

# FY23/3 2Q Financial Results

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

#### Values

Our common principles and ethics for realizing the Purpose



1 Hypothetical Thinking

Never blindly believe what others say Always ask yourself why

4 Integrity

We put integrity first when doing business

2 Systemization

Simplify what you can do to make it reproducible for others

5 Sense of Ownership

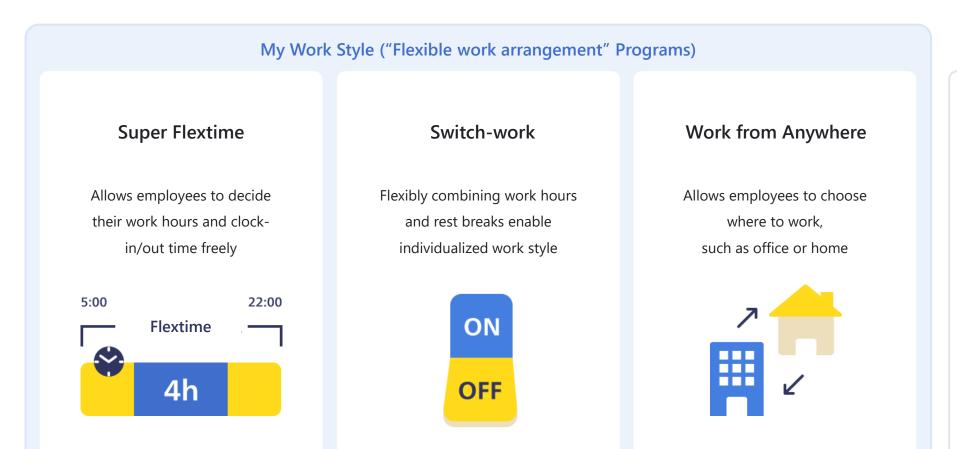
Own whatever job you are engaged in

3 Collaboration

Collaborate across boundaries to maximize the total benefit

### Our Work Style

Providing discretion and growth opportunities to each individual by promoting diverse and flexible work style





#### Headquarters Relocation (Scheduled in July 2023)

Decided to relocate our headquarters to the WeWork Shibuya Scramble Square considering the size and functions of an office suitable for us to continue building a diverse and flexible work style as well as the reduction of fixed costs\*1 over the mid-to-long term

For further acceleration of individual power

# Flexible & Collaboration

Collaborate more than ever with the same flexible work style as before



Employees can choose their office as a place for communication and collaboration, and the home as a place to work efficiently



WeWork promotes collaboration among tenant companies and their members through various events and business-matching support

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# Highlights

No change to full-year forecast due to steady progress in 2Q financial results

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Net sales were JPY 1,444MM (+36.1% YoY)

Gross profit was JPY 1,083MM (+40.6% YoY), and its margin landed at 75.0%

Operating profit was JPY 36MM (-47.6% YoY)
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- ARR reached JPY 5,537MM (+32.6% YoY), ahead of the plan

  Newly acquired MRR hit a record high for 2Q

  Churn rate (last 12-month average) was 0.49%, remaining at a low level
- Orders from support services posted a new record high, and outpacing the plan
- The number of employees at the end of September 2022 was 262, and hiring progressed in line with the plan
- Recorded JPY 15MM in accelerated depreciation expenses for the current headquarters (Expects to record expenses of JPY 118MM in FY23/3)

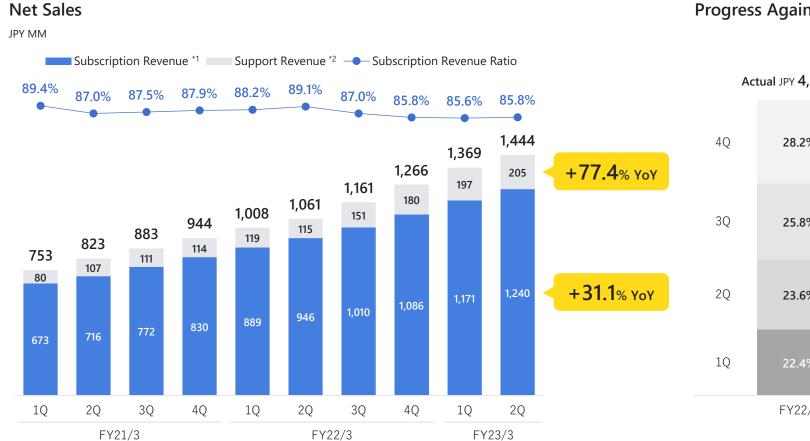
# **PL Summary**

Net sales increased by 36.1% YoY. Gross profit also increased steadily, and its margin landed at 75.0%

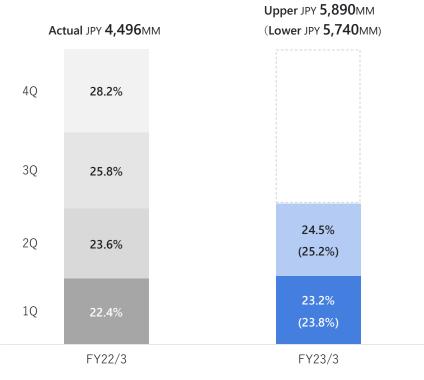
JPY MM	FY22/3 2Q Same period last year	FY23/3 1Q Previous quarter	FY23/3 2Q Actual	YoY	QoQ
Net Sales	1,061	1,369	1,444	+36.1%	+5.5%
Gross Profit	770	1,035	1,083	+40.6%	+4.6%
Margin	72.6%	75.7%	<b>✓</b> 75.0%	+2.4pt	-0.7pt
Operating Profit	69	109	36	-47.6%	-66.9%
Margin	6.5%	8.0%	2.5%	-4.0pt	-5.5pt
Ordinary Profit	67	107	35	-48.2%	-67.9%
Net Profit	45	79	15	-65.4%	-80.4%

#### **Net Sales**

Subscription revenue and support revenue increased by 31.1% and 77.4% YoY, respectively Net sales progress against the full-year forecast exceeded the previous year



#### **Progress Against Full-year Forecast**

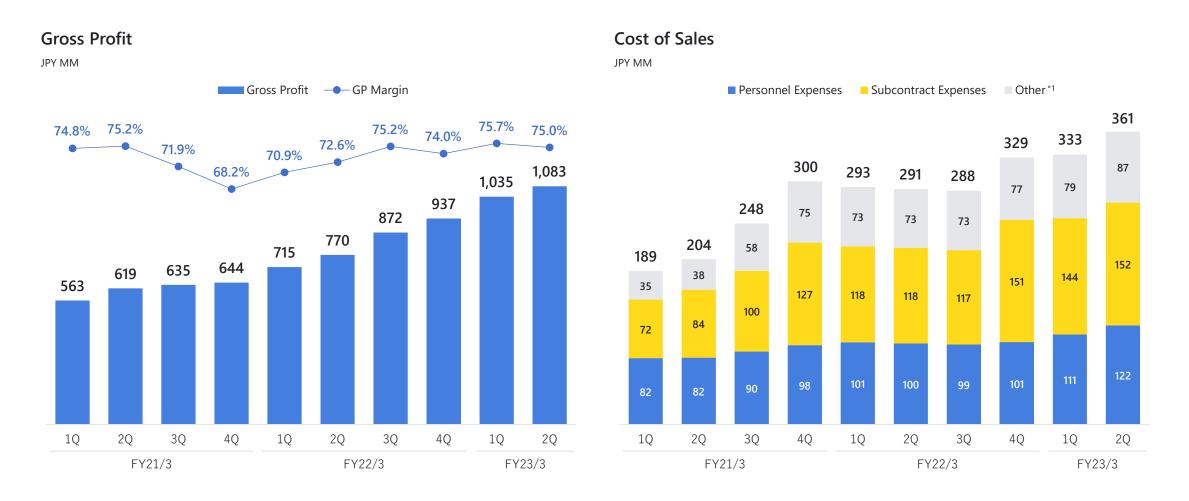


<sup>\*1:</sup> Net sales from a monthly subscription fee

<sup>\*2 :</sup> Net sales from initial setting support and paid support, etc.

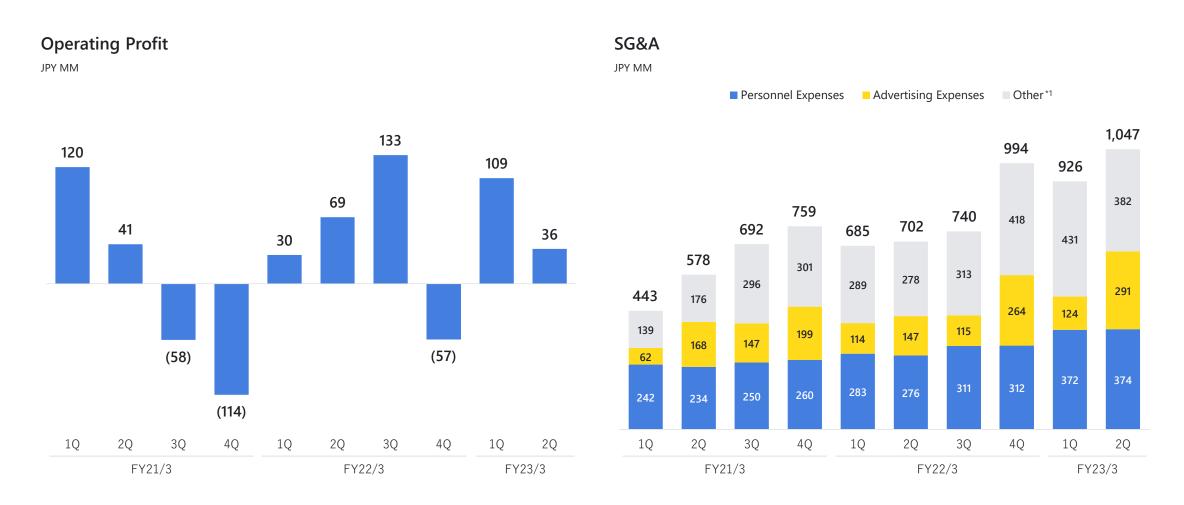
#### **Gross Profit and Cost of Sales**

Gross profit, a source of profitability, has increased steadily. On the other hand, its margin is expected to decline temporarily in the upcoming periods due to accelerated depreciation following the headquarters relocation



# **Operating Profit and SG&A**

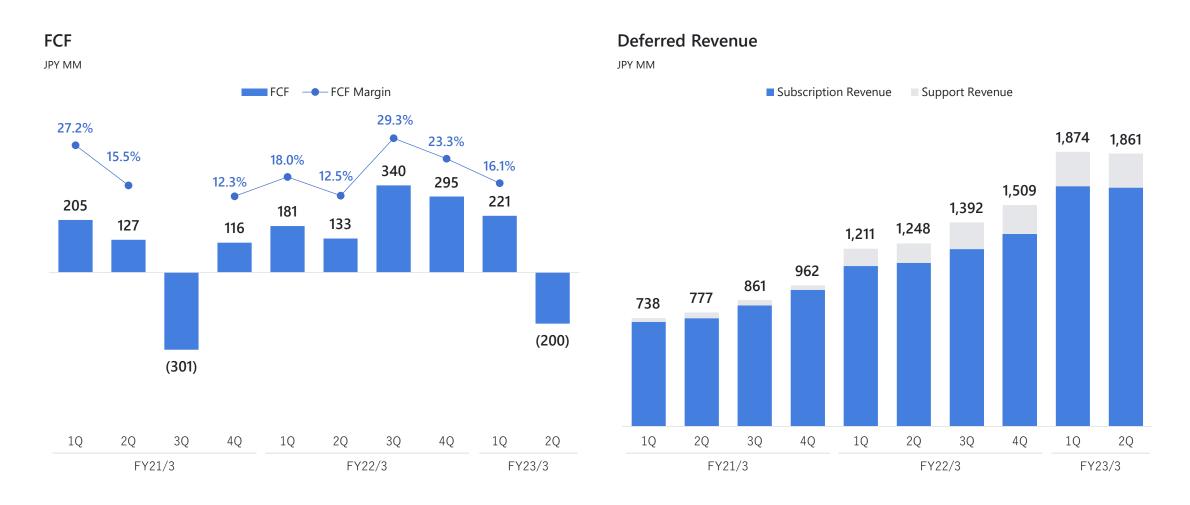
Profitability steadily improved due to gross profit growth despite the lower profits compared to 1Q as a result of expanded marketing investment



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#### Free Cash Flow and Deferred Revenue

FCF turned negative mainly due to increased marketing investment and security deposit payment for the headquarters relocation



### **KPI Summary**

ARR\*1

5,537 JPY MM

(+32.6% YoY)

Active Users\*2

2,729 Companies

(+23.3% YoY)

ARPU\*3

169 JPY Thou.

(+7.6% YoY)

Churn Rate\*4

0.49%

LTV/CAC\*5

9.8<sub>x</sub>

Number of Employees\*6

262 People

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

<sup>\*1:</sup> MRR (Monthly Recurring Revenue) at the end of the quarter multiplied by 12

<sup>\*2 :</sup> Number of companies and organizations that are using KAONAVI as of the end of the quarter

<sup>\*3 :</sup> Average monthly subscription fee per user is calculated by dividing MRR by active users as of the end of the quarter

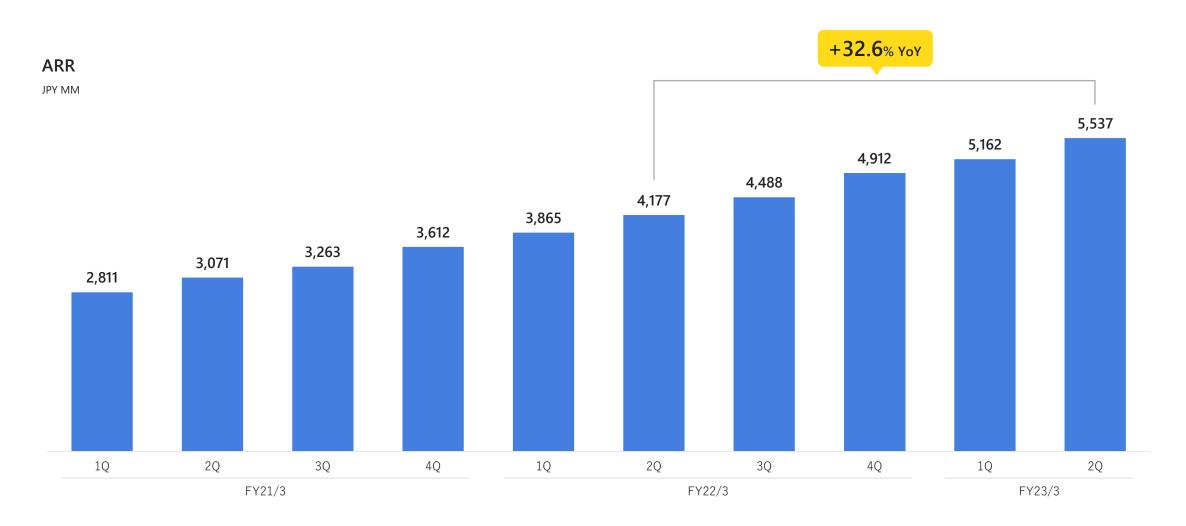
<sup>\*4:</sup> Last 12-month average churn rate based on MRR

<sup>\*5:</sup> Last 12-month average of the ratio calculated by dividing LTV (Lifetime Value) by CAC (Customer Acquisition Cost)

<sup>\*6:</sup> The number of full-time employees at the end of the quarter

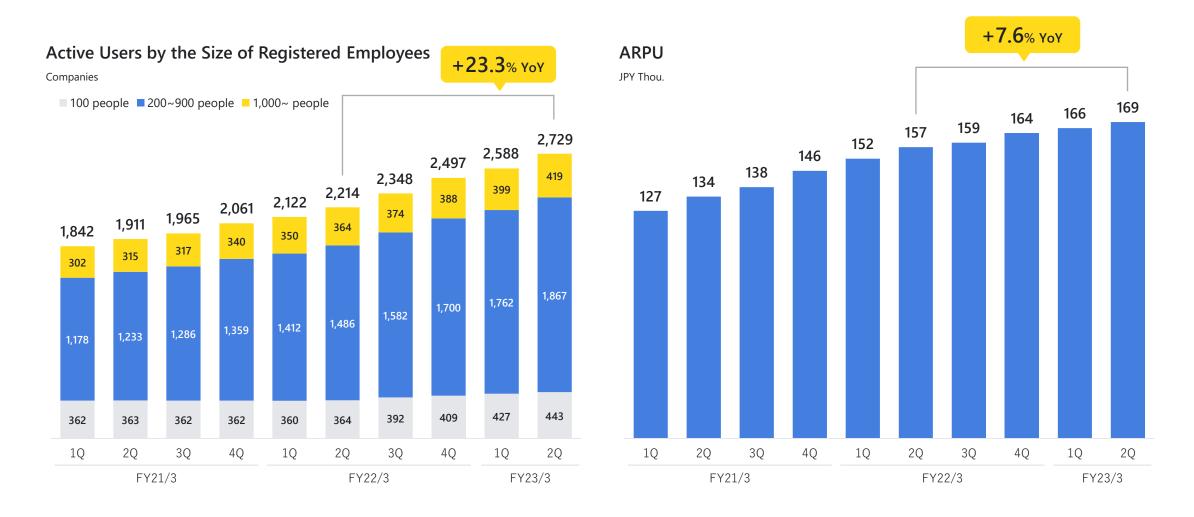
### **ARR**

ARR is growing constantly and increased by 32.6% YoY



#### **Active Users and ARPU**

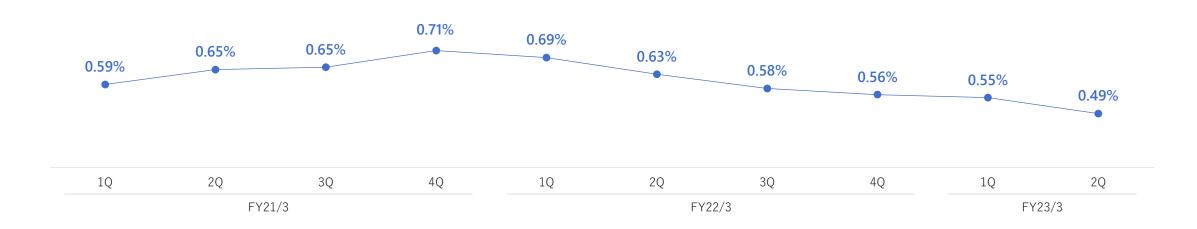
The number of active users and ARPU increased steadily, by 23.3% and 7.6% YoY, respectively



#### **Churn Rate**

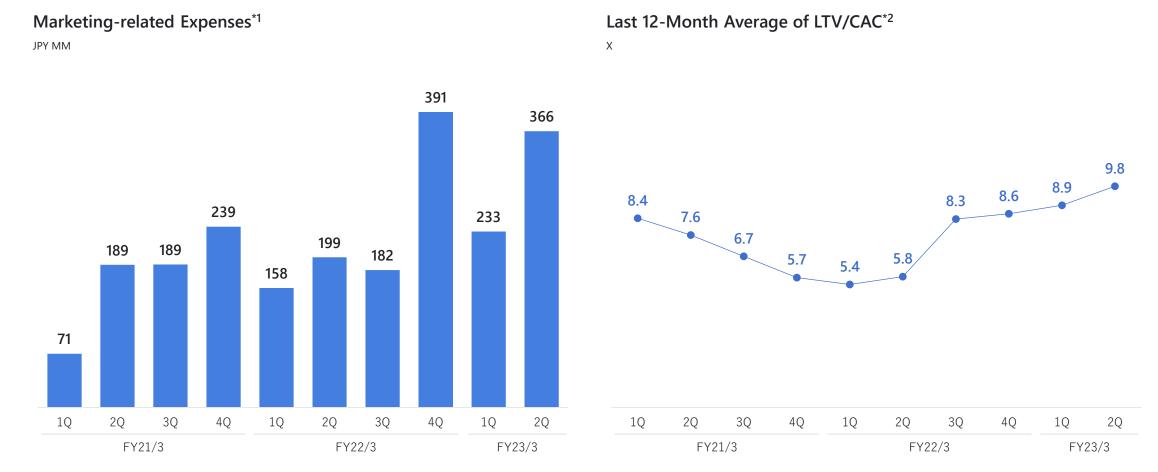
Maintaining a low churn rate due to product enhancement and customer success initiative

Last 12-Month Average of MRR Churn Rate\*1



#### **Unit Economics**

#### Maintaining healthy unit economics



<sup>\*1 :</sup> Expenses related to marketing activities such as advertising and sales promotion

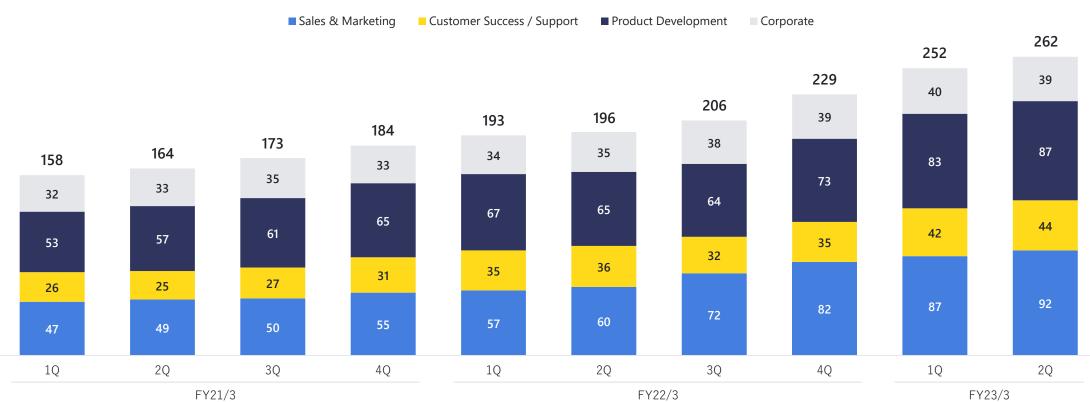
<sup>\*2 :</sup> LTV = (ARPU of the end of the month / MRR churn rate of the month) x Gross profit margin of the month CAC = Sales & Marketing cost of the month (personnel costs for S&M/CS/PR, marketing-related expenses, rents, system usage fee, etc.) / # of new customers acquired in the month

### **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





\*1: The number of full-time employees at the end of the quarter © kaonavi, inc.

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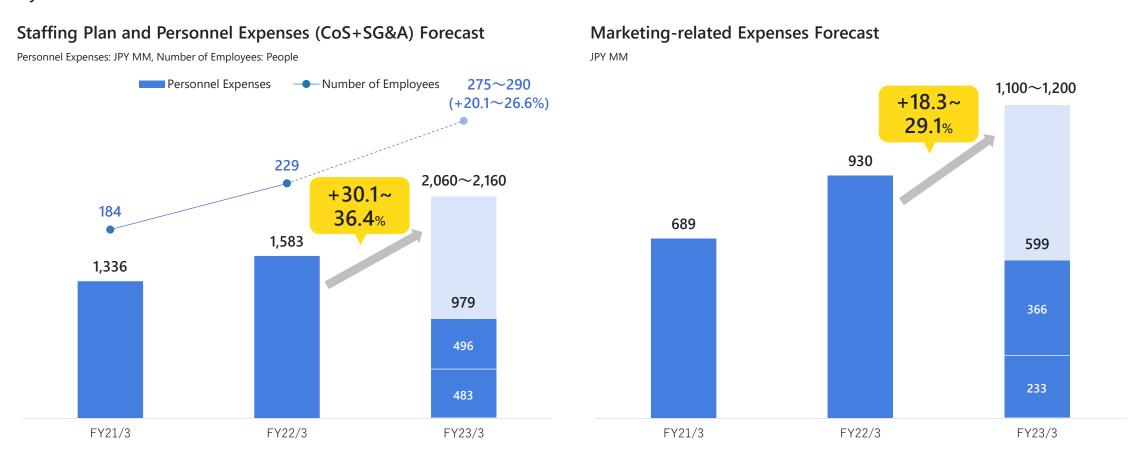
### FY23/3 Forecast

2Q actual results steadily progress against the full-year forecast

JPY MM	FY22/3 Actual	FY23/3 Forecast	YoY	FY23/3 1-2Q Actual	vs. Forecast
Net Sales	4,496	5,740 ~ 5,890	+27.7% ~ +31.0%	2,813	47.8% ~ 49.0%
Subscription Revenue	3,931	4,970 ~ 5,060	+26.4% ~ +28.7%	2,411	47.7% ~ 48.5%
Support Revenue	565	770 ~ 830	+36.2% ~ +46.8%	402	48.4% ~ 52.2%
Gross Profit	3,295	4,180 ~ 4,340	+26.9% ~ +31.7%	2,118	48.8% ~ 50.7%
Margin	73.3%	72.8% ~ 73.7%	-0.5pt ~ +0.4pt	75.3%	-
Operating Profit	174	120 ~ 300	-31.1% ~ +72.3%	145	48.3% ~ 120.8%
Margin	3.9%	2.1% ~ 5.1%	-1.8pt ~ +1.2pt	5.2%	-

### **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 262 (September 2022)

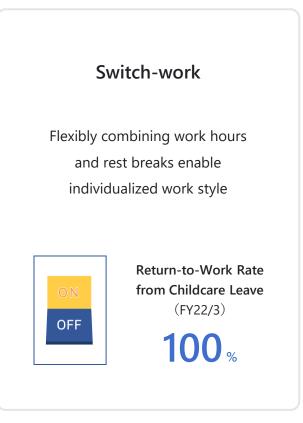
**Business** Providing a cloud-based talent management system "KAONAVI"



### **Empowering Employees**

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









### **Empowering Employees**

A 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

# **Activities to Spread the Purpose**



Building a diorama of "kaonavi Town", a town of the future that embodies people's living and working underpinned by individuality



Our employees evolved an idea arising from our Purpose and put it into the form of a diorama together with a professional LEGO® builder Mr. Mitsui



Invited our partners and family members to the unveiling event to foster lively communication









# Focusing on "Individuality"

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













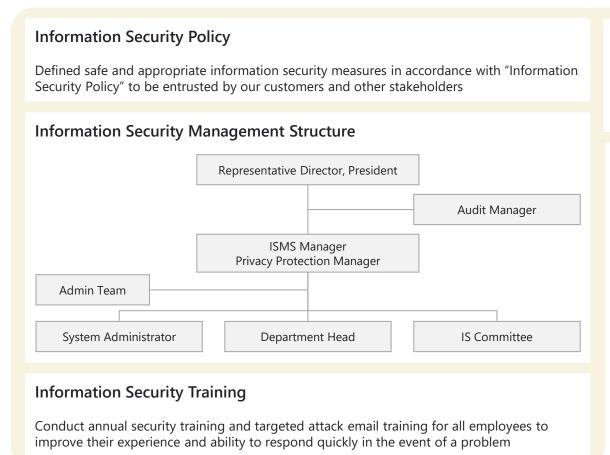
# Information Security, Protection of Personal Data and Privacy

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

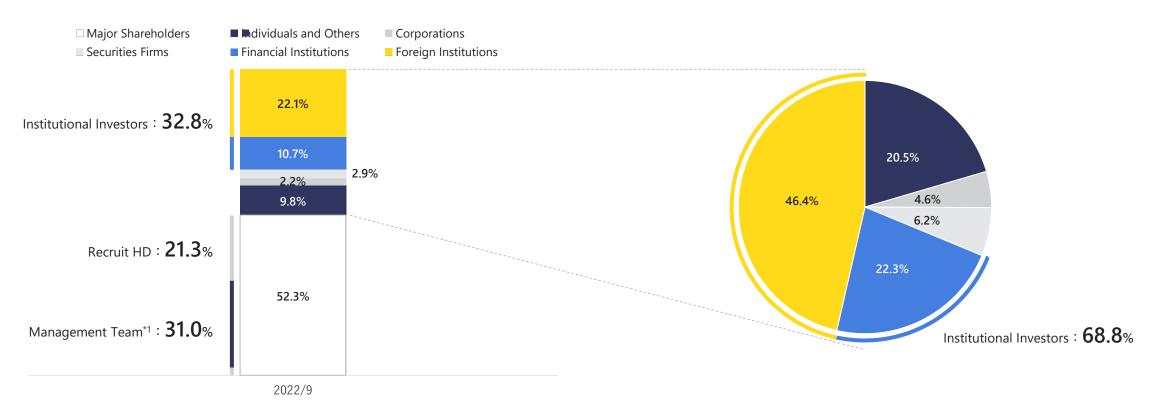


#### kaonavi Government Cloud

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

### Ownership Structure (September 2022)

#### Ownership and Distribution of Shares



<sup>\*1:</sup> Includes ownership of the three directors, as well as the asset management company

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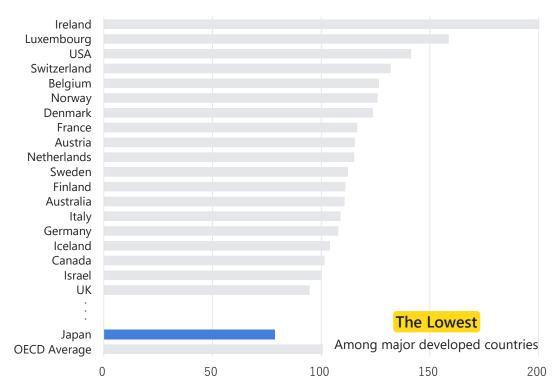
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# Japan's Labor Market Challenges

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

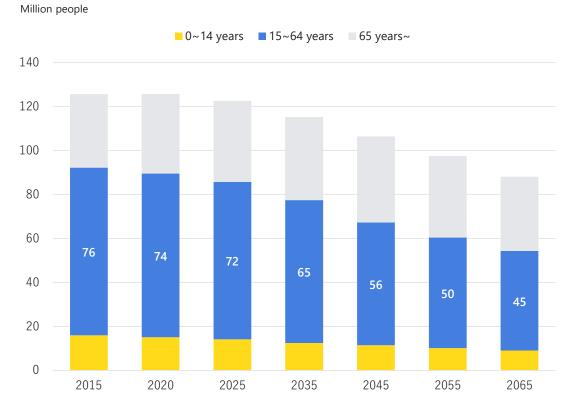
#### OECD Countries' Labor Productivity (2020, per workers)

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"

# Rising Demand for Talent Management

Talent management is gaining traction for solving various HR issues that companies confront



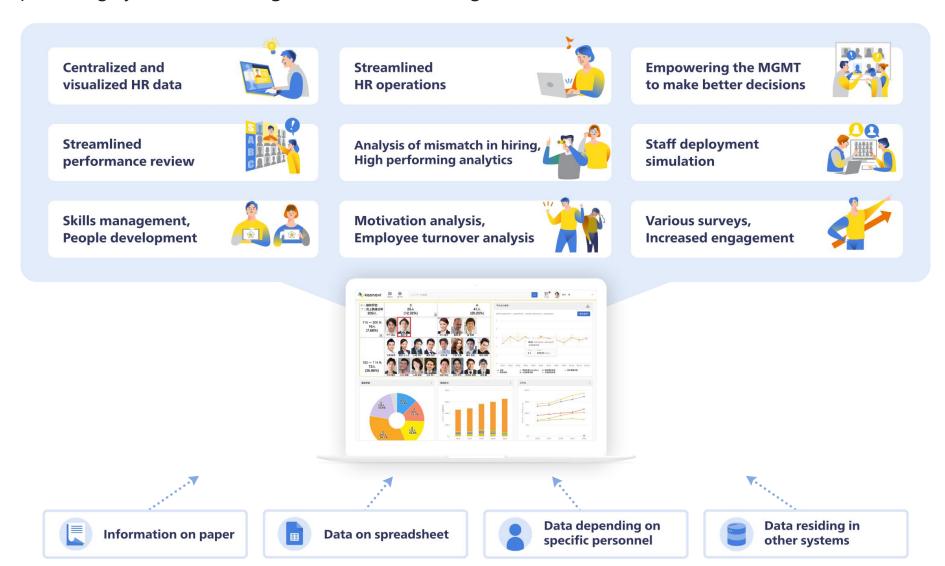
#### **Talent Management**



It intends to help organizations maximize their employee performance to drive business results through purposeful recruitment, placement and development by making use of information on employees' skills and abilities

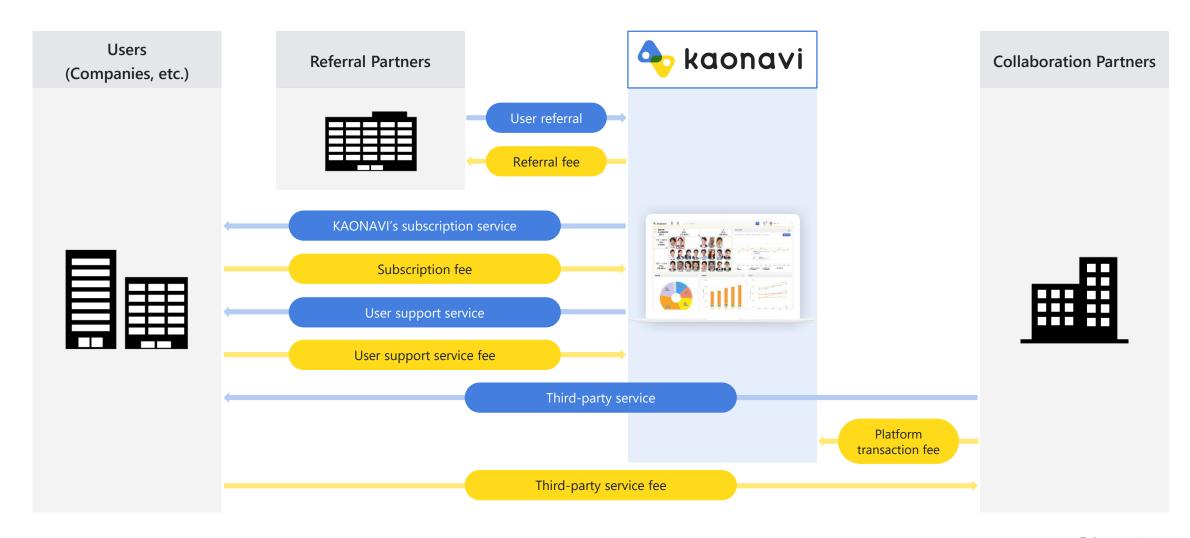
# What Is Talent Management System?

A solution providing system for managerial and HR challenges based on centralized HR data



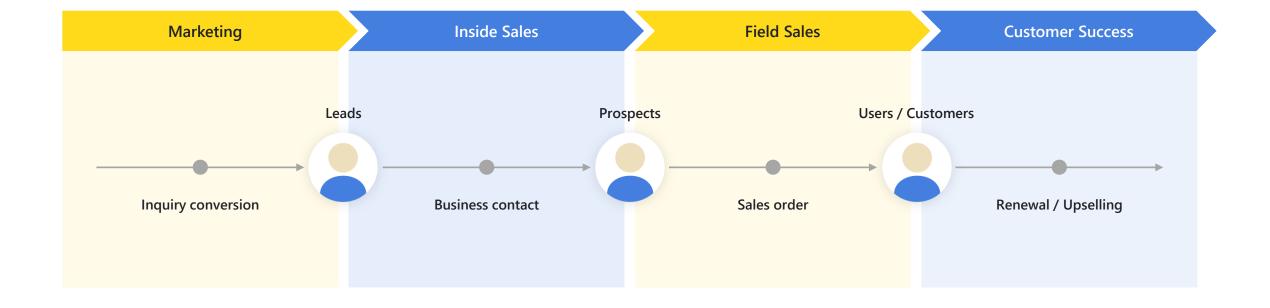
#### Business Model\*1

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**

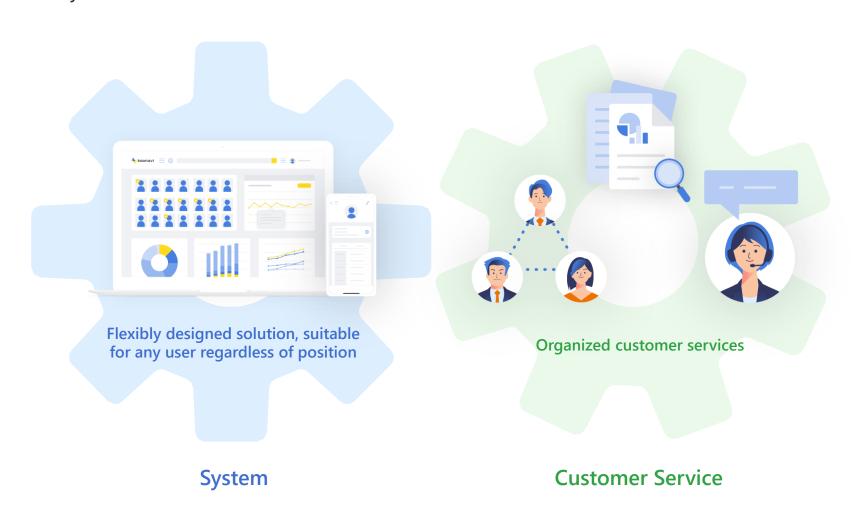
Offer three subscription plans with different sets of functions and charge based on the number of registered employees

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

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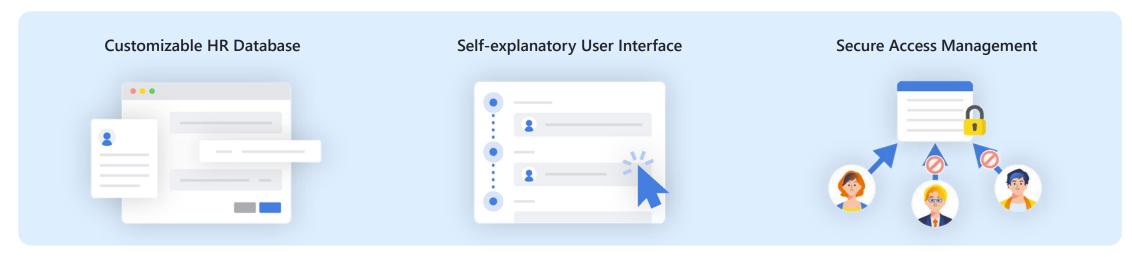
# **Our Strengths**

Ensuring both the system and customer service working side by side for our users to thrive in talent management initiatives without any silver bullet



# **Our Strengths**

**System** System design in pursuit of flexibility and usability



**Customer Service** Making success of users' talent management efforts more plausible



# 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 with 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 the flexibility to be operable in case of complicated system revision in the future.

And the depth of their 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**

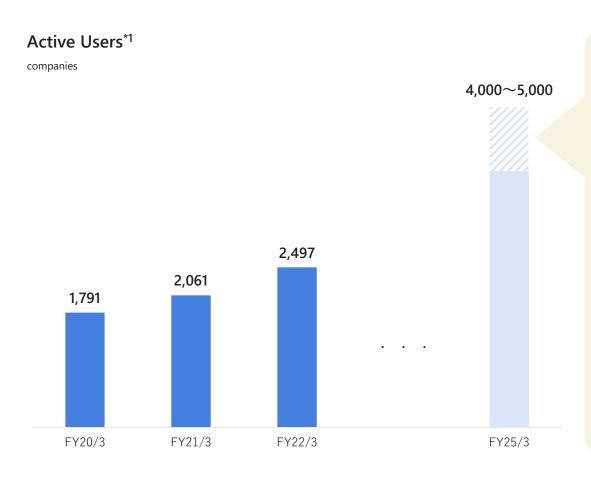
**Upsell Promotion** 

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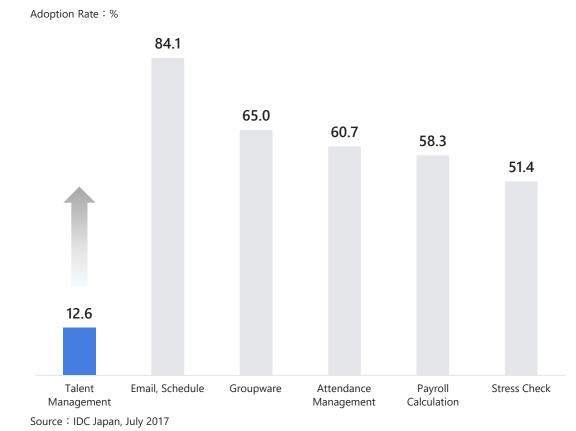
KAONAVI's target market is still uncultivated, and it has high growth potential

ca. **623,600** 

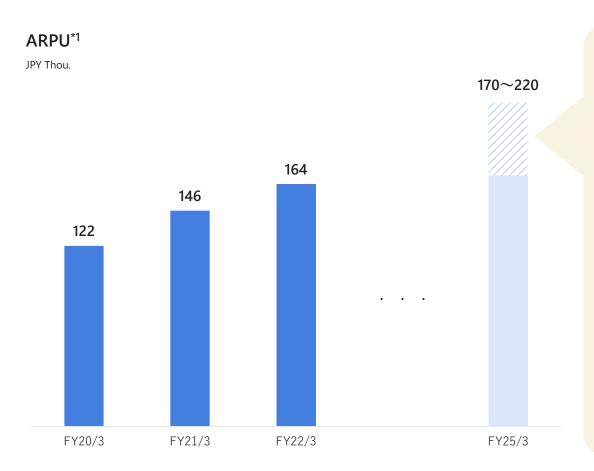
# Number of Companies in Japan Companies Ca. 4,500 Line kaonavi Target Market Ca. 58,400

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**

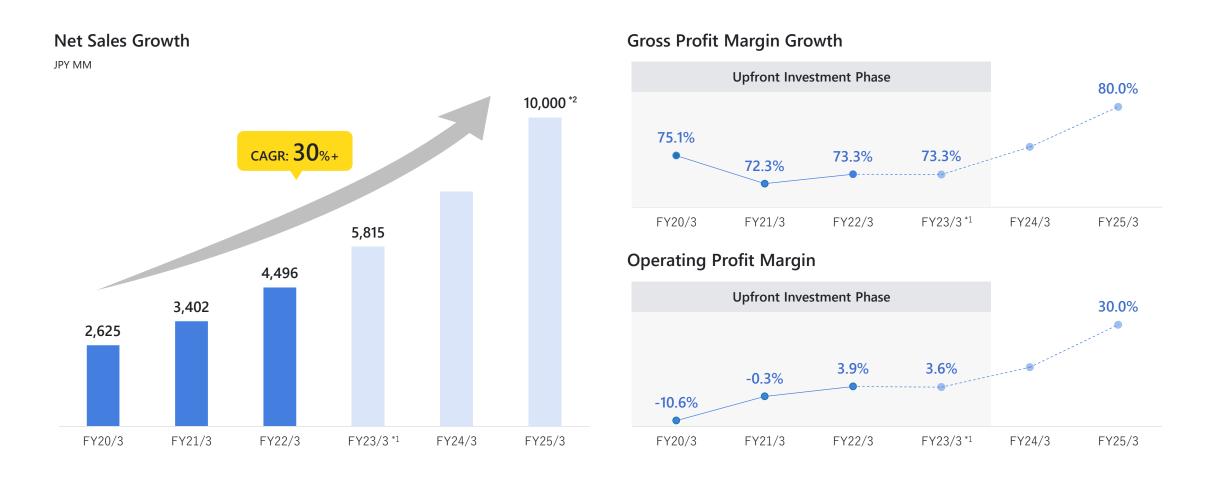
• Apply outbound sales measures

### **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



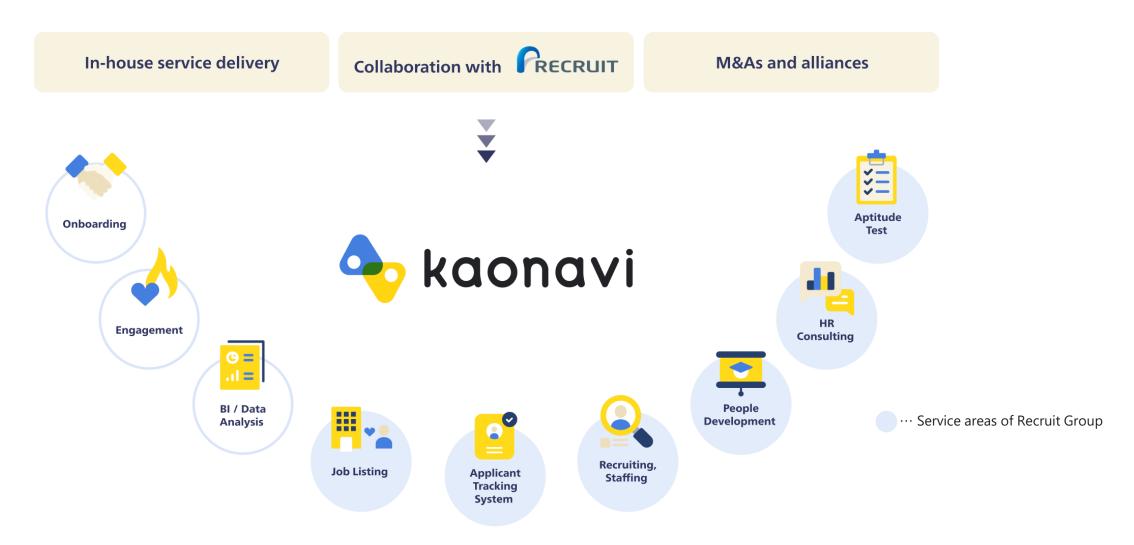
<sup>\*1:</sup> Figures for FY23/3 are the average of the high and low end of the range of the earnings forecast as of May 12, 2022

<sup>\*2 :</sup> 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 been 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 structure 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"

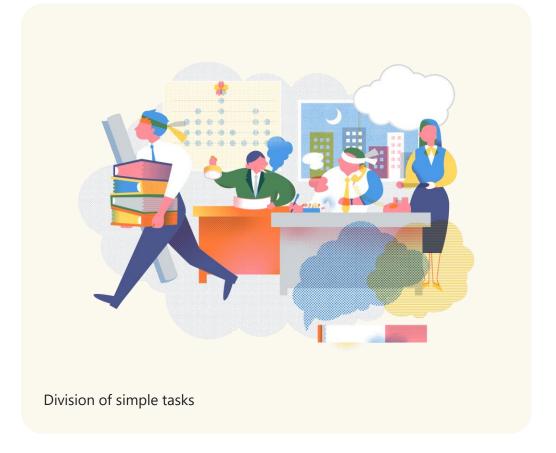
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# Changes in HR Information Management and Work Styles - Past

 1980
 1990
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 2010
 2020
 2030

Employers manage employee information



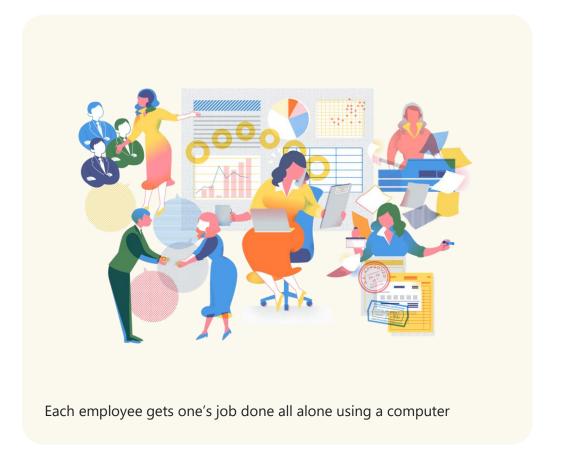


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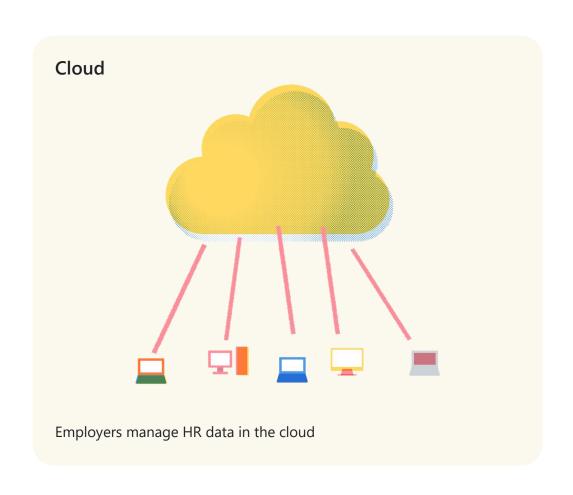




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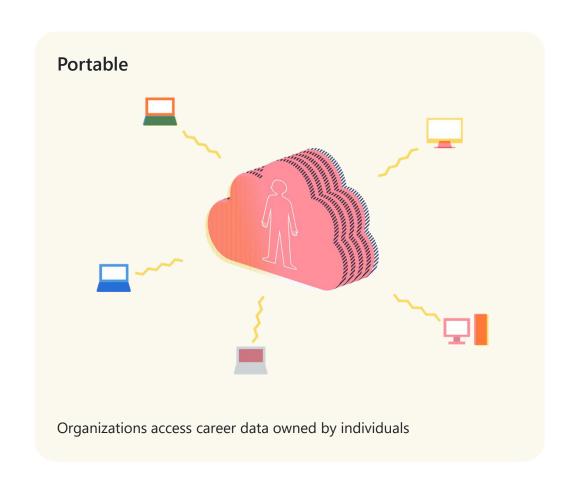




# Changes in HR Information Management and Work Styles - Future

1980 1990 2000 2010 2020 2030

Employers manage employee information





# **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 the Company Logo

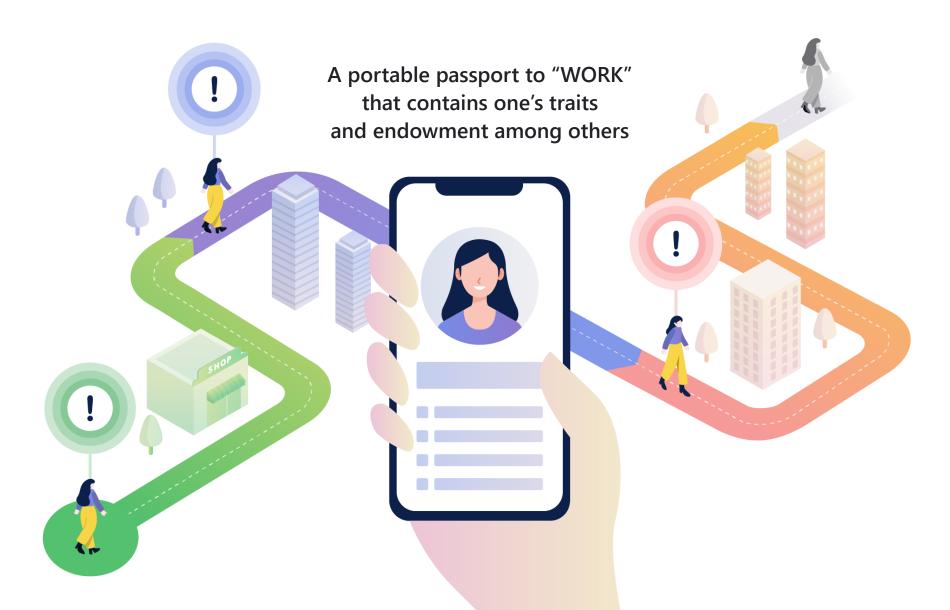
Our new logo embodies the world that kaonavi shapes



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

" $\bigcirc$ " represents people, and " $\triangle$ " 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**

### Craft





### Flexibility-rich System

Adaptability to meet various needs of users instead of predefined 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 the user's guide.

Trying to realize that simple design which is extremely easy for any user 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 them.

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