

Fukoku Co., Ltd. (TSE Prime Market: 5185) May 22, 2024



# Financial Results Briefing

FY Ended March 31, 2024



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## **Agenda**



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- 3. Forecast of Results for FY Ending March 31, 2025
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- 6. Progress of the Medium-Term Management Plan



## 1. Financial Results: Key Points



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### Results for FY Ended March 31, 2024

The Company faced impacts such as the economic downturn in China and the continued high cost of raw materials due to high resource prices. However, mitigation of the impact of production adjustments by automobile manufacturers, increased sales in yen terms due to the impact of the yen's depreciation, as well as rationalization efforts against and price pass-through of the rising raw material and fuel costs, among others, contributed to the **increase in sales and profit**.

#### Forecast for FY Ending March 31, 2025

The trend of price increase is expected to remain the same due to factors such as the continuation of an unstable situation overseas, global fluctuations in foreign exchange rates, and soaring resource prices.

We aim to achieve the objectives in the first fiscal year of "New Medium-Term Management Plan 2026." To this end, we are striving to maximize profitability with continuing efforts to improve profit margins through a recovery of orders from automobile manufacturers, initiatives to expand sales, rationalization of production processes, and responses to fluctuations, **aiming for record-high sales and profit**.

#### **Dividends**

Year-end dividend for FY ended March 31, 2024 up 5 yen to 32.5 yen, making for an annual dividend of 60 yen when combined with the interim dividend of 27.5 yen.

Annual dividend for FY ending March 31, 2025 is planned to be up 15 yen year on year to 75 yen.



2. Results for FY Ended March 31, 2024







#### Summary of Results (Consolidated)

(JPY Millions)

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+6,529	+7.9%
+1,636	+81.4%
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+955	
	+30.4%
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	+42.9%
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\*pp = percentage point

Sales and profit increased as the effects of rising raw material costs were absorbed through rationalization efforts, price pass-through, etc.

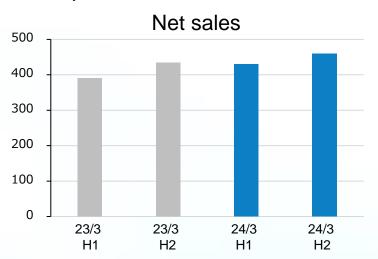
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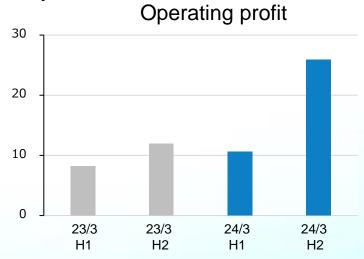


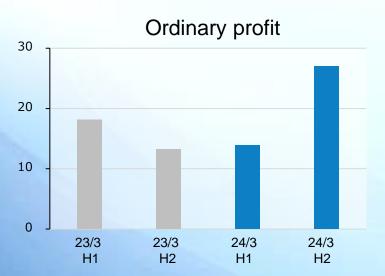


Business performance trends (Consolidated, Half-year financial results)

(JPY 100M)







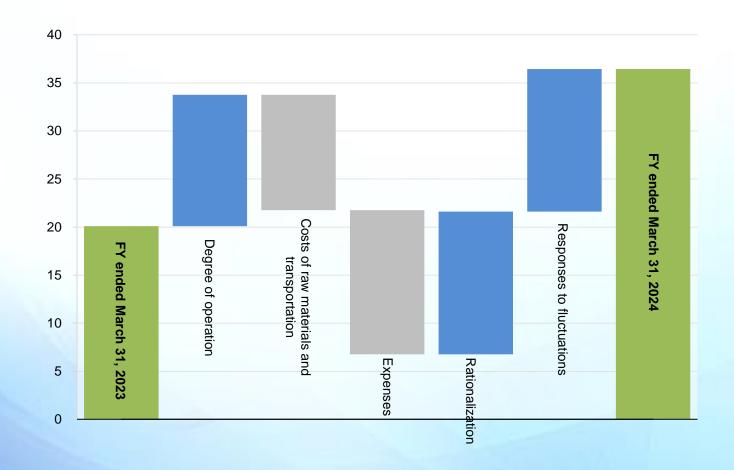






Difference \_ consolidated operating profit (YoY)

(JPY 100M)



## 2. Results for FY Ended March 31, 2024 ANNIVERSARY





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#### Financial Position, Cash Flow (Consolidated)

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	FY ended March 31, 2023 Results	FY Ended March 31, 2024 Results	Change (YoY)		
Cash and deposits	9,972	12,011	2,039		
Receivables	19,731	20,591	860		
Inventories	11,054	11,427	373		
Other current assets	1,770	1,686	-83		
Total current assets	42,528	45,718	3,189		
Property, plant and equipment	25,896	26,695	799		
Other non-current assets	3,105	3,619	514		
Total non-current assets	29,001	30,315	1,313		
Total assets	71,530	76,033	4,503		
Borrowings	12,979	11,525	-1,453		
Payables	11,342	12,330	987		
Other current/non- current liabilities	9,255	10,167	911		
Total liabilities	33,577	34,023	445		
Total shareholders' equity	32,534	34,780	2,245		
Non-controlling interests	2,333	2,472	139		
Other	3,084	4,757	1,672		
Total net assets	37,952	42,010	4,057		
Total liabilities and net assets	71,530	76,033	4,503		

(JPY Millions)

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	FY ended March 31, 2023 Results	FY Ended March 31, 2024 Results	
Profit before tax	3,511	4,093	
Depreciation	4,471	4,653	
Increase (-) / decrease (+) in trade receivables	-1,572	-122	
Increase (-) / decrease (+) in inventories	-876	122	
Increase (+) / decrease (-) in trade payables	971	213	
Other	-2,990	-118	
Cash flows from operating activities	3,515	8,843	
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	-4,103	-4,027	
Other	114	-438	
Cash flows from investing activities	-3,988	-4,466	
Proceeds from borrowings	4,104	2,055	
Repayments of borrowings	-2,527	-3,934	
Other	-823	-902	
Cash flow from financing activities	753	-2,781	
Free cash flow	-473	4,377	

 Recovery of core business and collection of trade receivables improved the free cash flow.

- Cash and deposits increased due to currency translation during the depreciation of the yen.
- As the Company's closing date was a financial institution holiday, cash and deposits temporarily increased due to the inclusion of unsettled payment obligations.







Forecast of Results (Consolidated)

(JPY	Millions)
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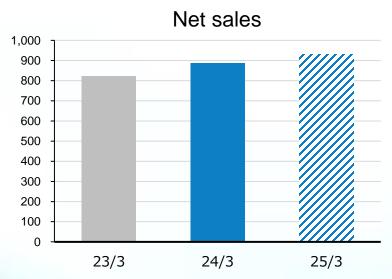
	FY ended FY ending March 31, March 31, 2024 2025			
	Results	Forecast	Change	Change rate
Net sales	88,847	93,000	+4,153	+4.7%
Operating profit (Operating profit to net sales)	3,646 (4.1%)	<b>4,800</b> (5.2%)	+1,154 (+1.1pp)	+31.6%
Ordinary profit (Ordinary profit to net sales)	<b>4,094</b> (4.6%)	<b>4,800</b> (5.2%)	+706 (+0.6pp)	+17.2%
Profit (Profit to net sales)	3,050 (3.4%)	<b>3,750</b> (4.0%)	+700 (+0.6pp)	+22.9%

\*pp = percentage point

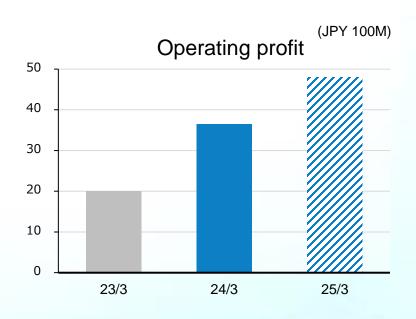
Increase in sales and profit is expected due to favorable orders, rationalization of production processes, and responses to fluctuations in raw material prices.



#### Forecast of Results (Consolidated)





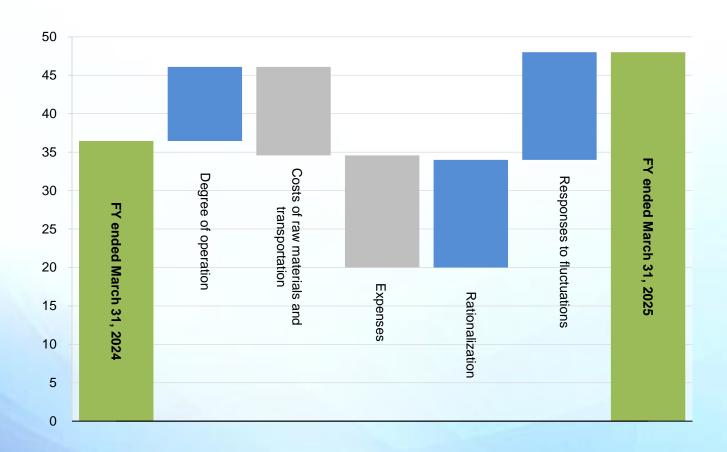






Difference \_ consolidated operating profit (YoY)

(JPY 100M)





## 4. Status per Segment/Region



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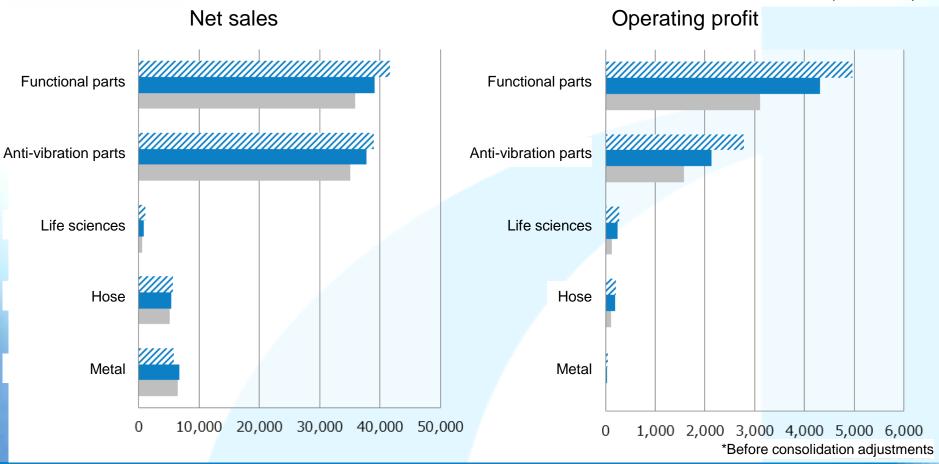
FY ending March 31, 2025

FY ended March 31, 2024

FY ended March 31, 2023

\*Due to a change in the reporting segment, the figures for FYs ended March 31, 2023, and 2024 are after the reclassification of the industrial equipment segment.

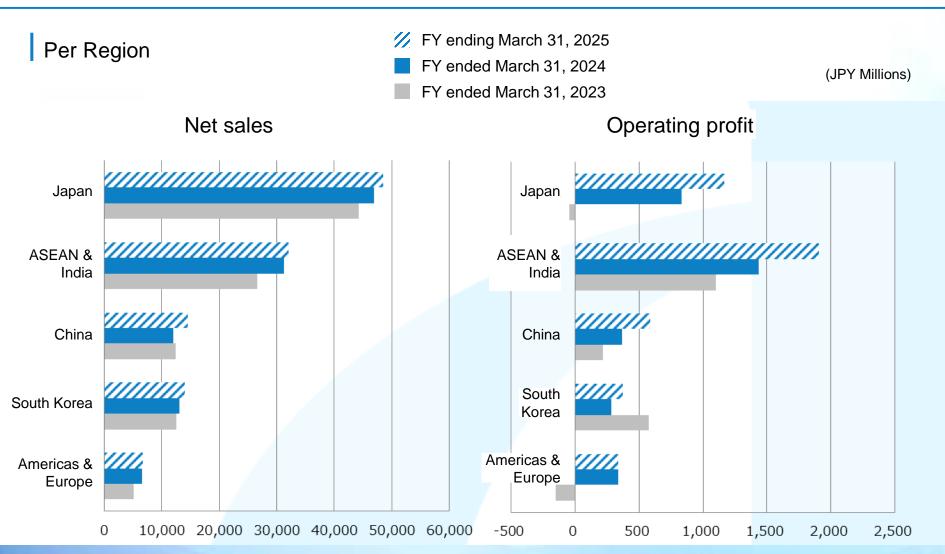
(JPY Millions)



A surplus was achieved in all segments in FY ended March 31, 2024, and this is expected to continue in the next fiscal year and beyond.

## 4. Status per Segment/Region





\*Before consolidation adjustments

Increase in sales and profit is planned in all regions for FY ending March 31, 2025.



### 5. Returns to Shareholders

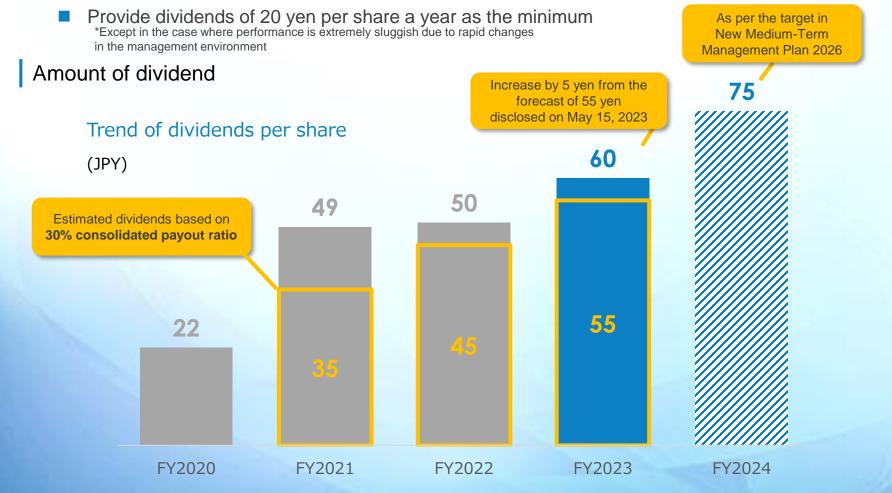


### 5. Returns to Shareholders



Views on shareholder returns (basic policy on dividends)

Continue providing stable dividends with a consolidated dividend payout ratio of 30% as the standard



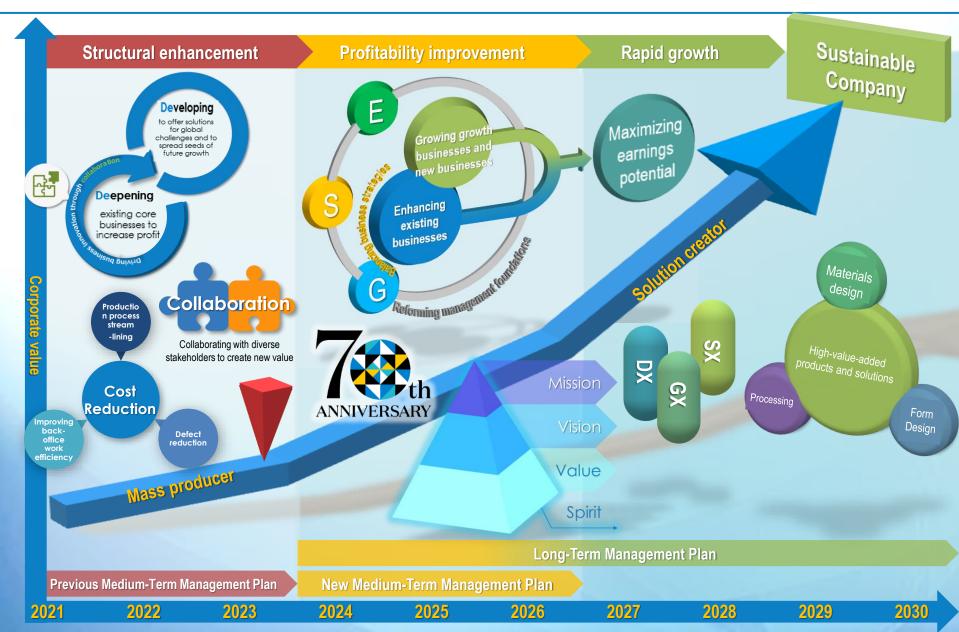


## 6. Progress of the Medium-Term Management Plan



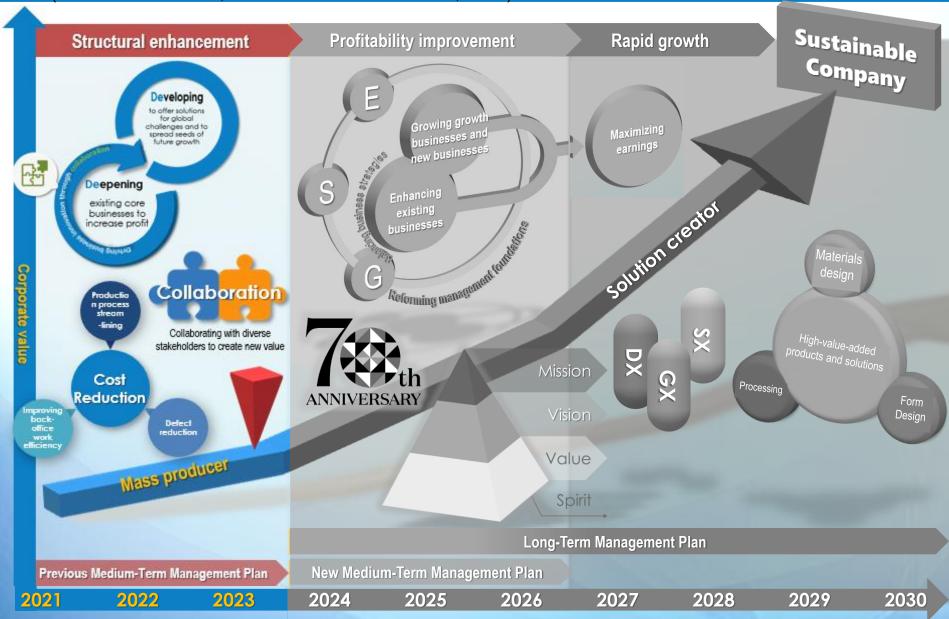
#### Overview of 6. the new Medium-Term Management Plan 2026 ANNIVERSARY FUICOKU





#### **Review of the previous Medium-Term** 6. Management Plan (FY ended March 31, 2022 – FY ended March 31, 2024)

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### **Review of the previous Medium-Term** 6. Management Plan (FY ended March 31, 2022 – FY ended March 31, 2024)



#### Consolidated sales · Ordinary profit margin · ROE · Consolidated payout ratio

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Consc	olidated sales	(JPY100M)	800	)		888	
Ordina	ary profit marg	in	7%	6		4.6%	
ROE		89	6	8.1%			
Consc	olidated payou	ut ratio	300	%		31.7%	
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21/3 Results	22/3 M-Term Results Plan	23/3 M-Term Results	24/3 M-Term Results Plan	21/3 Results	22/3 M-Term Results	23/3 M-Term Results	24/3 M-Term Results

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#### **Deepening and Developing**

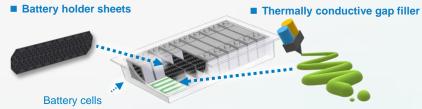
Overview



#### **Achievement status**

#### **Expanding CASE businesses**

- Expansion in sales of battery hold sheets and development of new structures
- Efficient cooling of battery cells Development of "thermally conductive gap filler"



\*Illustration of typical battery modules

#### **Creating life sciences business**

- Applications of liquid media and cosmetics raw materials Promoting development and pursuing safety
- Establishing mass production system of testing chips for drug-resistant bacteria, developing new products and publishing papers







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#### Strengthening windshield wiper business

Significantly shortening development time through designs using simulation technology and in-house evaluation using actual vehicles



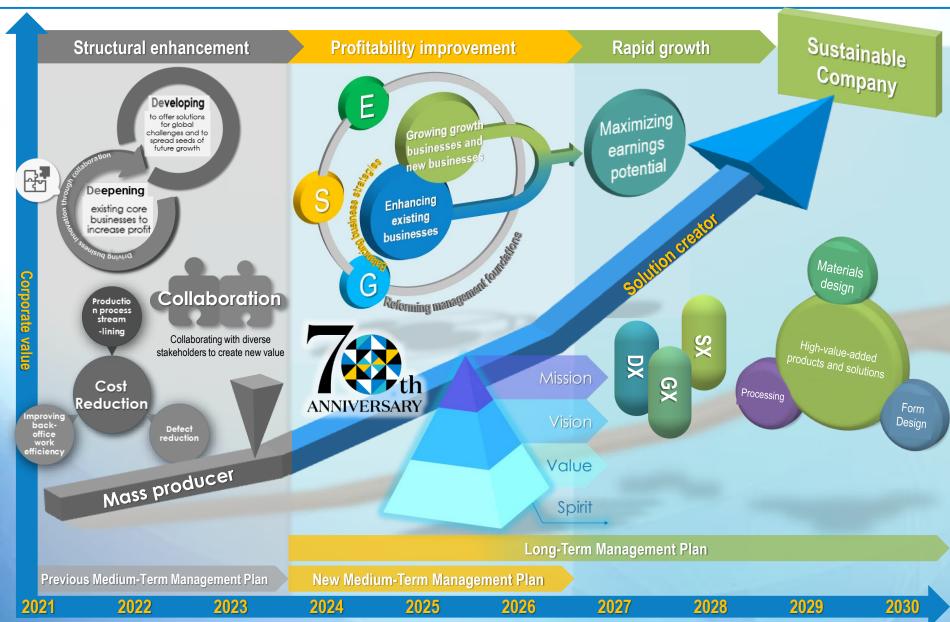
Increase production capacity of main plants in Thailand

#### Selecting and focusing on overseas businesses

- Restructuring of European bases (closure of the Czech base)
- **Restructuring of American bases**

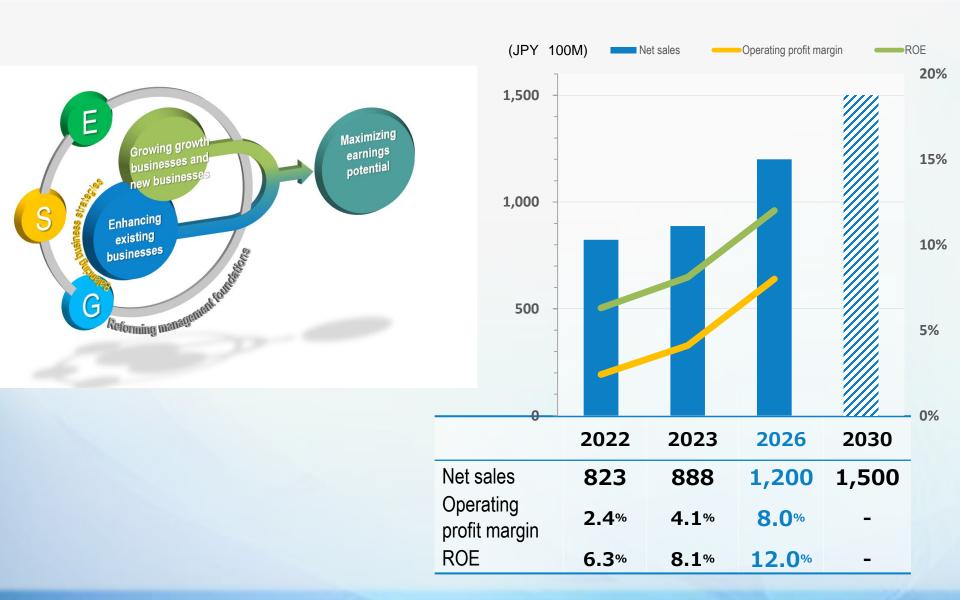
## 6. Overview of the new Medium-Term Management Plan 2026





## 6. New Medium-Term Management Plan 2026 Strategic Scheme





## 6. New Medium-Term Management Plan 2026 Balancing business strategies



## **Enhancing existing businesses**

#### Growing sales through solutions businesses

- Simulation design through in-vehicle evaluation technologies/enhancing R&D in China
- Establishing an R&D function in India

## Growing growth businesses and new businesses

#### Growing industrial and other products

Factory automation

Development of/establishment of massproduction systems for precision seals

New energy

Development of hydrogen-energy seals and vibration-proofing coatings for wind power

**Aerospace** 

Development of vibration-proofing mounts

#### **Growing sales to high-growth regions**

Enhancing technology and production structures in India and Indonesia

#### **Growth in the CASE market**

**Batteries** 

Development and sales expansion of holding sheets for continually evolving EV products

Development and sales expansion of thermal radiation gap fillers and large-battery vibration-proofing products

## Manufacturing-ability innovations and enhancing HR development

- Developing innovative construction methods/ automation/IoT adoption
- Enhancing global HR development

#### **Growing life-science products**

Bio

Cell-culture bags and cultures and cosmetics raw materials

Microbiolog ical testing

Establishment of mass-production systems and sales expansion for chemical-resistant microbiological-testing chips

## 6. New Medium-Term Management Plan 2026 Enhancing existing businesses



### Wiper rubber

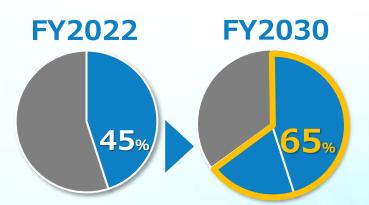
Technological development total solution

OEM global market share expansion

Production capacity increase at main factory in Thailand









Further solidifying our top global market share

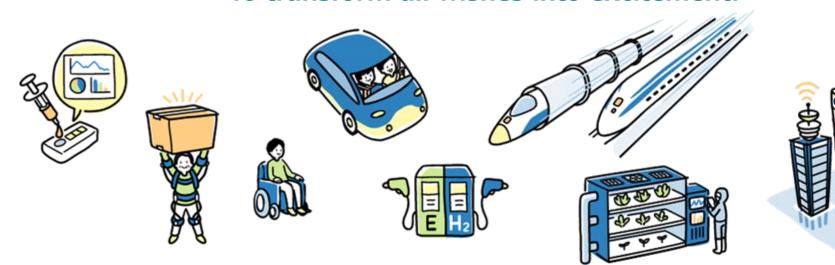
**Product introduction of Fukoku Wiper** 

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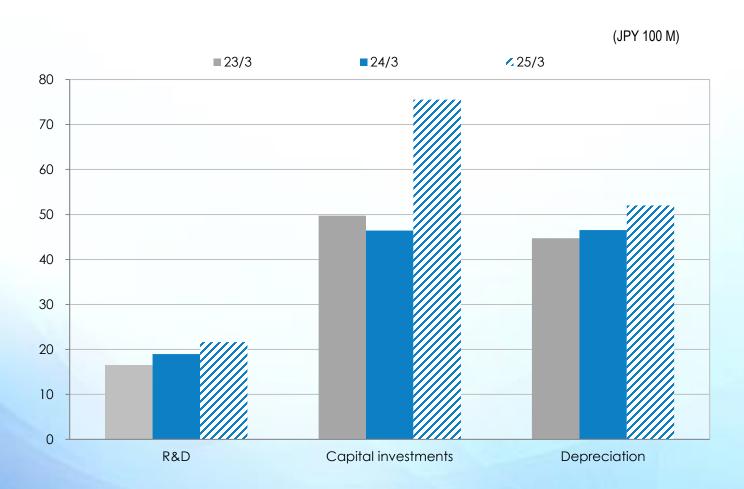
**Appendix** 



## Trend of R&D Expenditures, Depreciation and Capital investments



Trend of R&D Expenditures, Depreciation and Capital investments





## Company Profile **TUKOKU**

Production and sales of Rubber products, Business Metal products · Plastic products, profile OA·Electric, devices·Medical devices etc. Security code Prime market, Tokyo Stock Exchange (5185) Foundation 1953 December 24 (70 years since foundation) **Head office** Saitama, Ageo city Representative Ikuo Oshiro, President Consolidation 4,594 Parent company 1,157 No. of employees \*as of March 31, 2024, except part time workers





No. of Shareholders 16,097 \*as of March 31, 2024

Bases / Affiliate companies

- Domestic bases
  - 5 plants, 2business offices
- Affiliate companies
- Consolidated subsidiaries: 2 in Japan and 14 overseas
- Equity Method Affiliated Companies: 1 overseas





### History

1953	Dec	Founder, Eiichi Kawamoto established Fukoku Rubber Industry Co., Ltd.
1956	Apr	Succeeded in developing Wiper blade rubber technology
1972	Sep	Invested in Sueyoshi Industries Co., Ltd.
1983	Jan	Thai Fukoku Co., Ltd. Was established in Bangkok, Thailand.
1986	Jan	Changed the company name to Fukoku Co., Ltd.
1994	Oct	Registered with Japan Securities Dealers' Association (currently JASDAQ) to list stocks for OTC market
1996	Feb	Invested in Tokyo Rubber MFG. Co., Ltd.
2004	Mar	Stock listed on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange
2005	Mar	Stock upgraded to the 1st section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange
2020	Jun	Selected by the METI under the 2020 Global Niche Top Companies Selection 100 program
2022	Apr	Stock listed on the Prime market of the Tokyo stock exchange
2023	Jul	Ikuo Oshiro was appointed president

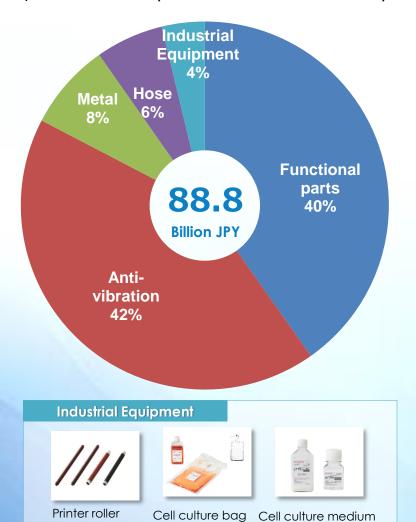








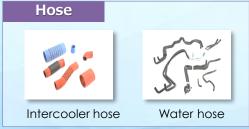
Sales per business (FY2023 Consolidation)







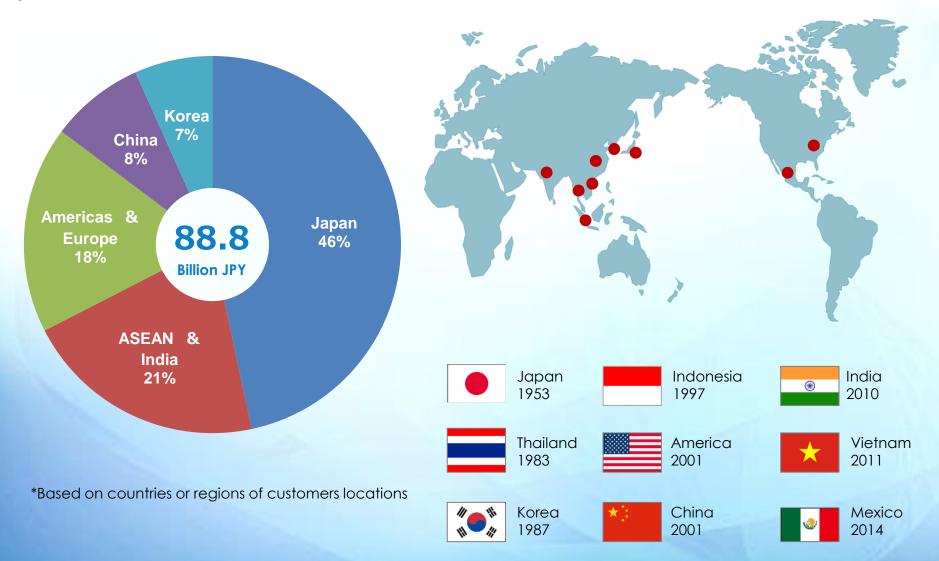






Sales per region (FY2023 Consolidation)

#### Global network

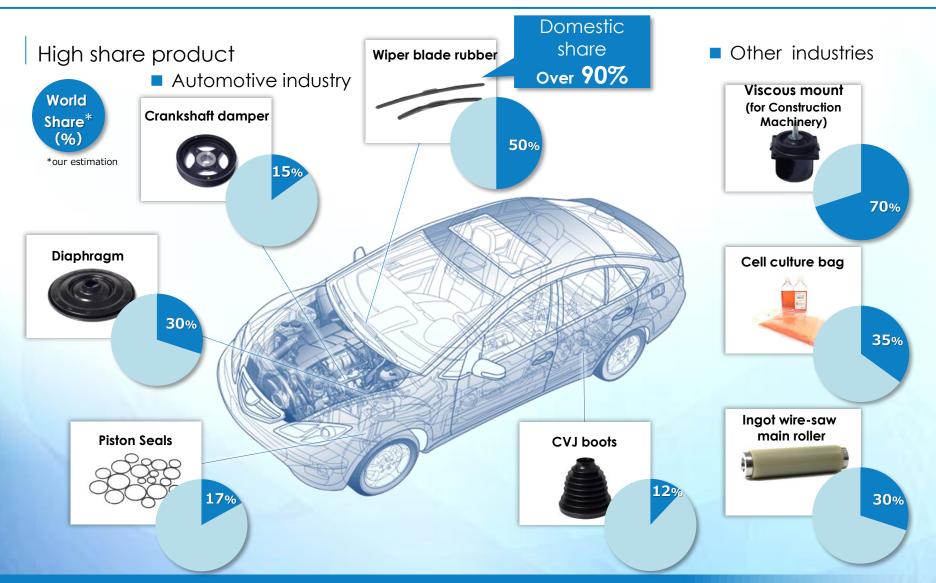




Our strength: Production and sales of a wide variety of products







Producing many products with a high market share in niche fields



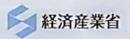
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- 1. both global share and profit,
- 2. unique and independent technology, and
- 3. importance in the supply chain.



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