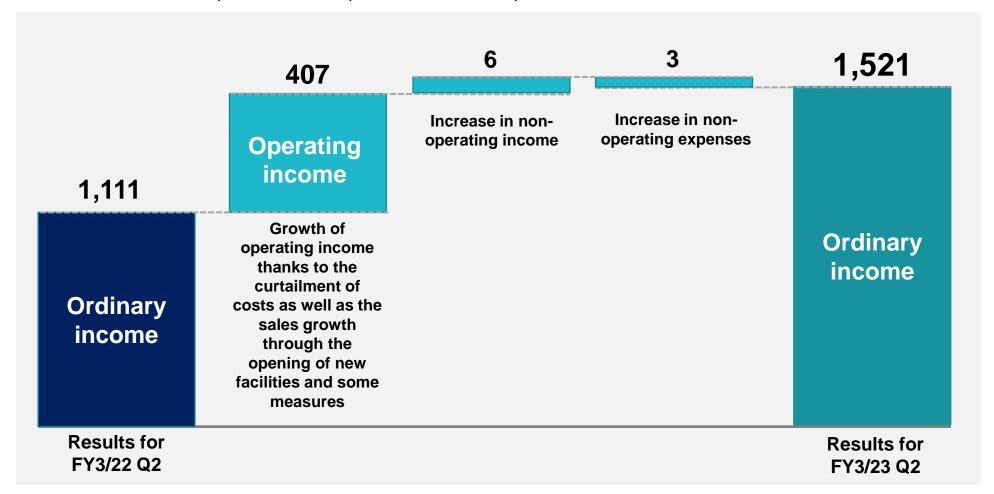
Improved significantly from the previous fiscal year due to factors such as sales increase from the opening of new facilities and the increase in the number of children accepted at existing facilities, streamlined business operation via reshuffling of personnel at each facility, and a review of the ordering system to cope with price hikes of supplies, despite the special expenses in the previous term.



# FY3/23 Q2 Factors for Changes in Ordinary Income

# Ordinary income

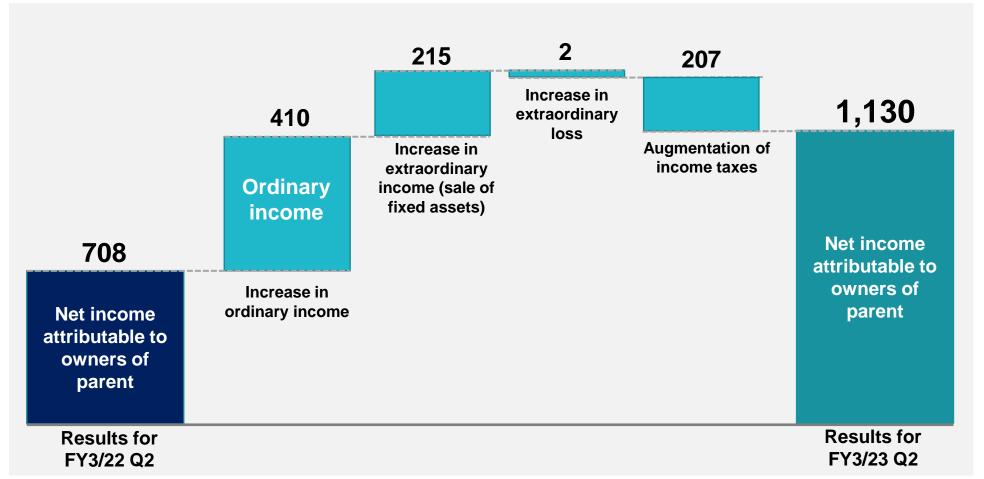
Ordinary income grew considerably thanks to efficient operation, curtailment of expenses, and the sales growth through the opening of new facilities and the increase in the number of children accepted, which were achieved by measures, mainly online programs, despite the increase in expenses due to special factors in the previous term.



# FY3/23 Q2 Factors for Changes in Net Income

Net income attributable to owners of parent

Along with the growth in sales, cost control was achieved due to the realization of a streamlined business operation, and despite an increase in expenses due to special factors in the previous fiscal year, a significant increase in ordinary income and the sale of fixed assets that would improve asset efficiency led to a significant increase in net income.



# FY3/23 Q2 Factors for Changes in Balance Sheet

Increase in shareholders equity ratio due to higher earnings and repayment long-term loans-payable

#### **Financial condition**

End of September 2022 \*( ) = Difference with the end of March 2022

Assets
33,158 million yen
(-1,116 million yen)

Liabilities

20,478 million yen (-1,821 million yen)

Net assets 12,680 million yen (+704 million yen)

Million yen	End of Mar. 2022	End of Sep. 2022	
Current assets	20,931	20,372	
Fixed assets	13,343	12,785	
Total assets	34,274	33,158	*
<b>Current liabilities</b>	7,891	7,492	
Fixed liabilities	14,407	12,986	
Total liabilities	22,299	20,478	+
Total net assets	11,975	12,680	k,



(Figures are rounded down to the nearest million yen, and the equity ratio is rounded off to the nearest first decimal point place.)

### FY3/23 Q2 Balance Sheet

	End of Mar. 2022 (million yen)	End of Sep. 2022 (million yen)	Change (million yen)
Total current assets	20,931	20,372	-558
(Cash and deposits)	17,296	16,974	-321
(Accounts receivable-other)	2,708	2,425	-283
Total fixed assets	13,343	12,785	-557
(Total tangible fixed assets)	5,734	5,385	-349
(Total intangible fixed assets)	174	164	-10
(Total investments and other assets)	7,434	7,235	-198
Total assets	34,274	33,158	-1,116
Total current liabilities	7,891	7,492	-399
(Current portion of long-term loans-payable)	3,113	2,982	-130
(Accounts payable)	1,561	1,376	-185
Total fixed liabilities	14,407	12,986	-1,421
(Long-term loans-payable)	12,816	11,377	-1,439
Total liabilities	22,299	20,478	-1,821
Total net assets	11,975	12,680	704
Total liabilities and net assets	34,274	33,158	-1,116

(Rounded down to the nearest million yen. The equity ratio is rounded to the first decimal place.)

### FY3/23 Q2 Statement of Cash Flows

Operating CF: Increase in income before income taxes and sale of property, plant and equipment Investing CF: Sale of property, plant and equipment and acquisition of fixed assets for new opening

Financing CF: Repayment of long-term loans-payable and dividend payment

Unit: million yen	FY3/23 Q2	FY3/22 Q2	Change
Cash flows from operating activities	1,588	1,410	-177
Cash flows from investing activities	287	227	-59
Free cash flow	1,875	1,637	-237
Cash flows from financing activities	2,994	-1,959	4,954

(Rounded down to the nearest million yen.)

# **New Openings For FY3/23**

#### No. of New Openings on April 1, 2022

Nursery Schools: 2 School Clubs: 11

on June 1, 2022 School Clubs: 1

Total: 14

1: "Mitaka City Part-time Childcare Center Hinata" began operation on May 1, 2022.

2: As of March 31, 2022, the Company closed Tokyo Licensed Nursery Schools named Asc Itabashi-honcho Nursery School, Asc Shiodome Nursery School, Asc Takadanobaba Nursery School, Asc Yanokuchi Nursery School.

In addition, due to the expiration of the contract, the Company withdrew from school clubs named Rinsen Elementary School After School Club, Hiroo Elementary School After School Club, Sarugaku Elementary School After School Club, and a children's house named Fukuro Children's House on March 31, 2022.

No. of Facilities Operated as of the End of June 2022

Nursery Schools: 209

School Clubs: 89

Children's houses: 10

**Total: 308** 

#### Tokyo:

#### 1 licensed nursery school

· Asc Musashi-Koganei Minamiguchi Nursery School

#### 1 non-licensed nursery school

· Mitaka City Flexible Childcare Center Hinata

#### Tokyo:

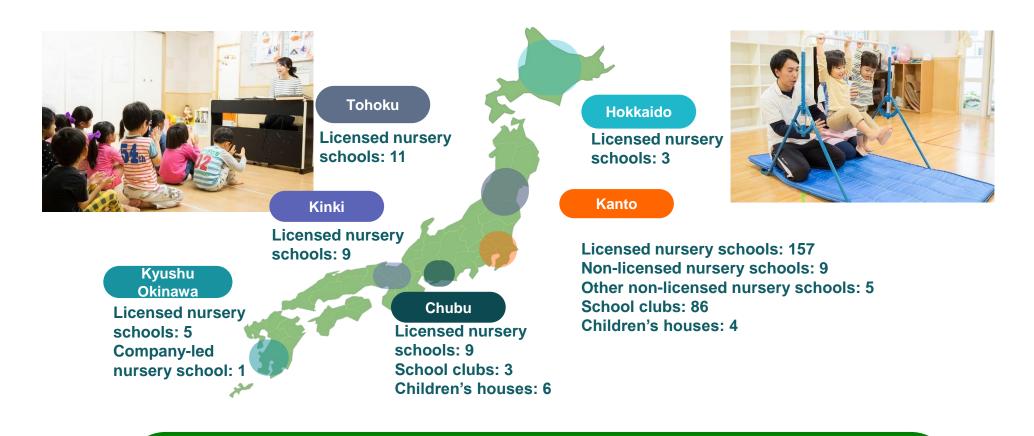
#### 2 school clubs and children's houses

- Takenotsuka School Club
- · Takaban Elementary School Club
- Wakuwaku Nishi-Ukima Hiroba/Nishi-Ukima Club No. 1
- Wakuwaku Nishi-Ukima Hiroba/Nishi-Ukima Club No. 2
- Wakuwaku Nishi-Ukima Hiroba/Nishi-Ukima Club No. 3
- Wakuwaku Akabane Hiroba/Akabane Children's Club No. 1
- Wakuwaku Akabane Hiroba/Akabane Children's Club No. 2
- Wakuwaku Akabane Hiroba/Akabane Children's Club No. 3
- Wakuwaku Kirigaoka-sato Hiroba/Kirigaoka-satokko Club No. 1
- Wakuwaku Kirigaoka-sato Hiroba/Kirigaoka-satokko Club No. 2
- Wakuwaku Kirigaoka-sato Hiroba/Kirigaoka-satokko Club No. 3



### No. of Facilities Operated as of the End of September 2022 No. of Facilities Operated by Region

### Operate 308 facilities as of the End of September 2022



209 nursery schools, 89 school clubs, 10 children's houses

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# FY3/23 Forecast



### FY3/23 Forecast

# Upward revision of the previous earnings forecasts

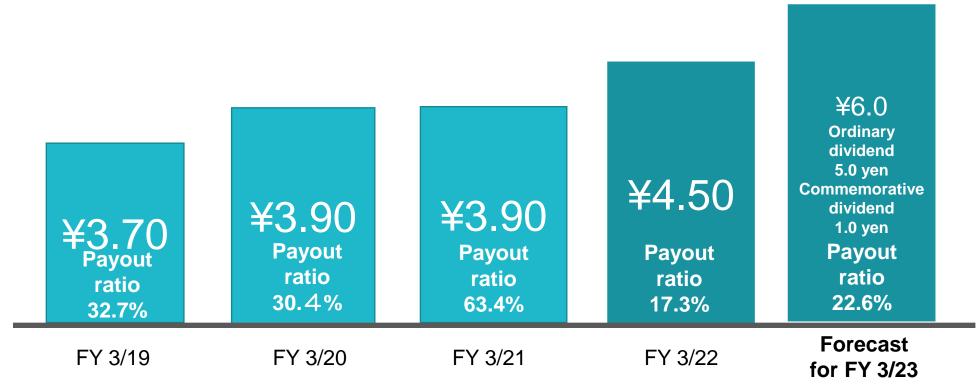
	Results for	Initial full-year forecast for	Revised full-year forecast for	Compared to FY3/22		Compared to initial forecast	
Unit: million yen	FY3/22	FY3/23	FY3/23	Change	% change	Change	% change
Net sales	34,373	35,640	35,640	1,266	3.7%	0	0%
Operating income	3,344	3,560	3,633	288	8.6%	73	2.1%
Ordinary income	3,358	3,580	3,711	352	10.5%	131	3.7%
Net income attributable to owners of parent	2,279	2,325	2,566	286	12.6%	241	10.4%
Net income per share (yen)	26.06	26.58	29.64	3.58	-	3.06	-
Dividend per share (yen)	4.5	6.0	6.0	2.5	-	-	-
Expected opening of nursery school (school)	3	2	2	-1	-	-	-
Expected consignment of school clubs and children's houses (facility)	8	11	11	+3	-	-	-

(Rounded down to the nearest million yen.)

### Dividend forecast for FY 3/23

#### Dividend policy

- •Regarding profit sharing, our company pays dividends while securing internal reserve required for future business and fortification of our management structure.
- •For FY 3/23, we plan to pay an ordinary dividend of 5.0 yen/share and a commemorative dividend of 1.0 yen/share for a total of 6.0 yen/share, as we marked the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of our business at the end of March 2022.



<sup>\*</sup> The term-end dividend for FY 3/22 is the dividend per share approved at the 30th annual meeting of shareholders.

# Long-Term Management Vision/Medium-term Management Plan



### **Target Indicators**

Long-Term Management Vision We aim to develop "nursery schools and facilities that would be selected by customers."

(To realize nursery schools, facilities, and an enterprise that will be continuously selected by guardians, municipalities, training schools, and officials)

Improvement and expansion of existing businesses, new businesses, and capital/business alliances

Target consolidated sales: 100 billion yen

Mid-term management goals To improve revenues from existing businesses and the quality of childcare support, and create new value while grasping the changes in the social and business environments

Promotion of reform of the management structure and growth strategy in 3 years from FY3/22 to FY3/24

3<sup>rd</sup> year (final fiscal year) of the medium-term management plan FY3/24; Net sales: 36,300 million yen, ordinary income: 3,960 million yen

### **Activities for Achieving Consolidated Net Sales of 100 Billion Yen**

# We will evolve our existing businesses and cultivate new (Net sales) domains for further growth. Unit: 100 million yen

1,000

500

# New business: 50 billion yen

- Members-only platform business
- Sale of existing programs and training
- Business related to child-rearing and M&A of businesses in the same industry
- Overseas business mainly in Asia
- Creation of new value in cooperation with Gakken HD

# Strengthening of the sales business utilizing our know-how

Creation of new businesses utilizing the economies of scale

Digital business and members-only platform

M&A/business alliance/overseas business



# New business/M&A

# Existing business: 50 billion yen

- Cooperation between nursery schools and school clubs (to increase our dominance)
- Development of nursery schools and facilities that would be selected by customers
- Enrichment of digital and learning programs

Establishment of new school clubs and children's houses
To increase the number of facilities two times to 200

Improvement of profitability and increase of operation rate of existing businesses

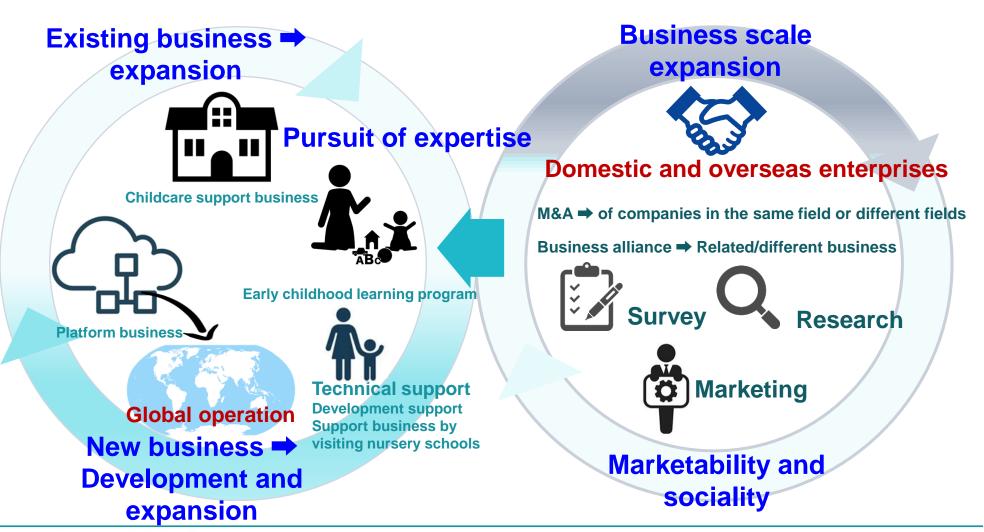
Existing businesses (nursery schools, school clubs and children's houses)

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# Medium-term Management Plan (FY 3/22 to FY 3/24)

Expansion of existing businesses, pursuit of expertise, and development of new businesses Enhancement and promotion of M&A, business alliance, global operation, specialization, and sociality



# **Business Environment Surrounding our Company**

# As our business environment is changing, we need to take measures for evolving our existing businesses and achieving further growth.

# Current situation

#### **♦** Changes in the surrounding environment

- Impact of COVID-19
- Worsening of internal and external economies
- •Rise in prices of commodities and skyrocketing of prices of resources
- ·Significant drop in the number of births
- •Increase of the budget for childcare support (Japan)

#### **♦** Business environment

- Maintenance of health and motivation amid the coronavirus pandemic
- ·Improvement of mindsets of onsite workers
- Streamlining of business operations
- •New measures in response to market and parental trends
- •Establishment of growth strategies

# Predicted changes in the environment

- •Intensification of the competition for acquiring children (decrease in the number of children on waiting lists, saturation of nursery schools in the area)
- •Closure of more nursery schools (declining birthrate, saturation of nursery schools in the area)
- •Acceleration of restructuring of childcare enterprises (forming alliances in response to oligopolization)
- •Outsourcing of operation of more public nursery schools to private enterprises
- •Change of social welfare corporations due to the amended Social Welfare Act (enhancement of competitiveness)
- •Establishment of the Agency for Children (April 2023)
  New measures and budget expansion for childcare support

Develop nursery schools and facilities that would be selected by customers

Improvement in corporate value/Sustainable growth

### FY3/23 and Medium-term Management Plan (Management Policies)

- Shift from the management system based on "revenue improvement" to the phase based on "business expansion"
- To improve operation efficiency through digitalization and systematization, which would support new business strategies, and develop and execute new businesses
- We aim to increase sales and profit, and achieve an operating income margin of 10% or higher.

# Long-term goals

- Consolidated net sales: 100 billion yen (50 billion yen for existing businesses, 50 billion yen for new businesses)
- •To become No.1 in each region by establishing "nursery schools and facilities that would be selected by customers" (quality, reliability, differentiation, and brand development)
- •To become an enterprise that will be trusted by local communities and guardians and loved by staff (dissemination of information inside and outside the company and reform)
- •To improve the child-rearing environment in cooperation with local communities and society (developing an environment that makes it easier to give birth to and rear children)
- •To develop a working environment with worthwhile jobs and enrich the educational system (curbing turnover ratio)
- •To create new businesses and establish a pillar of business other than subsidies

Medium-term Management Plan From FY3/22 To FY3/24

- (1) Establishment of nursery schools and facilities that will be selected by customers
- (2) Improvement in profitability
- (3) Fortification and streamlining of the management base
- (4) Promotion of growth strategy

Establishment of the management base

Streamlining of management (Simple operation)

Establishment of a new pillar of revenues

Sustainable growth

existing businesses

To maximize earnings from

**Expansion of business scale** 

Ratio of sales: 10% or higher (Development of new businesses)

Nursery schools and facilities that would be selected by customers

No.1 in each region (Quality and services unmatched by other companies)

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# **Management Strategy Map**

#### **Provision of services and products Existing businesses New businesses** Penetration in markets **Development of products and Existing businesses** businesses •Increase of enrolled children and improvement in External sale of existing businesses profitability at each facility Development of new programs and products ·To establish new facilities and make them authorized •Food Business (to deal with parents' concern) Provision in the market ·Early childhood learning and new programs \*Sales promotion utilizing the childcare support (differentiation) platform ·Improvement in corporate image through brand development activities **Enhancement of business** To increase revenues furthe development (3) **Diversification Cultivation of new markets** in a narrow sense New businesses ·New childcare business with digital technologies ⇒ Online childcare and digitalization of early childhood learning Child-rearing assistance platform programs ⇒ Cooperation in different fields and business for · Establishment of a new facility specializing in English increasing clients · Implementing our company's original STEAMS childcare and school-age children's programs. Creation of new businesses ⇒ Business as a new pillar Development support business (multifunctional facilities) → After-school day care Cooperation and alliance with → Child development support business/Support business by visiting nursery schools enterprises in different fields To extend our existing businesses, and offer these services early

# **Medium-term Management Plan (FY3/22 to FY3/24)**

•Plans were reviewed as performance improved greatly in FY3/22 and numerical targets were achieved two years ahead of schedule thanks to the new measures, fortification of management base and structural reform while considering the changes in the market environment.

	Medium-term Management Plan						
	FY3/22		FY3	3/23		FYS	3/24
Unit: million yen	Results	Initial forecast	Revised forecast	Compared to the initial forecast	Y/y	Target	Y/y
Net sales	34,373	35,640	35,640	0%	3.7%	36,300	1.9%
Operating income	3,344	3,560	3,633	2.1%	8.6%		
Operating income margin	9.7%	10.0%	10.2%	0.2%	0.5%		
Ordinary income	3,358	3,580	3,711	3.7%	10.5%	3,960	6.7%
Ordinary income margin	9.8%	10.0%	10.4%	0.4%	0.6%	10.9%	0.5%
Net income	2,279	2,325	2,566	10.4%	12.6%		
Net income margin	6.6%	6.5%	7.2%	0.7%	0.6%		

(Rounded down to the nearest million yen/Operating income margin, ordinary income margin, and net income margin compared to the initial forecast and Y/y are the difference.)

# Priority Measures for the Third Quarter of FY3/23 and Beyond



# Summary of FY3/23 Q2

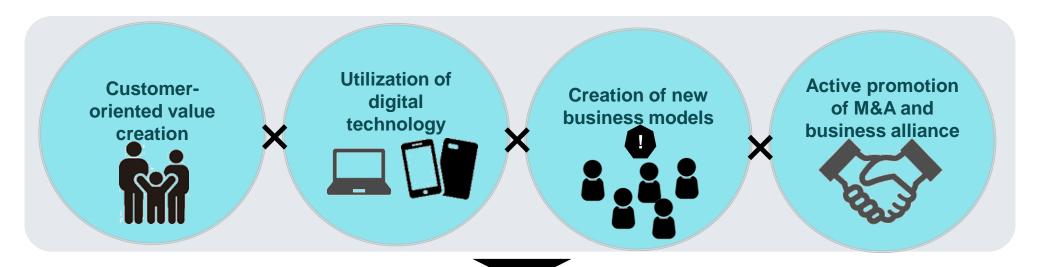
#### Steadily proceeded with the priority measures for the second half and next fiscal year

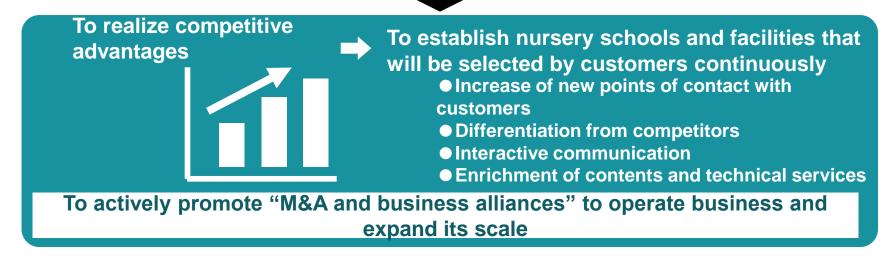
Priority measures	Progress Pro
Development nursery schools and facilities that would be selected by customers	•The number of visitors has increased through digitally-enabled nursery school tours and applications. •Strengthened information dissemination through each nursery school's website and implemented collaborative events through the use of online services. •Increased the number of classes offered in cooperation with nearby schools (swimming, karate, soccer, etc.). •Increased the number of children accepted by expanding early childhood learning programs and differentiated ourselves from other facilities.
Improvement of profitability of childcare support facilities	<ul> <li>Improved the profitability of each facility by optimizing staffing.</li> <li>Increased the number of new contracts for school clubs and children's houses based on the dominance strategy.</li> <li>Increased online training and other programs to improve the quality of childcare services.</li> </ul>
Improvement of operational efficiency (compact head office)	•Reduced operations at facilities and the head office through the installation of a system. •Consolidated group companies to improve efficiency of intra-group operations (3 companies to 1 company). •Prepared for the development of the system infrastructure to improve efficiency and sophistication of operations.
To deal with guardians' problems (new business)	<ul> <li>Promoted product development and test marketing at the facility for use of prepared foods and dinner sales.</li> <li>Prepared for sales of diaper subscriptions, study and equipment sets as a convenience for parents.</li> <li>Developed new learning programs (childcare facilities specializing in English/nursery schools and school clubs for STEAMS).</li> </ul>
Enrichment of the development support business (new business)	•Expanded developmental support patrols for children of concern and created database. (considering collaboration with other companies) •Selected concepts and areas for the establishment of a multifunctional facility.
Child-rearing assistance platform (codomel)	•Received Grand Prize in the Parent Support Services category of the BabyTech® Awards 2022 in recognition of our SDGs initiatives. •Developed and verified dinner meal sales and expansion of service functions.

# Major Management Strategies for FY 3/23

To adapt to the social environment and implement differentiation strategies based on digital technologies

To actively promote "M&A and business alliances" to operate business and expand its scale

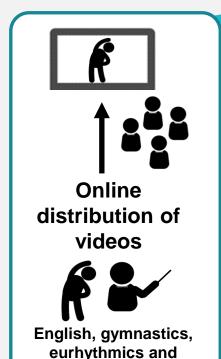




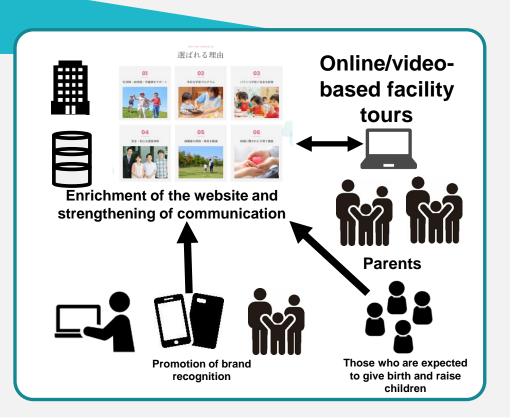
# Management Strategy (1) Devote Ourselves to the "Development of Nursery Schools and Facilities That Would Be Selected by Customers"

Using digital technology and working with local communities to develop nursery schools and facilities that would be selected by customers







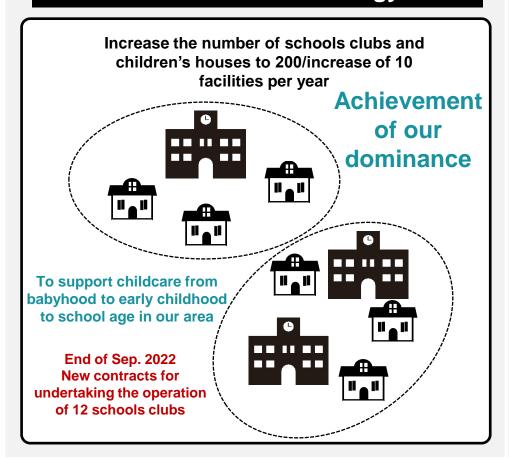


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# Management Strategy (2) Improvement in Profitability in the Child Raising Support Business/Cooperation

Childcare from babyhood to early childhood to school age through dominance strategy Further qualitative improvement of childcare and child-rearing through human resource education

#### **Area dominance strategy**



#### Personnel development



#### Management Strategy (3) Improvement of Operational Efficiency

Elimination of wasteful operations and systemization to improve efficiency and make operations more sophisticated

Realization of a compact head office through optimization of personnel

# Improvement of operational efficiency

Simple operation
Visualization and
standardization of operations



Improvement of operational efficiency

Optimization of staffing Restructuring within the group

**Systematization** 

To be installed sequentially from October 2022





Development of systems for HR, etc.
Data analysis/improvement of
operational efficiency

#### Reduction of turnover ratio

By checking the conditions of workers, we aim to keep turnover ratio from exceeding 10%.



Improvement of operational efficiency at the head office and in the field

# Reduction of workload



(Nursery schools and facilities) System in which they can concentrate on rearing and bringing up children

#### **Qualitative improvement**

Expansion of the management system in the area



Block and area-based management system

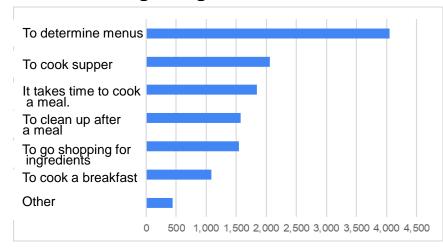
Improvement of operational efficiency Block manager Director of Childcare Dept. In charge of promotion Area manager Nursery school director

### Management Strategy (4)-1 To Deal with Guardians' Problems

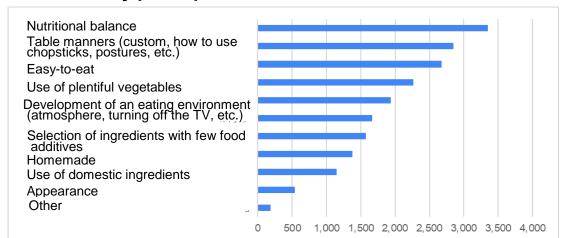
- The results of the questionnaire targeted at guardians using nursery schools operated by our corporate group indicate that most of them are bothered by the chores of "determining menus" and "cooking supper" for their families.
- They put importance on "nutritional balance" for their children's meals.

To commercialize the lunches eaten by childfen (as frozen food) for dealing with guardians' trouble To operate the food business for offering "nutrients," "familiar seasoning," and "deliciousness"

### Q: Trouble regarding meals at home



### Q: What they put importance on for children's meals



Developing a new service business that takes the parents' concerns as the starting point for the business.

\*Questionnaire targeted at guardians at each facility operated by our corporate group

# Food business responding to guardians' problems/offering childcare-related products (subscription-based)

### **Development of food business**

### Dinner meal sales (product development)



- (1) Merchandising based on menus, etc.
- (2) Careful selection of ingredients
- (3) Cooking
- (4) Rapid cooling

<Collaboration with food companies>

Product development and sales system



Utilization of the child-rearing assistance platform



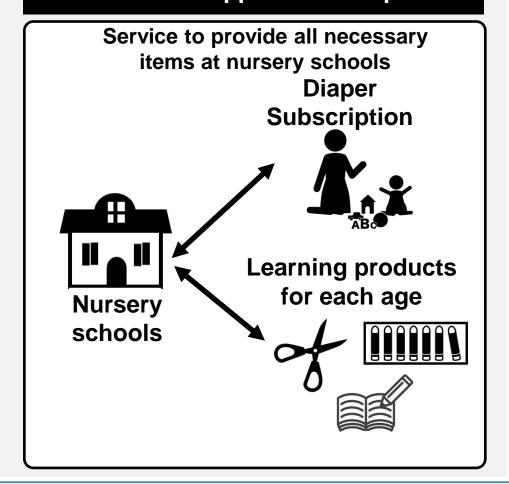
Expansion of sales channels

Parents and codomel members Other childcare providers





## Child care supplies and diapers



### **Management Strategy (4)-3 Development of Learning Programs**

To provide unique childcare and education services not available at other companies Nursery schools and school clubs for STEAMS/childcare facilities specializing in English

# Initiatives for establishing nursery schools and school clubs for STEAMS

- •STEAM is a new educational method developed in the U.S. by combining the initials of five fields.
- •This method has been already spread around the world. In Japan, the Ministry of Education(MEXT) is promoting STEAM as a cross-curricular learning program to help children discover and solve problems in the real world.
- •As physical activity is essential for the healthy development of infants, toddlers, and school-aged children, we will add "Sports" to STEAM and incorporate it into daily childcare and child-rearing.

Science
Technology
Engineering
Art
Mathematics
Sports

- Promoting program development
- •Implementation of test marketing in some regions
- •Collaboration with universities and other research institutions to consider measures to be taken

### **Childcare facilities specializing in English**

•Facilities where native English-speaking teachers are assigned to the nursery schools and children can experience English in an enjoyable manner.

**⇒**Preparation for operation in April 2023

Establishment of bilingual nursery schools (tentative name)

Three facilities to be operated in Kanto (planned)

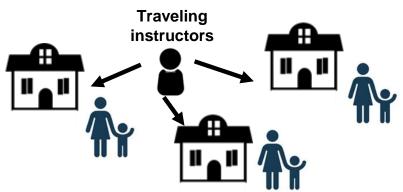
- ⇒To develop programs that allow children to learn and experience English in an enjoyable manner
- **⇒**Supported by native English-speaking teachers



## Management Strategy (4)-4 Multifunctional Facilities

To improve the development support business and offer technical support to existing pupils of nursery schools, school clubs, and children's houses

### **Support business by visiting nursery schools**



#### (1) Support business by visiting nursery schools

Specialized staff visit each facility and offer consultation services for development of children who need care.

- •Support for disabled children: To hold training and give instructions for enabling them to live in a group
- •Counselors for pupils, nursery staff, physical therapists, occupational therapists, psychological counselors, and others who possess the knowledge and experience of support for disabled pupils visit facilities.

#### (2) Establishment of multifunctional facilities

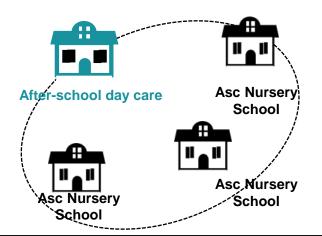
- •Establishment of multifunctional facilities in dominant areas of childcare centers
- To conduct the development support business in morning, daytime, and evening hours

#### **Establishment of multifunctional facilities**



- (1) Morning: Child development support
- Preschoolers
- (2) Daytime: Child development support
- Preschoolers
- After-school day care
- ·Lower grades of elementary school
- (3) Evening: After-school day care
- ·Higher grades of elementary school

# Establishment of after-school day care in the dominant area



## Management Strategy (5) Child-Rearing Assistance Platform

Matching site handling goods required for rearing children (brand new, used, and reused goods and services) To develop new businesses and products through CtoC, BtoC, BtoB, and overseas services and marketing Received Grand Prize in the Parent Support Services category of the BabyTech® Awards 2022

#### **Business expansion and** Outline of "codomel," a child-rearing assistance platform collaboration (1) Expansion of the circle of SDGs through collaboration with various Donation Donated goods companies including our company Increase the number of donation 🔅 codomel boxes Effective utilization Nursery school **Matching Service** of resources (Establishment of donation boxes \*Registration system/ **Environmental** Purchaser Donor in nursery schools) (2) Expansion of service contents Free registration conservation **SDGs** Increase information on childcare support Individual transaction List of products Purchasing company Individual (3) Development of new services and Expansion of Service contents products service functions Product and service Food business (dinner meal sales) provision Sale of childcare supplies Childrearing support Photo sales in cooperation with each information facility \*Expansion of service functions Creation of products in cooperation with **Overseas** Company other companies (individuals and Support on a gradual basis Childcare-related products companies) (e.g., expansion of service functions) Service development in cooperation with Development of other companies childrearing products Creation of Marketing Child care services Development of service lifetime External sales to other childcare providers programs customers Overseas services

Medium-Term Management Plan

# Management Strategy (6) Expansion of Existing Businesses and Collaboration with Other Companies

Aggressively pursue M&A of companies in the same industry and childcare-related companies in order to achieve sustainable growth.

Expand early childhood learning programs (strengthen measures for improving existing programs and developing new ones)

### **Expansion of learning programs**

### Early childhood learning programs



Mojikazu Land (in cooperation with Gakken, etc.) Expansion of English, gymnastics, eurhythmics and dance programs

### (1) Promotion of early childhood learning and new programs

Expansion of early childhood learning programs

To increase the number of Mojikazu Land facilities from 62 to 100

Development of new programs, and improvement of services for infants

To adopt dance and art programs

To increase recognition of Baby Asc (program for infants)

### **Business scale expansion**

To actively promote M&A and business alliances (business scale)

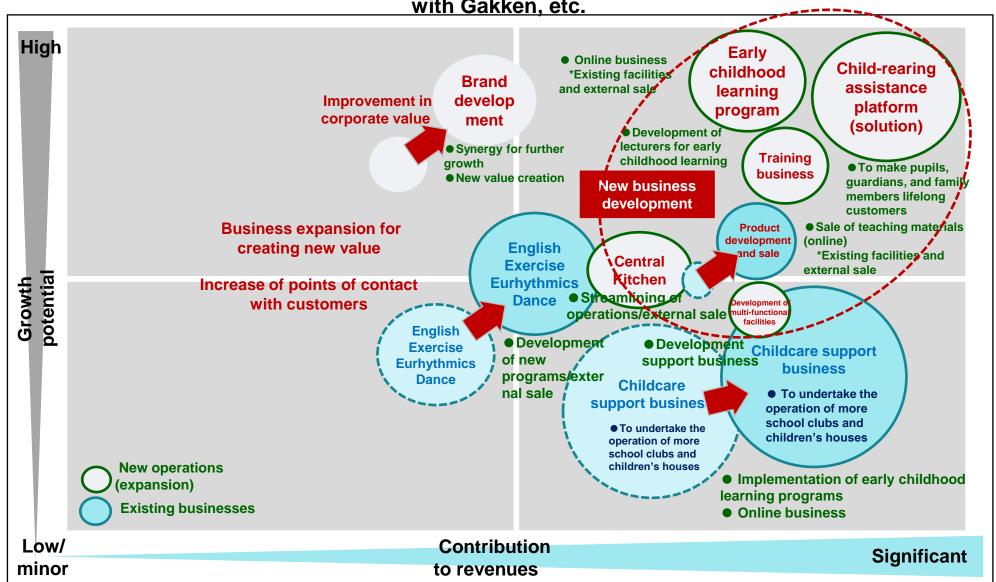
10 million yen to 20 million yen



- Same industry (childcare centers, childcare support companies)
- ·Peripheral businesses related to child-rearing
- (2) Promotion of M&A and business alliances with other companies in the same industry
  - Promotion of M&A through oligopolization
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## **Business Portfolio**

Expansion of new business domains through the response to market changes, business tie-up with Gakken, etc.





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# **APPENDIX**



## **Social Issues to be Solved with Our Business**



Social issues to be	e solved with our business	Related SDGs	Major activities		
Childcare support	Improve the quality of childcare support Reduce the number of children on waiting lists	3 すべての人に 健康と駆祉を みんなに	<ul> <li>Promotion of high quality childcare support</li> <li>Establishment of new facilities for decreasing the number of children on waiting lists</li> <li>Development and provision of online childcare while grasping changes in the social environment</li> <li>Safe, reliable facilities and operation</li> <li>Provision of nutritious lunch for maintaining health</li> <li>Enrichment of support for child development</li> </ul>		
Educational support	Offer high quality early childhood learning	4 質の高い教育を みんなに 10 人や国の不平等 をなくそう	•Development and enrichment of educational programs (English, exercise, eurhythmics and dancing) •Development and promotion of online education Development of programs for early childhood learning at home in response to changes in the social environment •Provision of early childhood learning opportunities		
		X	<b>17</b> パートナーシップで 目標を達成しよう		
Partnership	To help solve social issues ba	ased on the partnership wi	th stakeholders		

### **Social Issues to be Solved with Our Corporate Activities**



#### Social issues to be solved with **Related SDGs Major activities** our corporate activities 5 ジェンダー平等を 実現しよう 8 働きがいも 経済成長も Improvement in expertise and Personnel Promotion of work style reform actualization of independent ·Enrichment of training structure development ·Career paths and job rotation career development **Empowerment** ·Workstyles tailored to lifestyles **Actualization of diversity** ·Systems for childbirth, childcare, and nursing care minded workplaces of women Development of a proper business environment **Human rights** ·Utilization of diverse human resources and sound Actualization of diverse business administration and D&I\*1 workstyles Development and production of female leaders Social contribution to Promotion of childcare support in local areas Creation of a childcare Promotion of employment environment local Promotion of prevention of abuse communities ·Creation of environmentally sound facilities **Earth** Contribution to a sustainable •Reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by installing LED lighting environment earth environment Reduction of food loss and waste

**Partnership** 

To help solve social issues based on the partnership with stakeholders



<sup>\*1:</sup> Diversity & inclusion (To create something new by utilizing different experiences and accepting differences)

### Initiatives to Solve Social Issues

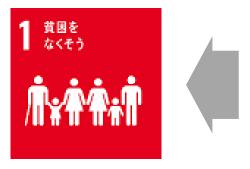


As a mission of an enterprise that operates childcare support business, we will approach impoverished households and take measures for preventing child abuse, which are social problems.

·We will discuss various measures for raising and donating funds, and determine and actively promote "activities" and "initiatives" for the future of children.

(In December 2020, May and December 2021, and May 2022, we conducted the "support for single parent households.")

### No poverty



#### Prevention of child abuse





# SUSTAINABLE GALS







































### Initiatives to Solve Social Issues



- To reduce environmental burdens and disposal costs, by thoroughly reusing and recycling necessary products for childcare
- To support "childcare around the world" by offering inexpensive, high quality, reused childcare goods, which are available only in Japan, to countries and regions in need

### Child-rearing assistance platform













































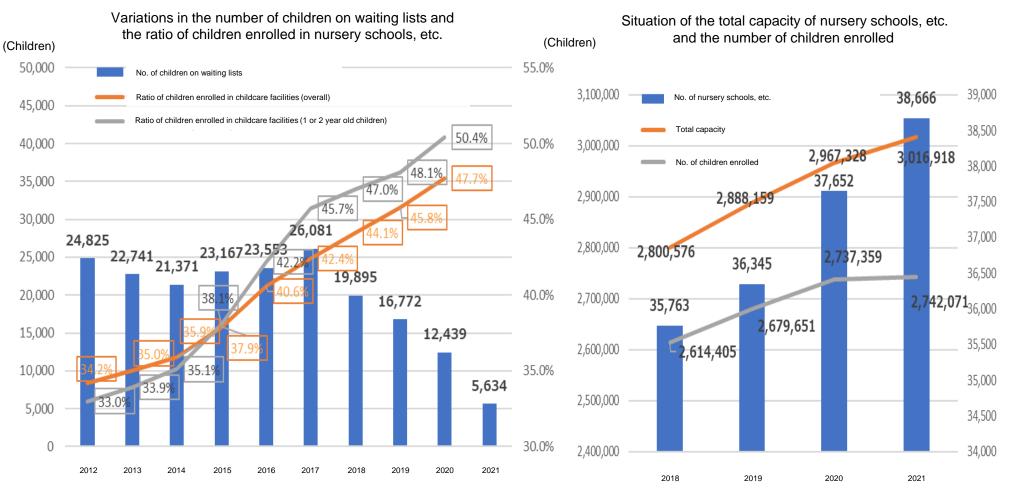




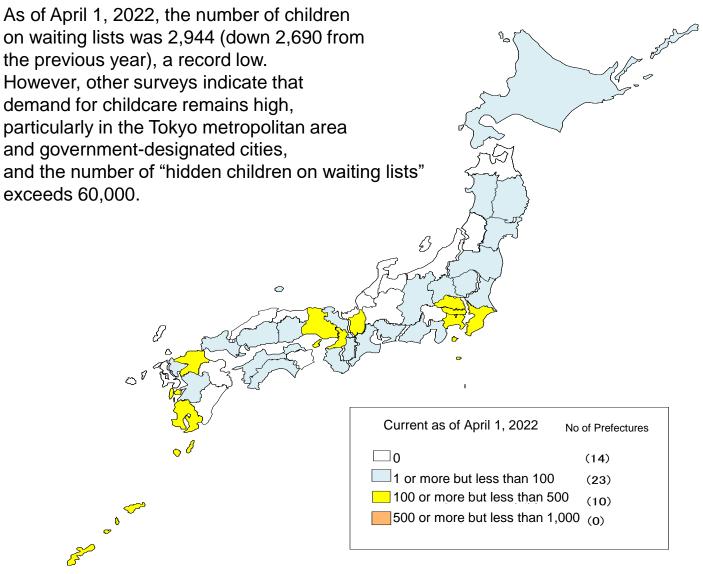


# Variations in the Number of Children on Waiting Lists and the Ratio of Children Enrolled in Nursery Schools, Etc. (2021)

- The total capacity of nursery schools, etc.: 3.01 million children, up 49,000 children from the previous year.
- The number of children enrolled in nursery schools, etc.: 2.74 million, up 5,000 from the previous year.
- The number of children on waiting lists: 5,634, down 6,805 from the previous year.



## **Current Waiting List Situation in Each Prefecture**



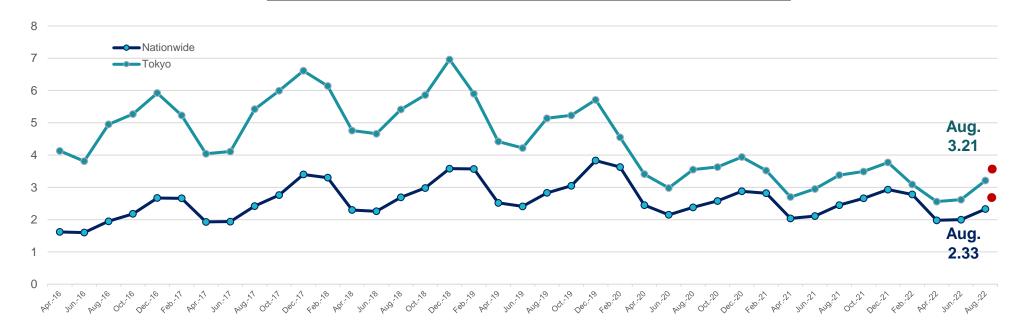
Prefecture	No. of children on waiting lists	Ratio of children on waiting lists	
	people	%	
Hokkaido	22	0.03	
Aomori	-0	0.00	
lwate	35	0.12	
Miyagi	75	0.17	
Akita	7	0.03	
Yamagata	Ó	0.00	
Fukushima	23	0.07	
lbaraki	- 8	0.01	
Tochiqi	14	0.03	
Gunma	1	0.00	
Saitama	296	0.21	
Chiba	250	0.20	
Tokyo	300	0.09	
Kanagawa	220	0.12	
Niigata	0	0.00	
Toyama	Ŏ	0.00	
Ishikawa	Ō	0.00	
Fukui	Ŏ	0.00	
Yamanash	Ŏ	0.00	
Nagano	9	0.02	
Ĝifu	0	0.00	
Shizuoka	23	0.03	
Aichi	23 53	0.03	
Mie	64	0.16	
Shiga	118	0.32	
Kyoto	17	0.03	
Osaka	134	0.07	
Hyogo	311	0.26	
Nara	81	0.31	
Wakayama	30	0.15	
Tottori	0	0.00	
Shimane	0	0.00	
Okayama	79	0.16	
Hiroshima	8	0.01	
Yamaguch	14	0.05	
Tokushima	0	0.00	
Kagawa	19	0.08	
Ehime	25	0.10	
Kochi	4	0.02	
Fukuoka	100	0.08	
Saga	8	0.03	
Nagasaki	Ō	0.00	
Kumamoto	9	0.02	
Oita	<u> </u>	0.00	
Miyazaki	0	0.00	
Kagoshima	148	0.37	
Okinawa	439	0.71	
Total	2,944	0.10	

Source: Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare's Nursery School Situation Summary (April 1, 2022)

## **Current Nursery School Teacher Shortage Situation**

- ► The ratio of job openings to job applicants for nursery school teachers is decreasing. However, there is a continuing shortage of nursery school teachers across Japan. (National average as of August 2022: 2.33 times)
- ▶ Jobs to applicants ratio of Tokyo had the trend of decrease at 2.48 as of May 2022, but turned to increase from June 2022 to 3.21 as of August 2022.





Source: Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare Employment Security Bureau's General Job Placements (Report on Employment Service)

## Concept of the Child-Rearing Assistance Platform "codomel"

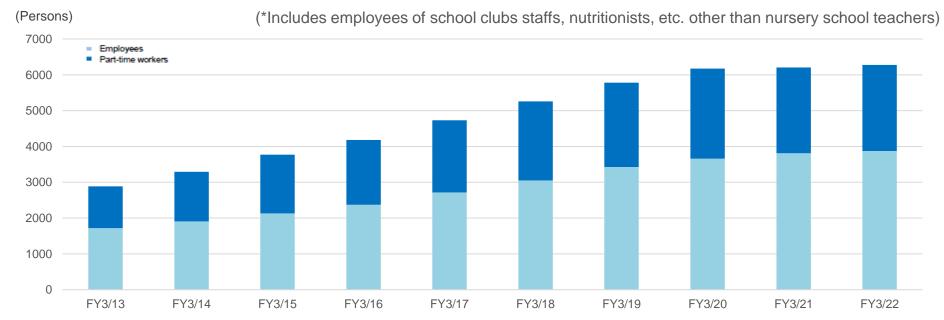
(1) Platform name	codomel								
(2) Concept of the platform name and logo	<ul> <li>*Codomel is a word we have coined by combining the word for children in Japanese of "codomo" with the word for product in Latin of "merx."</li> <li>*We have used the colors of the five initiatives we will attempt to achieve through this service from among the 17 SDGs: "No Poverty," "3. Good Health and Well being," "7. Affordable and Clean Energy," "10. Reduced Inequalities" and "16. Peace Justice and Strong Institutions." In addition, the circular design made by people linking their hands expresses the "circular deveryone," which we will create by connecting children, parents and local communities through this service.</li> </ul>								
(3) Logo	☆コドメル ☆codomel								
	コドメルcodomel								
(4) Overview of the first services	<ul> <li>The first services of the codomel child-rearing assistance platform will be a matching service in which users can individually sell and purchase used goods over the Internet focused on childrearing-related supplies (e.g., baby supplies and clothing) mainly for the childrearing generation and a service to provide products highly needed by the childrearing generation and childrearing related information and services.</li> <li>We will also collect childrearing-related supplies and clothing donated by parents at the nursery schools operated by our group and then provide them as used goods.</li> <li>We will unroll this service overseas and further expand services after the launch of this service on April 1, 2022.</li> </ul>								

## **Recruitment of Nursery School Teachers**

		FY3/16	FY3/17	FY3/18	FY3/19	FY3/20	FY3/21	FY3/22 As of the end of Sep.
Nursery School	New graduates	197	247	276	248	182	166	166 Joined on Apr. 1, 2022
Teacher	Mid-career employment	241	327	325	269	292	226	<b>261</b> As of the end of Sep. 2022
Non qualified	New graduates	23	32	46	26	9	7	5

<sup>\*</sup>After joining JPHD, non qualified graduates are expected and assisted to acquire nursery school teacher qualification. Started this recruitment style from FY2016.

Trend of Employee Numbers in Childcare Support Business



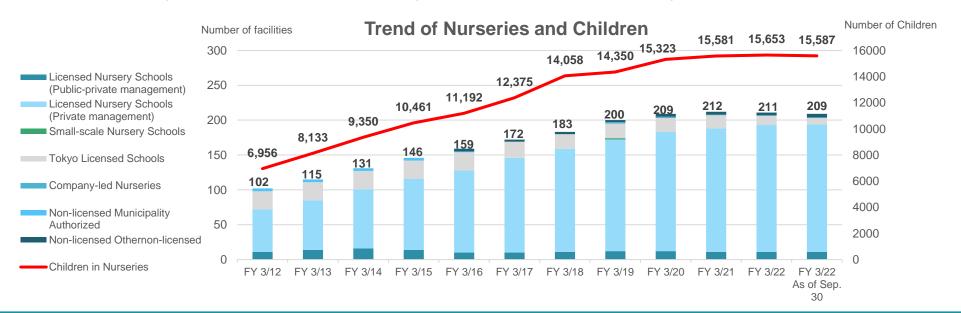
<sup>\*</sup>Includes seconded employees to associated companies

Supplementary Material

# **Changes in the Number of Facilities Operated and the Number of Children Accepted to Nursery Schools**

		FY3/12	FY3/13	FY3/14	FY3/15	FY3/16	FY3/17	FY3/18	FY3/19	FY3/20	FY3/21	FY3/22	FY3/22 As of Sep. 30
	Nursery Schools ate management)	11	14	16	14	10	10	11	12	12	11	11	11
Licensed (Private ma	Nursery Schools nagement)	61	71	85	102	118	136	148	160	171	177	182	183
Small-sca	ale Nursery Schools	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
	Tokyo Licensed Schools	26	26	26	26	26	23	21	21	20	19	13	9
Non-	Company-led Nurseries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1
licensed Nursery Schools	Non-licensed Municipality Authorized	4	4	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Non-licensed Other non-licensed	0	0	0	0	4	3	3	3	4	4	4	5
School C	lubs	39	40	43	46	55	63	71	72	72	77	81	89
Children's	s Houses	7	8	8	8	10	12	12	11	11	11	11	10
Private S	chool Clubs	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	5	4	1	0	0
Kinderga Facility)	rtens (Overseas	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Total	148	163	182	200	224	251	272	289	297	301	303	308

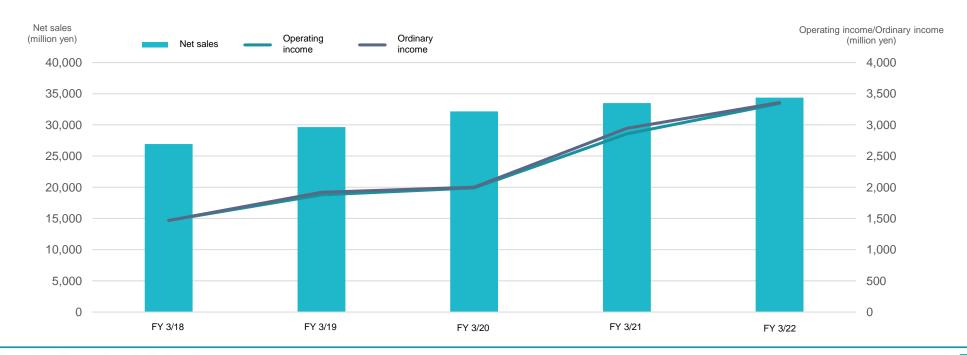
<sup>\*</sup>We reviewed the count by management structure in the 2Q of FY3/16 and changed three licensed schools (public-private management) to other non-licensed nursery schools.



## **Consolidated Results (Highlights)**

	FY3/18	FY3/19	FY3/20	FY3/21	FY3/22
Net sales (million yen)	26,945	29,647	32,169	33,500	34,373
Operating income (million yen)	1,469	1,880	1,989	2,857	3,344
Ordinary income (million yen)	1,469	1,920	2,003	2,947	3,358
Net income attributable to owners of parent (million yen)	910	1,071	1,122	537	2,279
Net income per share (yen)	10.70	12.44	12.81	6.15	26.06

\*Net sales and operating income are the amounts after the reclassification of presentation methods.



## **Consolidated Results (Balance Sheet/Statement of Cash Flows)**

	FY3/18	FY3/19	FY3/20	FY3/21	FY3/22
Total assets (million yen)	25,758	28,255	26,122	29,740	34,274
Net assets (million yen)	7,756	8,950	9,636	10,007	11,975
Shareholders' equity ratio (%)	30.1	31.7	36.9	33.7	34,9

	FY3/18	FY3/19	FY3/20	FY3/21	FY3/22
Cash flows from operating activities (million yen)	1,865	1,829	2,320	2,469	3,884
Cash flows from investing activities (million yen))	-1,292	-940	418	190	413
Cash flows from financing activities (million yen)	-135	1,475	-3,349	2,155	1,978
Year-end balance of cash and cash equivalents (million yen)	4 455	6,816	6,206	11,020	17,296

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## **Dividends**

The basic policy of our company is to continue paying a performance-linked dividend with a payout ratio of around 30% while maintaining the necessary internal reserves for future business development and to strengthen our management structure.

	FY3/18	FY3/19	FY3/20	FY3/21	FY3/22
Amount of dividend per share (yen)	3.50	3.70	3.90	3.90	4.50
Payout ratio (%)	32.7	29.7	30.4	63.4	17.3



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