

FY23/3 1Q Financial Results

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Implement technology to "WORK" and modify the specification of society leveraging individual power

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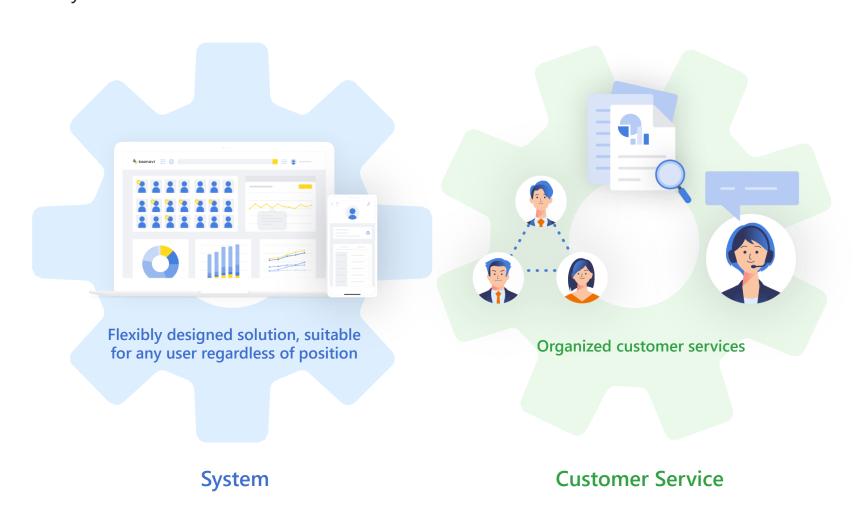
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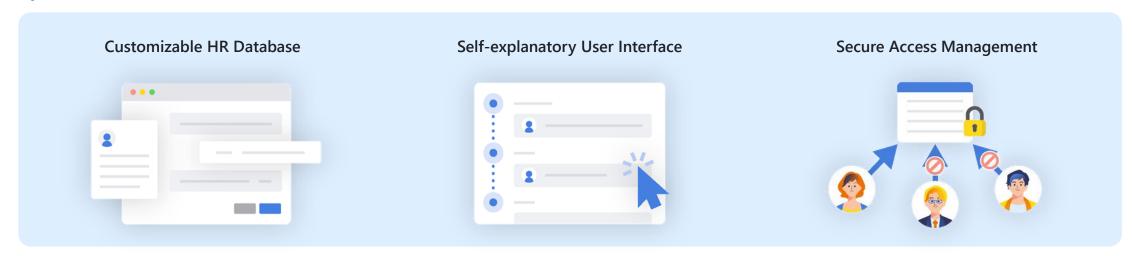
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Highlights

No change to full-year forecast due to steady progress in 1Q financial results

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Net sales were JPY 1,369MM (+35.7% YoY)
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Gross profit was JPY 1,035MM (+44.8% YoY), and its margin improved to 75.7%

Operating profit was JPY 109MM (+265.3% YoY)

- ARR reached JPY 5,162MM (+33.5% YoY), on track with the plan
 - Newly acquired MRR hit a record-high for 1Q

Churn rate (last 12-month average) was 0.55%, remaining at a low level

- Orders from support services also reached a record-high for 1Q, and progressed steadily against the plan
- The number of employees at the end of June 2022 was 252, and hiring progressed in line with the plan

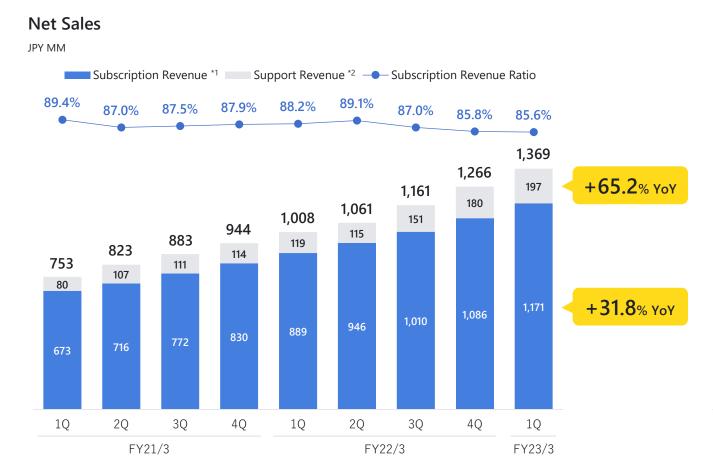
PL Summary

Net sales increased by 35.7% YoY. Gross profit also increased steadily, and its margin surpassed 75%

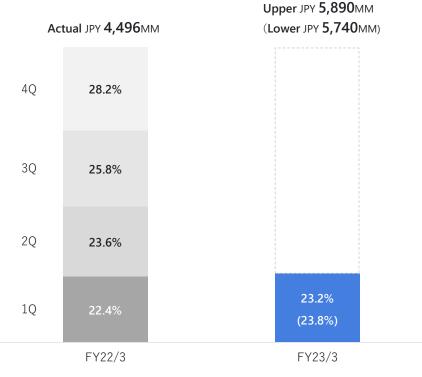
JPY MM	FY22/3 1Q Same period last year	FY22/3 4Q Previous quarter	FY23/3 1Q Actual	YoY	QoQ
Net Sales	1,008	1,266	1,369	+35.7%	+8.1%
Gross Profit	715	937	1,035	+44.8%	+10.5%
Margin	70.9%	74.0%	✓ 75.7%	+4.7pt	+1.7pt
Operating Profit	30	-57	109	+265.3%	-
Margin	3.0%	-	8.0%	+5.0pt	-
Ordinary Profit	28	-62	107	+284.8%	-
Net Profit	18	58	79	+340.0%	+35.6%

Net Sales

Subscription revenue and support revenue increased by 31.8% and 65.2% YoY, respectively Net sales progress against full-year forecast exceeded the previous year



Progress Against Full-year Forecast

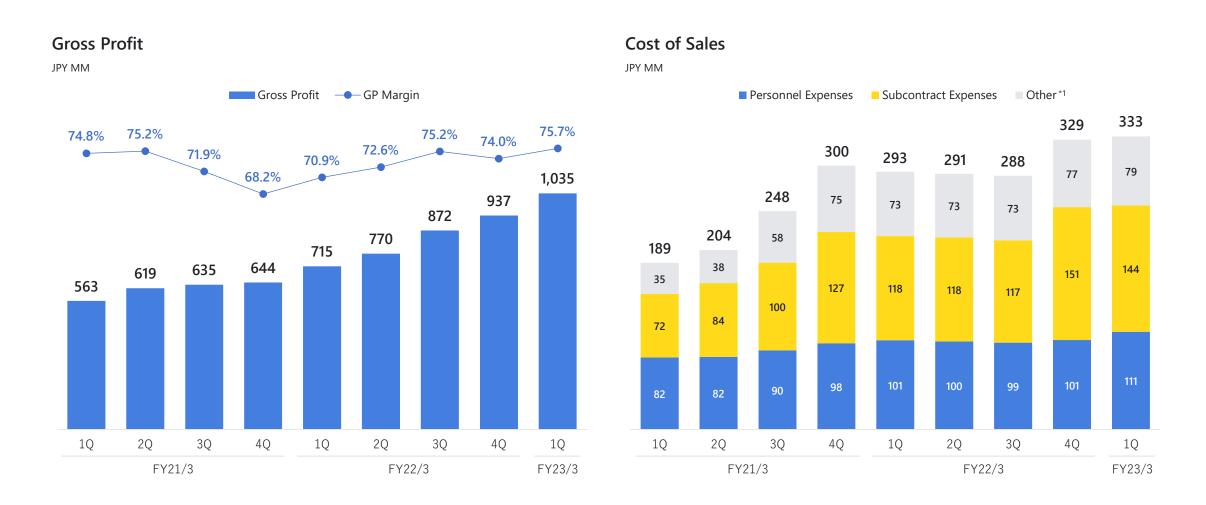


^{*1:} Net sales from monthly subscription fee

^{*2 :} Net sales from initial setting support and paid support, etc.

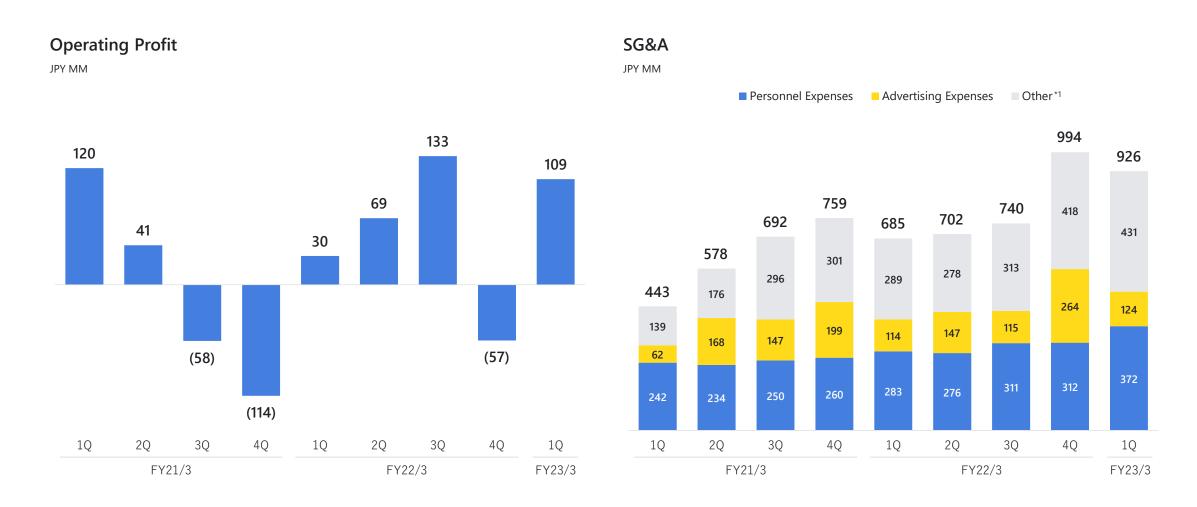
Gross Profit and Cost of Sales

Gross profit, a source of profitability, has increased steadily



Operating Profit and SG&A

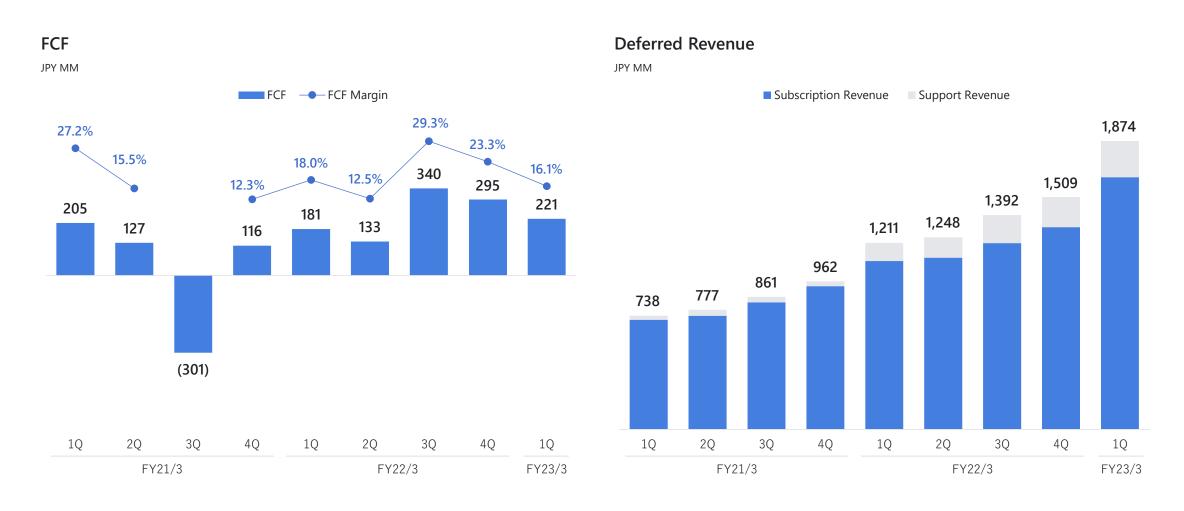
Along with gross profit growth, profitability to generate operating profit also improved



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Free Cash Flow and Deferred Revenue

Steadily improving cash-generation capacity due to the growth of subscription revenue



KPI Summary

ARR*1

5,162 JPY MM

(+33.5% YoY)

Active Users*2

2,588 Companies

(+22.0% YoY)

ARPU*3

166 JPY Thou.

(+9.5% YoY)

Churn Rate*4

0.55%

LTV/CAC*5

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Number of Employees*6

252 People

MRR is monthly subscription fee based on the contract value that does not reflect the new revenue recognition standard or prorated free-month (one of managerial accounting figures)

^{*1 :} MRR (Monthly Recurring Revenue) at the end of the quarter multiplied by 12

^{*2 :} Number of companies and organizations that are using KAONAVI as of the end of the quarter

^{*3 :} Average monthly subscription fee per user is calculated by dividing MRR by active users as of the end of the quarter

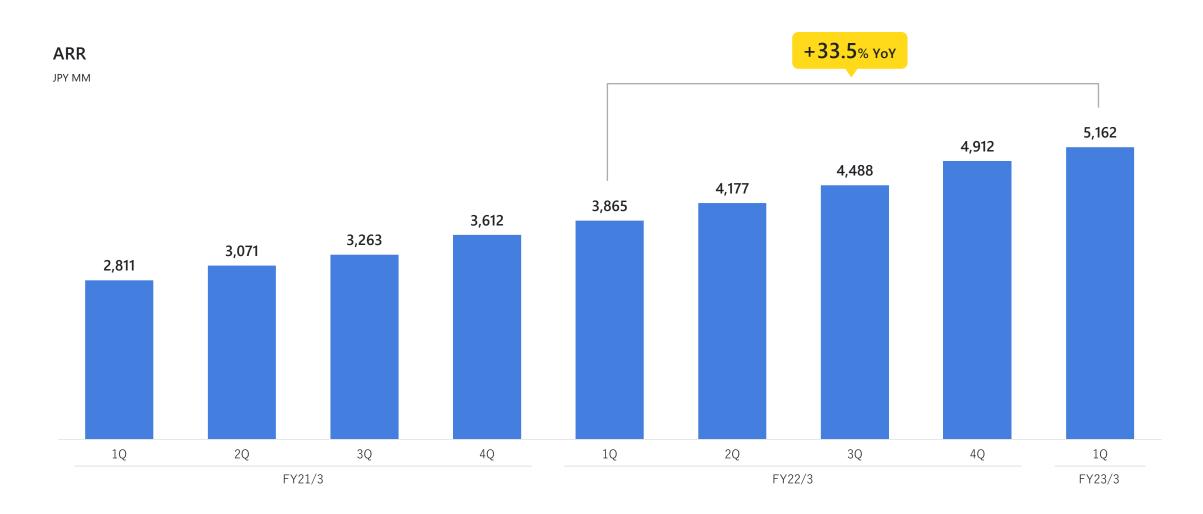
^{*4:} Last 12-month average churn rate based on MRR

^{*5:} Last 12-month average of the ratio calculated by dividing LTV (Lifetime Value) by CAC (Customer Acquisition Cost)

^{*6:} The number of full-time employees at the end of the quarter

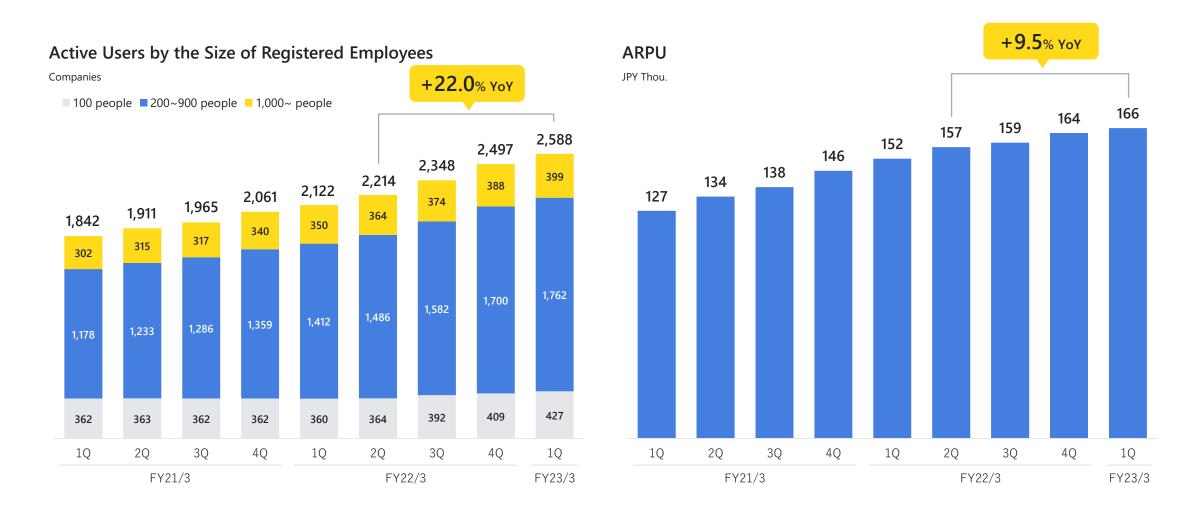
ARR

ARR increased by 33.5% YoY, and surpassed JPY 5Bn



Active Users and ARPU

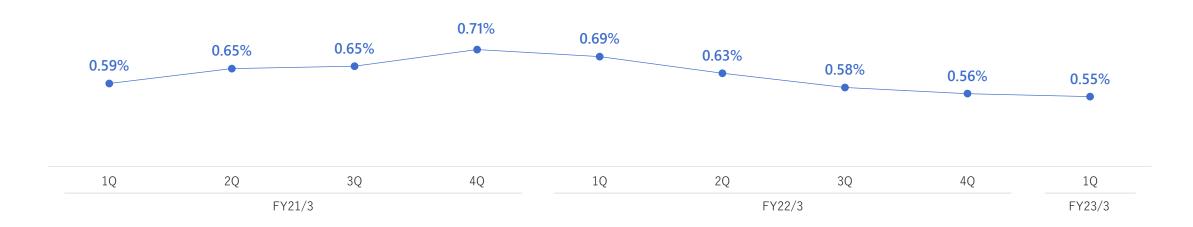
The number of active users and ARPU increased steadily, by 22.0% and 9.5% YoY, respectively



Churn Rate

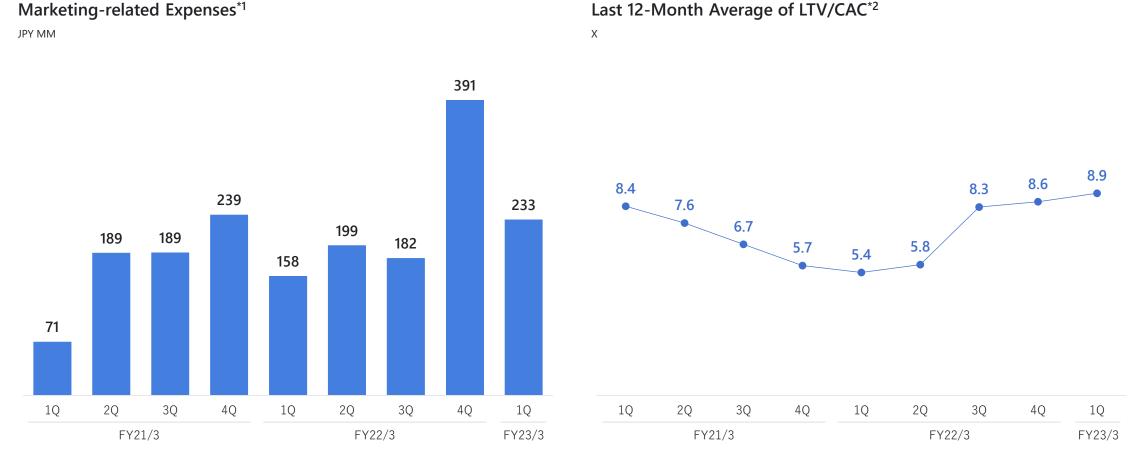
Maintaining a low churn rate due to product enhancement and customer success initiative

Last 12-Month Average of MRR Churn Rate*1



Unit Economics

Maintaining healthy unit economics



^{*1 :} Expenses related to marketing activities such as advertising and sales promotion

^{*2:} LTV = (ARPU of the end of the month / MRR churn rate of the month) x Gross profit margin of the month

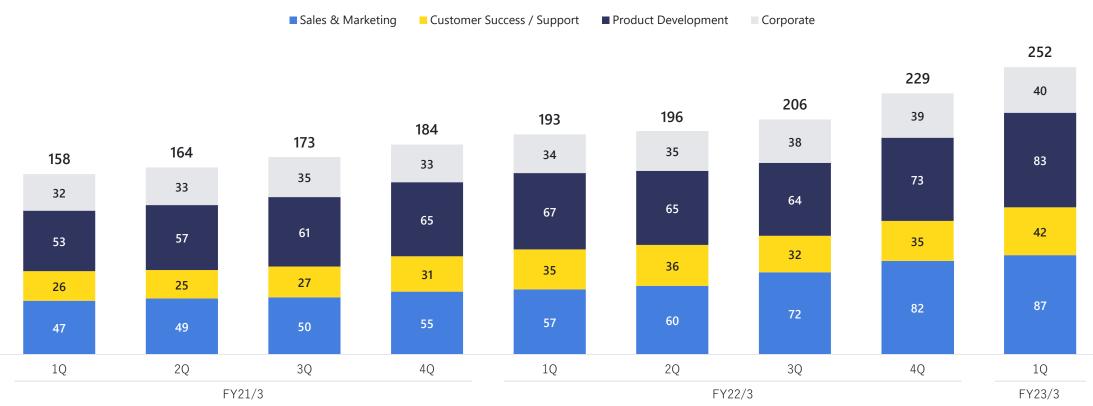
CAC = Sales & Marketing cost of the month (personnel costs for S&M/CS/PR, marketing-related expenses, rents, system usage fee, etc.) / # of new customer acquired in the month

Number of Employees

Hiring progressed in line with the plan Continuing to increase the number of employees to strengthen the organizational structure

Number of Employees*1





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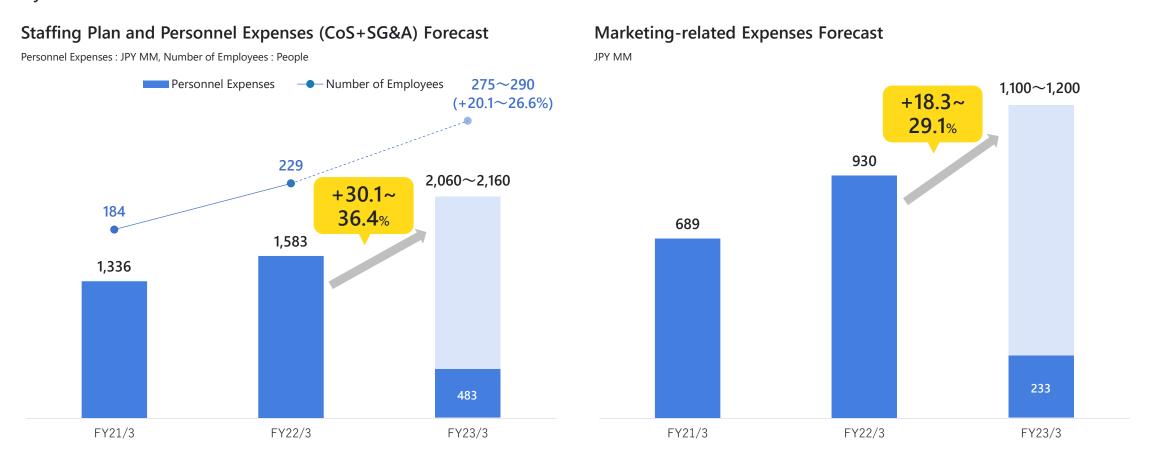
FY23/3 Forecast

1Q actual results steadily progress against the full-year forecast

JPY MM	FY22/3 Actual	FY23/3 Forecast	YoY	FY23/3 1Q Actual	vs. Forecast
Net Sales	4,496	5,740 ~ 5,890	+27.7% ~ +31.0%	1,369	23.2% ~ 23.8%
Subscription Revenue	3,931	4,970 ~ 5,060	+26.4% ~ +28.7%	1,171	23.2% ~ 23.6%
Support Revenue	565	770 ~ 830	+36.2% ~ +46.8%	197	23.7% ~ 25.6%
Gross Profit	3,295	4,180 ~ 4,340	+26.9% ~ +31.7%	1,035	23.9% ~ 24.8%
Margin	73.3%	72.8% ~ 73.7%	-0.5pt ~ +0.4pt	75.7%	-
Operating Profit	174	120 ~ 300	-31.1% ~ +72.3%	109	36.3% ~ 90.8%
Margin	3.9%	2.1% ~ 5.1%	-1.8pt ~ +1.2pt	8.0%	-

Major Cost Assumptions

Due to the concentration of hiring in the second half of FY22/3, personnel expenses for FY23/3 are expected to increase at a higher rate than that of employee headcount, by 30.1~36.4% YoY. Marketing-related expenses are expected to increase by 18.3~29.1% YoY



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Company Overview

Name kaonavi, inc.

Offices Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Fukuoka

Established May 27, 2008 (Commencement of business : April 2012)

Representative Hiroyuki Sato (Representative Director, President & Co-CEO)

Hiroki Yanagihashi (Representative Director & Co-CEO)

of Employees 229 (March 2022)

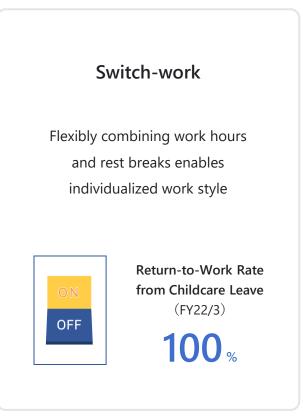
Business Providing a cloud-based talent management system "KAONAVI"



Empowering Employees

With an aim of productivity boost, every single employee can choose his/her optimal work style









Empowering Employees

Diverse and flexible work style also enables us to promote successful women's empowerment and "Health and Productivity Management"



Certified for **four consecutive years**



Average Daily Overtime (FY22/3)



Ratio of Women in Managerial Positions
(As of March 2022)

27.8%

Source: Website of Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Focusing on "Individuality"

Exploring and communicating ideas and concepts of individuality through our owned media













Information Security, Protection of Personal Data and Privacy

Committed to protecting, managing and handling information assets properly and responsibly





Information Security



Implementation of Information Security Measures

Obtained ISO27001 (ISMS certification) and ISO27017 (ISMS cloud security certification) to maintain a continuous security management system. In addition, KAONAVI was certified as satisfying the security requirements of the government and registered on the "Information System Security Management and Assessment Program (ISMAP)" cloud services list

Protection of Personal Data and Privacy



Certification

Obtained the Privacy Mark

Acquisition of Permissions

When collecting personal information, users' permissions are acquired and other measures are taken

Safety Management Measures

Secure control measures are thoroughly implemented to safeguard personal data

Philanthropic Initiatives

Contributing to the sustainable development of society by supporting talent management for academic institutions and public sector organizations



kaonavi Academy Cloud

Applicable	Academic institutions such as school corporation
Price	Special price

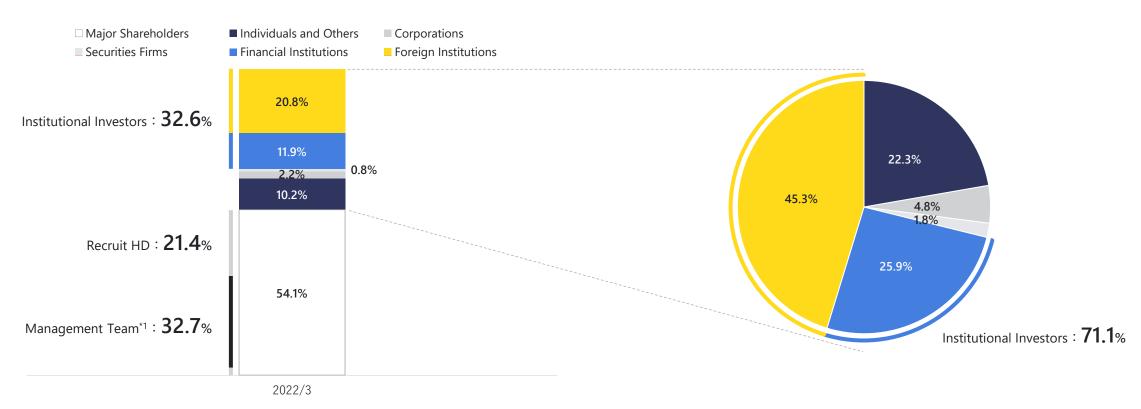


kaonavi Government Cloud

Applicable	Government offices, municipal governments, independent administrative agencies
Price	Special price

Ownership Structure (March 2022)

Ownership and Distribution of Shares



^{*1:} Includes ownership of the three directors, as well as the asset management company

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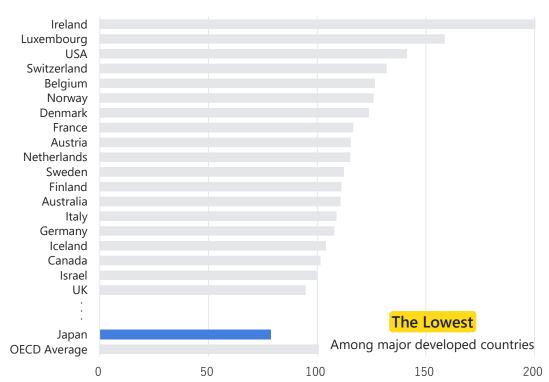
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Japan's Labor Market Challenges

Raising labor productivity and promoting diverse work styles are some of the urgent issues in the face of declining working-age population

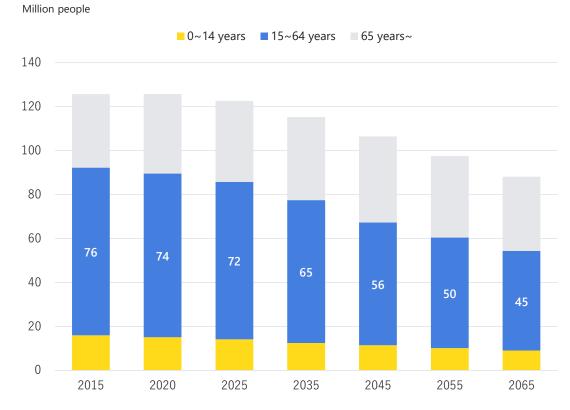
OECD Countries' Labor Productivity (2020, per workers)

PPP Conversion: US\$ 1,000



Source: Japan Productivity Center "International Comparison of Labor Productivity 2021"

Japan's Population Projections by Age



Source: Cabinet Office "White Paper on Aging Society 2021"

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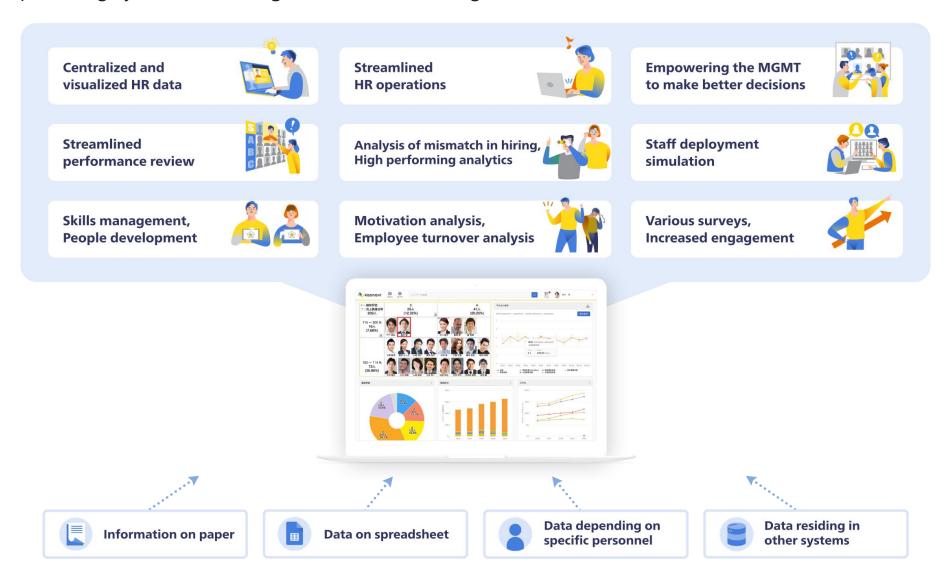
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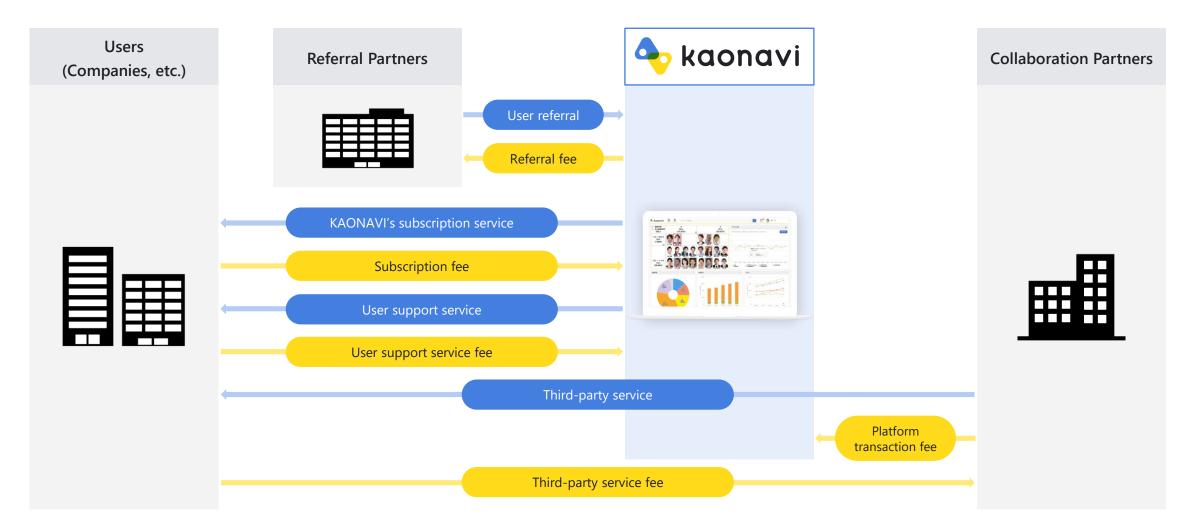
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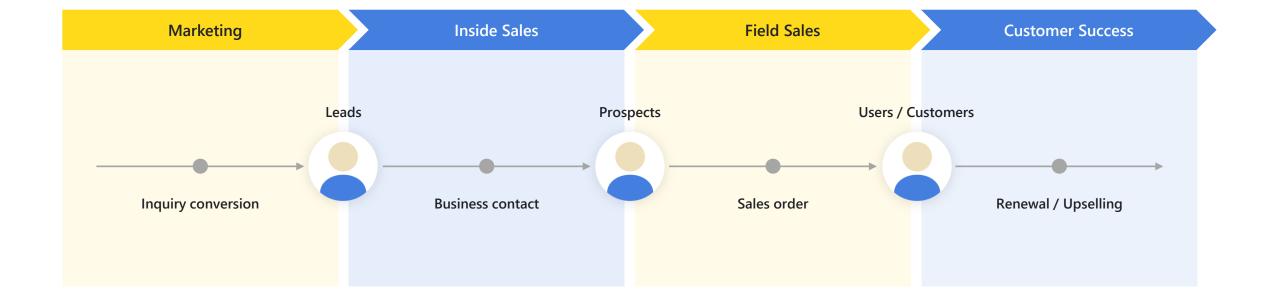
Business Model*1

Subscription model for BtoB cloud services



Business Process

Aiming to streamline sales & marketing activities and maximize LTV*1 by structuring our end-to-end processes



*1 : Lifetime Value © kaonavi, inc.

Fee Structure

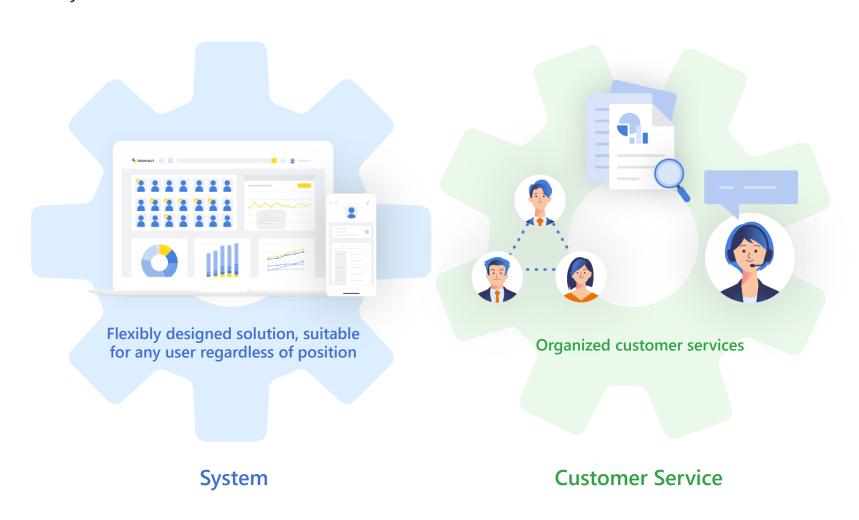
Offer three subscription plans with different sets of functions and charge based on the number of registered employees

# of Registered Employees	Subscription Plan	DATABASE PLAN Consolidate all personnel data	PERFORMANCE PLAN Efficient review operation	STRATEGY PLAN Strategic HR management
~ 100 people	HR Database	Ø		
~ 200 people	Pickup List			
~ 300 people	Organization Chart			
~ 400 people	Performance Review			
~ 500 people	Employee Survey			
~ 600 people	Matrix Chart			
~ 700 people	Employee Data Graph			
~ 800 people	Dash Board			
· · ·	Option Services*1			

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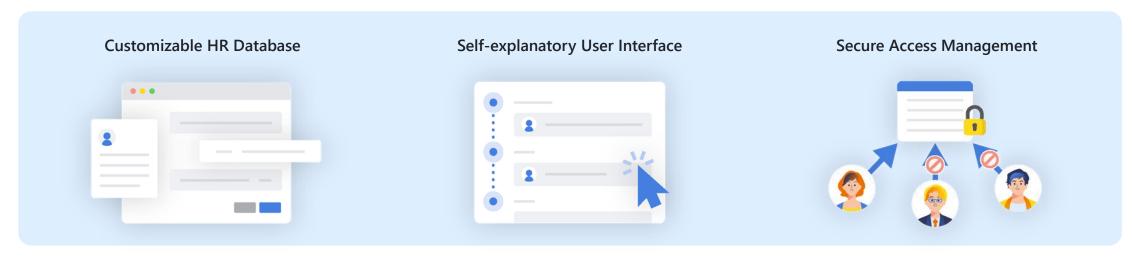
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Why Customers Choose KAONAVI?

The biggest contributor to our choice was **the** flexibility and versatility of the system. Also, the adaptability to future systematic revision is our priority. Another decision factor was the quality of the customer service.





There is no point in introducing these types of tools unless even senior employees can use them easily. Because **KAONAVI** is by far simple and easy to use, I felt that it could engage our employees with a certain degree of satisfaction.

The Nishinippon Shimbun





What we liked about KAONAVI consisted of its page layout that encouraged any employee including those unfamiliar to PCs to use it, and its sophisticated support. The key factor was high customizability.





We decided on KAONAVI, with its unique function to visualize employee experience, as well as its excelling UI/UX that engages any *user intuitively*. Most important thing about tools is to let the right people use them without friction, resulting in acceptance throughout the company.





We decided to choose KAONAVI because of its pages for employees being simple and user-friendly.

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Top priority was to see if our employees can use it easily and intuitively, not to mention HR team. In addition, it is a pro that KAONAVI has flexibility to be operable in case of complicated system revision in the future.

And the depth of customer service team is so extraordinary as to wow us every time. Their responses to our inquiries have been quick and helpful after the implementation, which makes us feel in good hands.

PONY CANYON



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Customer Base

The market leader in talent management system supporting more than 2,500 customers

Used by various companies and organizations regardless of industry or business size

















































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Strategies for Mid-term Growth

Expand Customer Base

Strengthening Organizational Structure

Raising Visibility

Leveraging Partners

Reducing Churn

Increase ARPU

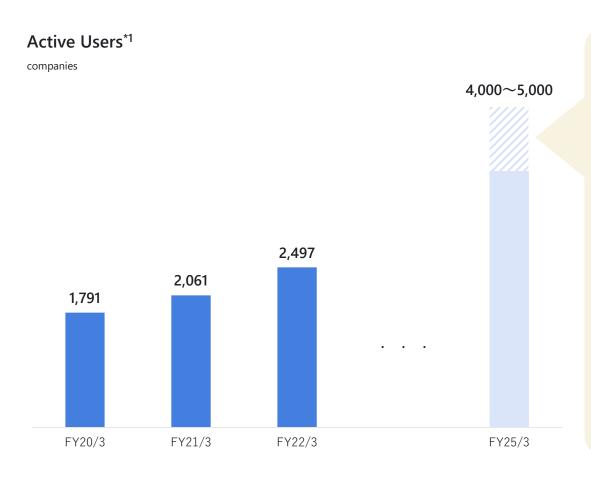
Upsell Promotion

New Feature Development

Additional Enterprise Users

Building HR Data Platform

Expand Customer Base



Strengthening Organizational Structure

- Increase and develop sales personnel
- Strengthen monitoring capabilities for business progress

Raising Visibility

- Mass advertisement to gain recognition
- Area expansion to regional cities

Leveraging Partners

- Expansion of referral partners
- Increase sales via sales partners

Reducing Churn

- Strengthen customer success
- Continuous product improvement to enhance UX

Growth Potential

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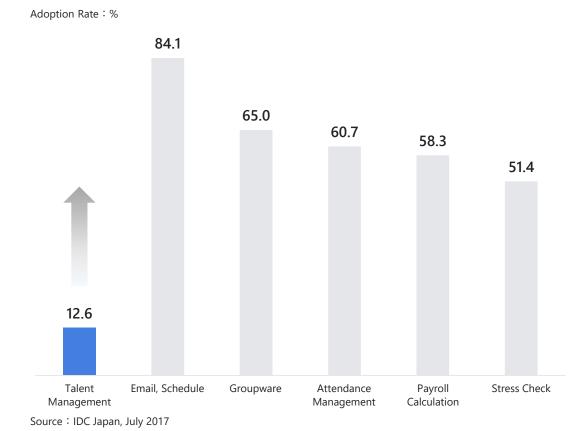
KAONAVI's target market is still uncultivated, and it has high growth potential

ca. **623,600**

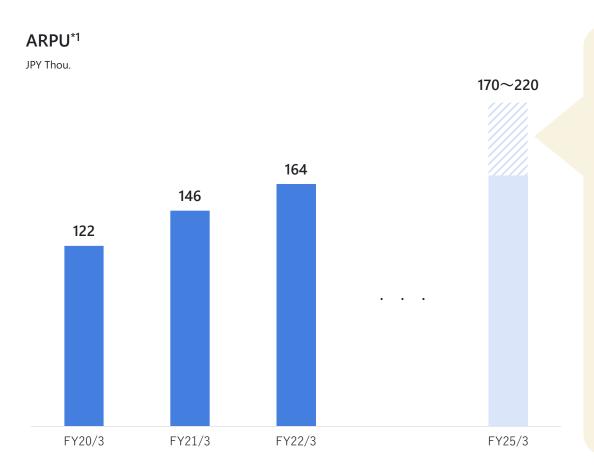
Number of Companies in Japan Companies Ca. 4,500 Line kaonavi Target Market Ca. 58,400

Source: kaonavi, based on MIC and METI "2016 Economic Census for Business Activity"

Adoption of HR-related IT Systems in Japan



Increase ARPU



Upsell Promotion

- Increase registered members by extending user departments
- Introduce optional functions such as approval workflow

New Feature Development

• Develop new optional features

Additional Enterprise Users

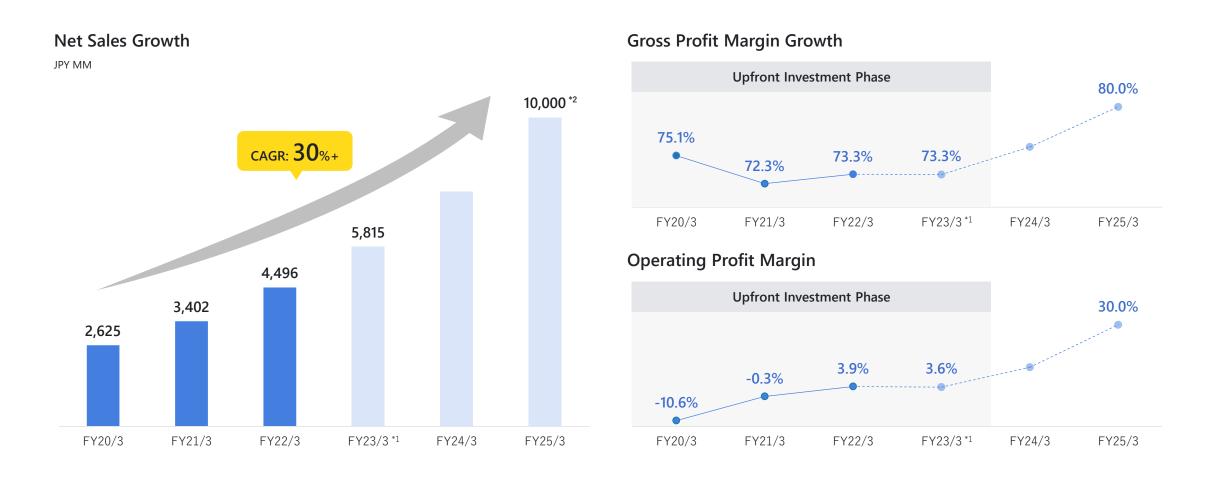
• Apply outbound sales measures

Building HR Data Platform

• Expand services into new business areas leveraging the HR database

Grand Design of Mid-term Growth

Net sales, GP margin and OP margin to grow up to JPY 10bn, 80% and 30%, respectively in the mid-term



^{*1:} Figures for FY23/3 are the average of the high and low end of the range of the earnings forecast as of May 12, 2022

^{*2 :} Assuming 4,000~5,000 active users and ARPU of 170~220 thousand yen to reach net sales of JPY 10bn

Create a HR data-centric platform

Our HR Data Platform Initiative (Mid-to-long Term Strategy)

Paving the way forward for a HR data platform to create monetization opportunities in new business areas



TAM Expansion Opportunities with HR Data Platform*1

HR Data Platform Related Market

Approx. US\$ $84_{Bn^{*3}}$

Talent Management System

Approx. US\$ 2 Bn*2

- *1: USDJPY=100. Potential TAM has bee calculated by kaonavi, under certain assumptions, using data referenced from the below publicly disclosed statistical reports
- *2 : Calculated by multiplying the number of companies with 50 or more employees by our fee structured for corresponding employee size, based on MIC and METI "2016 Economic Census for Business Activity"
- *3: Calculated as the sum of the below markets

Market size of job listing, job recruiting and job staffing by Japan Association of Human Resources Services Industry "The Labor Market in 2030 and The Role of The HR Services Industry"

Market size of training services for companies (2019) by Yano Research Institute "Research on Corporate Training Services Market (2020)"

Market size of reemployment support (2019) by Yano Research Institute "Research on The Human Resources Business Market (2020)"

Market size of employee assistance program (2015 forecast) by Yano Research Institute "Research on EAP Market (2016)"

Market size of ATS cloud and employee development cloud (2021 forecast) by Deloitte Tohmatsu MIC Research Institute "HR Tech Cloud Market 2020"

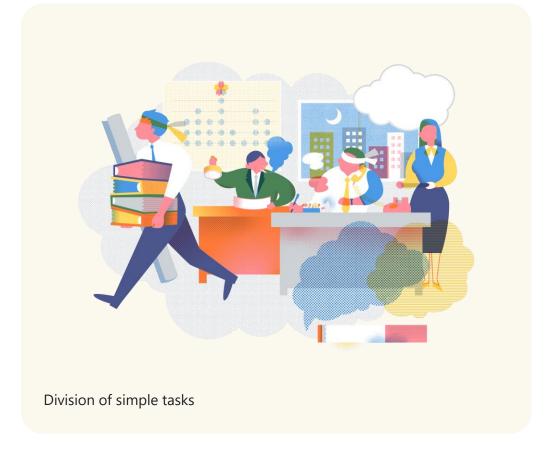
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Changes in HR Information Management and Work Styles - Past

 1980
 1990
 2000
 2010
 2020
 2030

Employers manage employee information

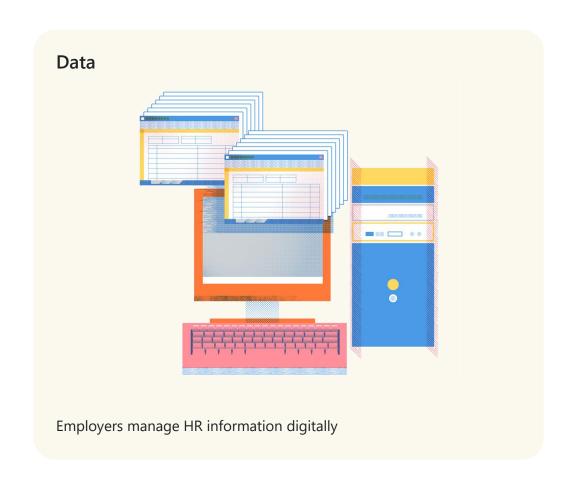


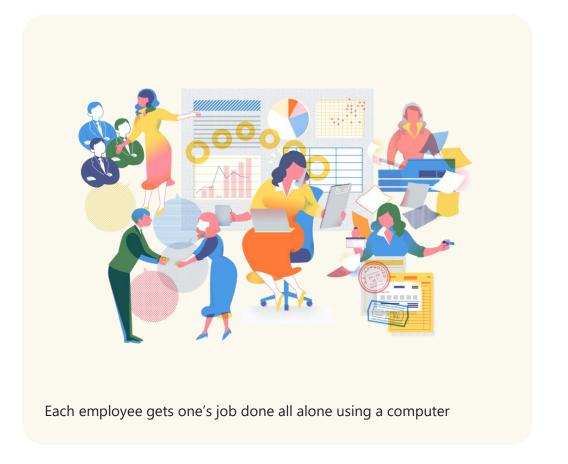


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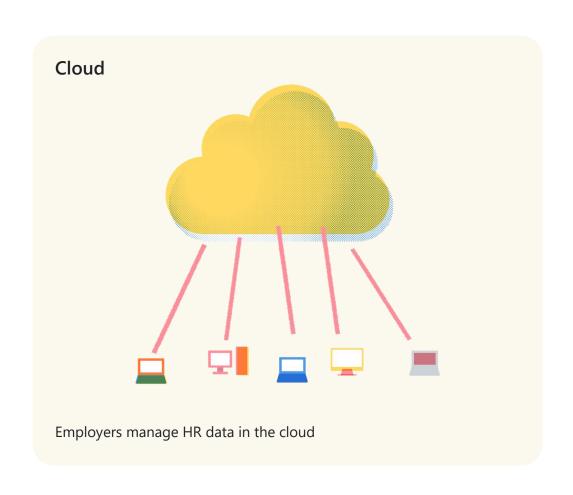




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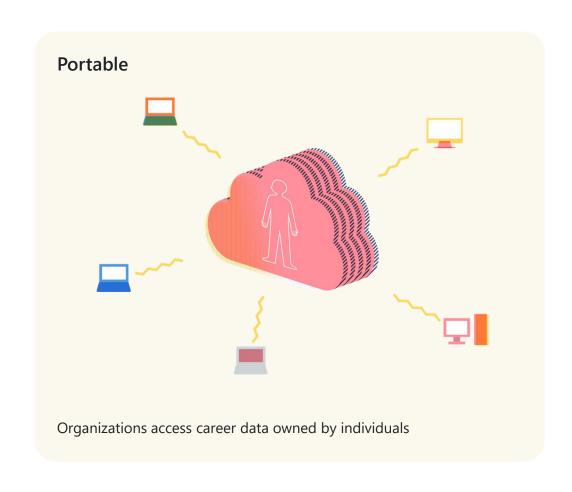




Changes in HR Information Management and Work Styles - Future

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World That kaonavi Shapes

Aspire to deliver products that empower individuals to take ownership of their careers and ways of working instead of supporting operations or procedures





Thoughts on Revising Our Company Logo

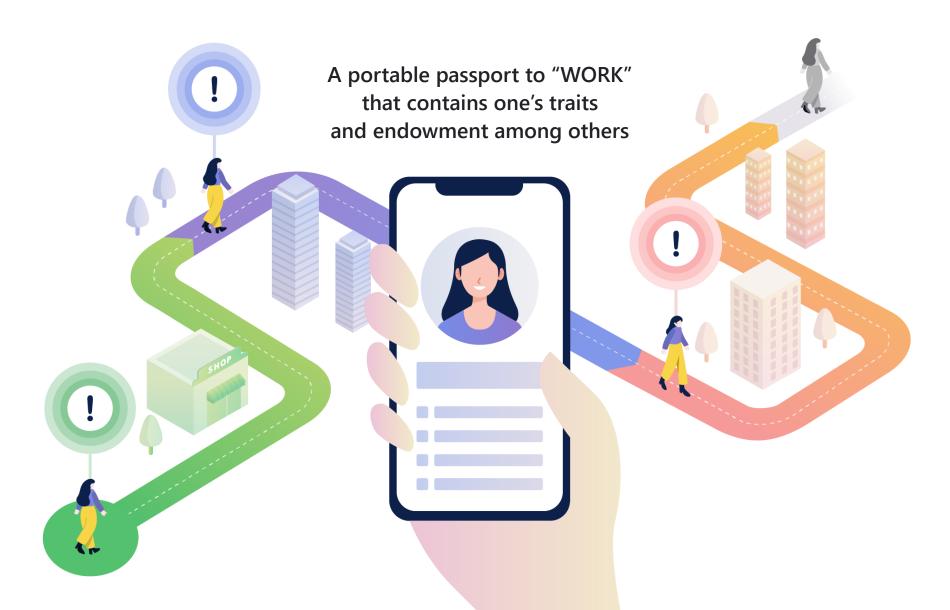
New logo embodies the world that kaonavi shapes



Exhibiting the importance of mutual understanding by the shape of two people

"O" represents people, and "A" represents their span of vision/view. It builds on our belief that the new space in the center, which emerges only when people try to get to know each other (= by overlapping their vision span), is **the world** where people can unlock their potential. And kaonavi's goal is bringing it to life.

Product for a New Era



Characteristics of the Product



Ethos of Product Development







Flexibility-rich System

Adaptability to meet various needs of users instead of predefining use cases.

Inventing a flexible service that can induce and accommodate creativities and inspirations of our users.



Stress-free Usability

Touching the product tells users about itself intuitively without turning to user's guide.

Trying to realize that simple design which is extremely easy for any users to understand.



Keep Pace with Trends

Technology evolves with users' changing lives of the time.

In order to create forward-looking products, we will comprehend technology trends and leverage it.

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