

FY23/3 3Q Financial Results

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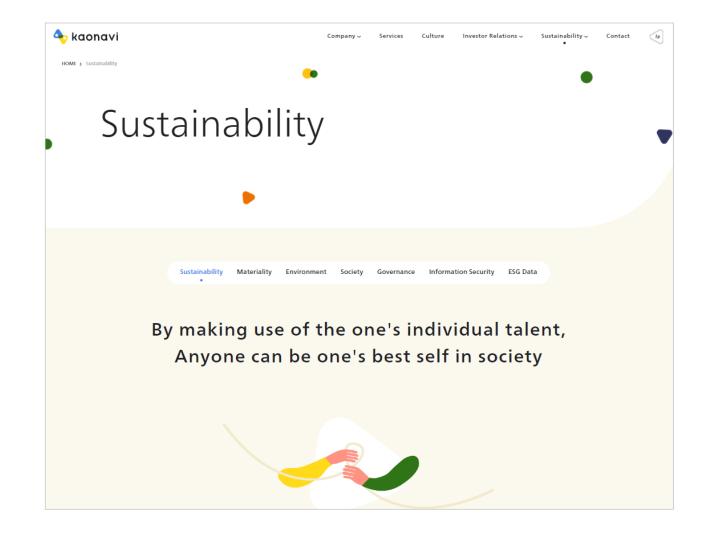
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Implement technology to "WORK" and modify the specification of society leveraging individual power

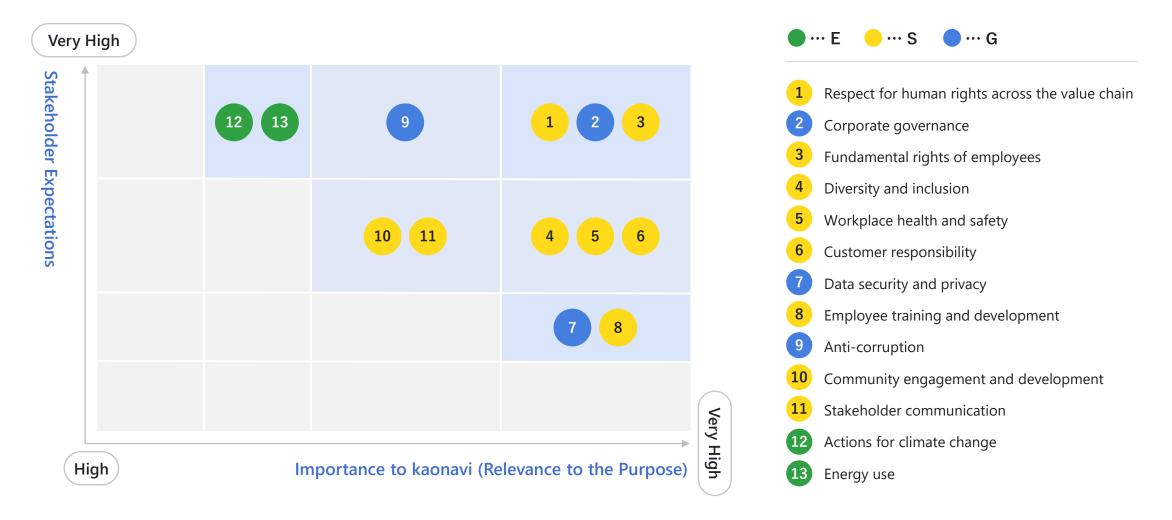
Sustainability Initiatives

We have launched a sustainability website to inform a wide range of stakeholders of our initiatives to realize a sustainable society, and will continue to promote reliable disclosure along with our measures in action



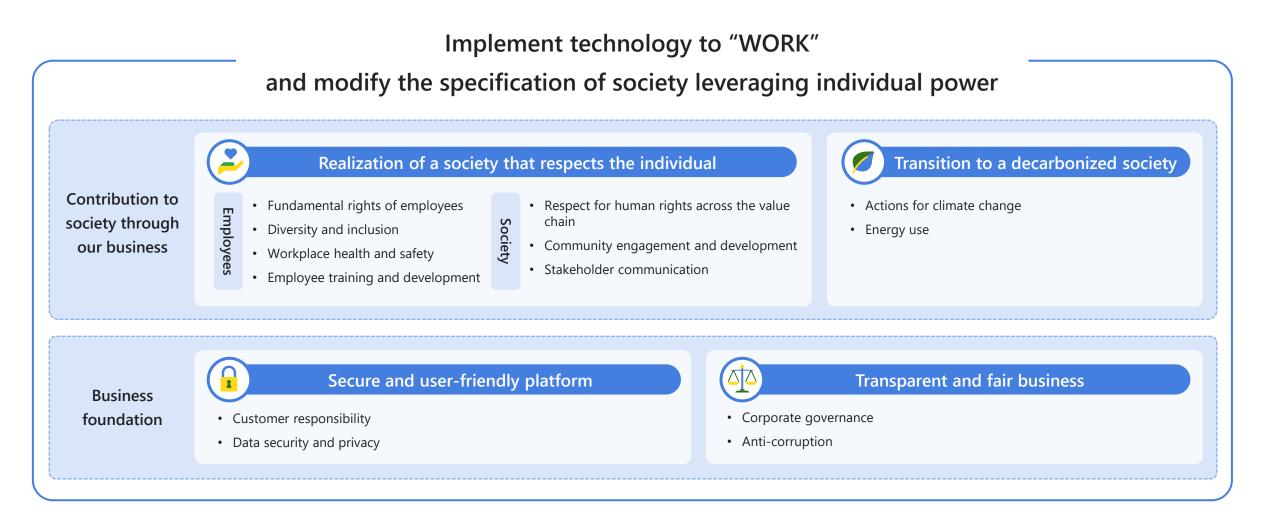
Sustainability Initiatives: Materiality

Created our materiality map from the perspectives of "Stakeholder Expectations" and "Importance to kaonavi" upon identification of materiality to be focused^{*1}



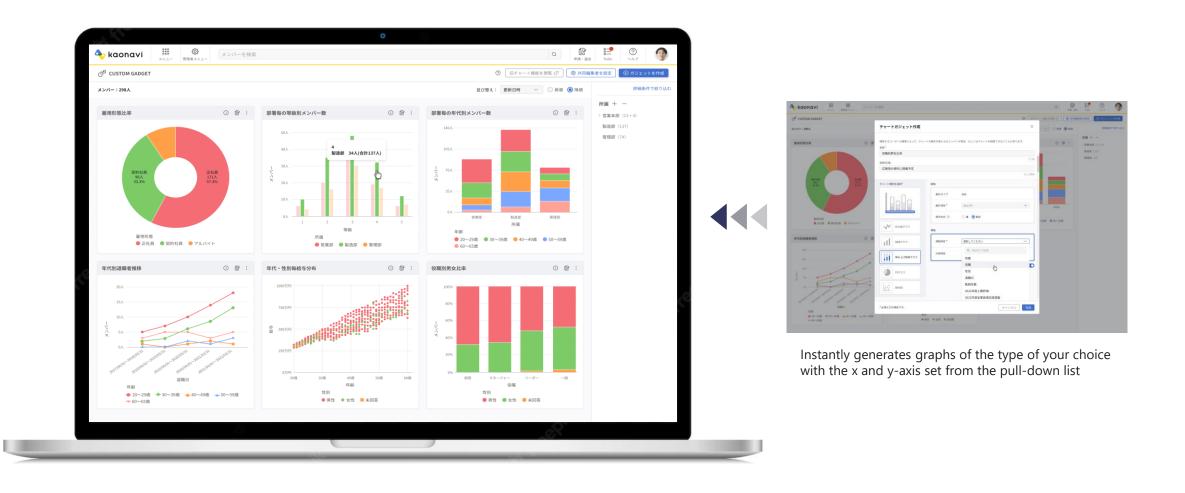
Sustainability Initiatives: Materiality

The materiality map categorized key issues into four areas. We aim to contribute to the development of a sustainable society and realize our purpose by addressing these material issues



Launching a New Feature

Released "Custom Gadget" for easy and flexible visualization of human capital data



Review of Mid-term Growth Strategy

Commenced review of our grand design to enhance the resolution of the mid-term growth strategy

Current Grand Design (Growth Image)





New management policy to be announced with 4Q results

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Highlights

• 3Q results continue to show solid progress

Net sales were JPY 1,526MM (+31.5% YoY) Gross profit was JPY 1,131MM (+29.7% YoY), and its margin landed at 74.1% Operating profit was JPY 118MM (-11.2% YoY)

- ARR reached JPY 5,930MM (+32.1% YoY), ahead of the plan Newly acquired MRR hit a new record high Churn rate (last 12-month average) was 0.50%, remaining at a low level
- Orders from support services also posted a new record high, outpacing the plan
- The number of employees at the end of December 2022 was 271, hiring progressed in line with the plan
- **Revised full-year forecast** based on results through the third quarter and other factors

Revision of Financial Forecast

Subscription revenue was revised upward based on the achievement of KPIs. So was gross profit in relation to the increase in net sales, but operating profit is expected to remain within the range of the initial forecast as a result of reviewed expenses and other factors

	FY22/3	FY23/3	FY23/3	ΥοΥ	vs. Old Forecast
JPY MM	Actual	Old Forecast	New Forecast	101	vs. Old Forecast
Net Sales	4,496	5,740 ~ 5,890	5,960	+32.6%	+1.2% ~ +3.8%
Subscription Revenue	3,931	4,970 ~ 5,060	5,150	+31.0%	+1.8% ~ +3.6%
Support Revenue	565	770 ~ 830	810	+43.3%	-2.4% ~ +5.2%
Gross Profit	3,295	4,180 ~ 4,340	4,388	+33.2%	+1.1% ~ +5.0%
Margin	73.3%	72.8% ~ 73.7%	73.6%	+0.3pt	-0.1pt ~ +0.8pt
Operating Profit	174	120 ~ 300	282	+62.0%	-6.0% ~ +135.0%
Margin	3.9%	2.1% ~ 5.1%	4.7%	+0.9pt	-0.4pt ~ +2.6pt

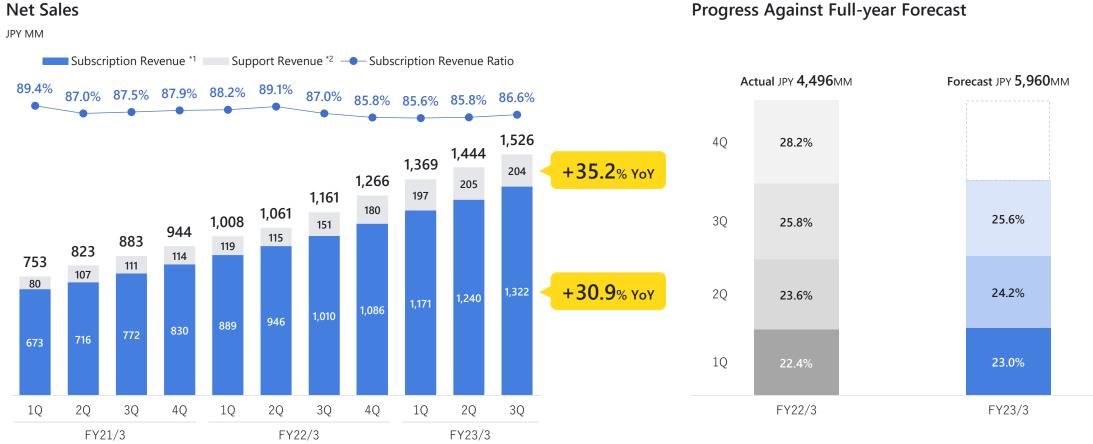
PL Summary

Net sales increased by 31.5% YoY. Gross profit also increased steadily, and its margin landed at 74.1%

FY22/3 3Q	FY23/3 2Q	FY23/3 3Q	VoV	0.00
Same period last year	Previous quarter	Actual	101	QoQ
1,161	1,444	1,526	✓ +31.5%	+5.7%
872	1,083	1,131	+29.7%	+4.4%
75.2%	75.0%	✓ 74.1%	-1.0pt	-0.9pt
133	36	118	-11.2%	+227.2%
11.4%	2.5%	7.7%	-3.7pt	+5.2pt
131	35	117	-11.3%	+237.6%
89	15	78	-12.5%	+406.0%
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Net Sales

Subscription revenue and support revenue increased by 30.9% and 35.2% YoY, respectively



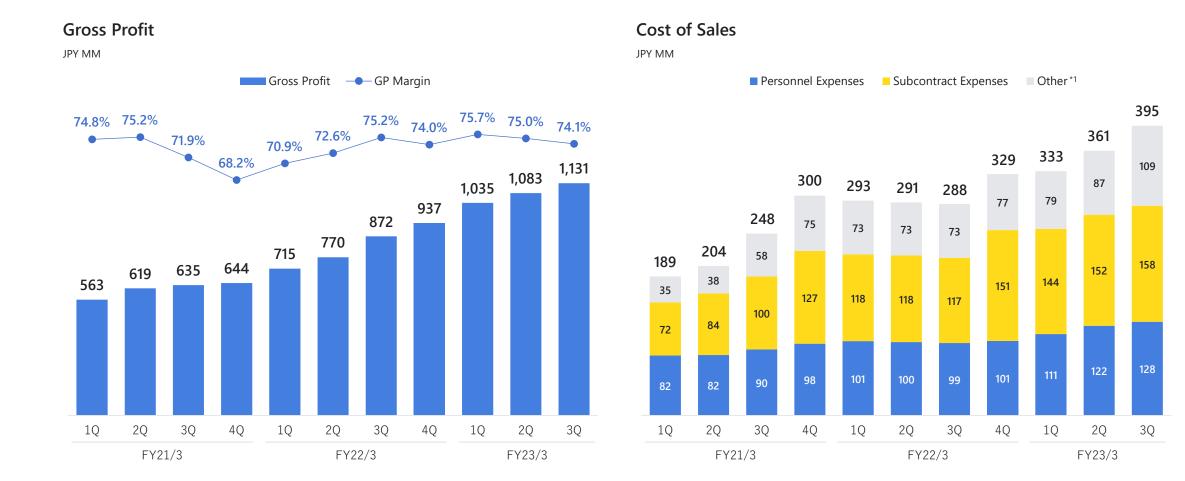
Progress Against Full-year Forecast

*1 : Net sales from monthly subscription fees

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

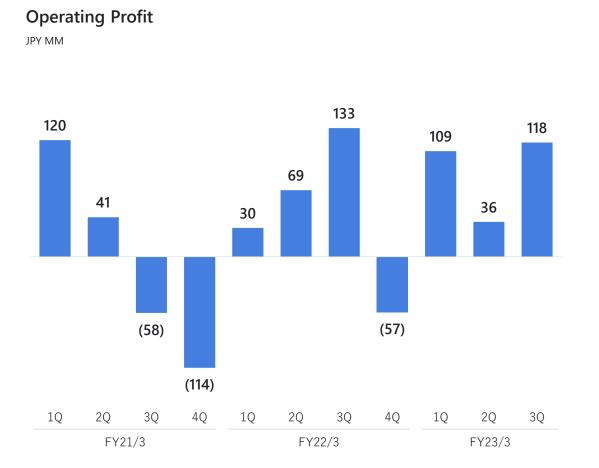
Gross Profit and Cost of Sales

Gross profit, a source of profitability, has increased steadily



Operating Profit and SG&A

Profitability steadily improved due to growth in gross profit



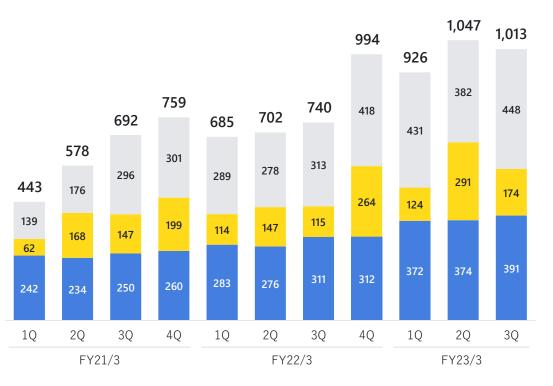
SG&A

JPY MM





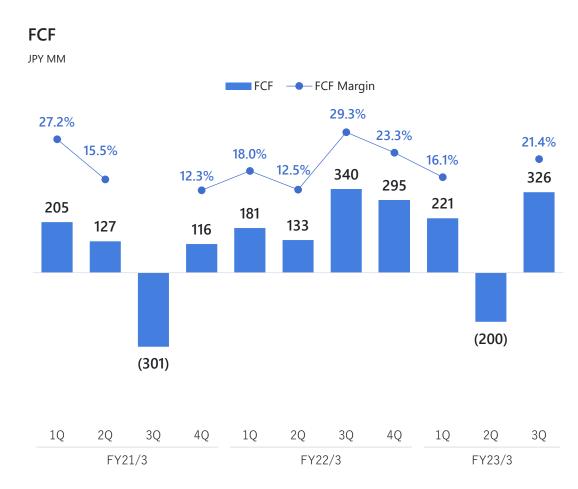
Other *1



Free Cash Flow and Balance Sheet

Stable cash flow generation has led to a 20.7% YoY increase in cash and deposits

B/S



JPY MM	FY2	2/3		FY23/3	
	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q
Cash and deposits	2,564	2,835	3,024	2,799	3,095
Other current assets	373	355	370	531	487
Property, plant and equipment	196	190	184	178	134
Intangible assets	11	10	9	8	7
Investments and other assets	493	602	614	668	664
Total assets	3,637	3,993	4,201	4,184	4,387
Loans payable	486	455	423	391	359
Deferred revenue	1,392	1,509	1,874	1,861	1,961
Other liabilities	615	821	608	612	655
Total liabilities	2,494	2,785	2,905	2,865	2,975
Total net assets	1,143	1,208	1,296	1,320	1,412
Total liabilities and net assets	3,637	3,993	4,201	4,184	4,387

KPI Summary

ARR*1	Active Users ^{*2}	ARPU ^{*3}
5,930 уру мм	2,880 Companies	172 JPY Thou.
(+32.1% YoY)	(+22.7% YoY)	(+7.7% YoY)
Churn Rate ^{*4}	LTV/CAC ^{*5}	Number of Employees ^{*6}
0.50%	9.1 ×	271 People

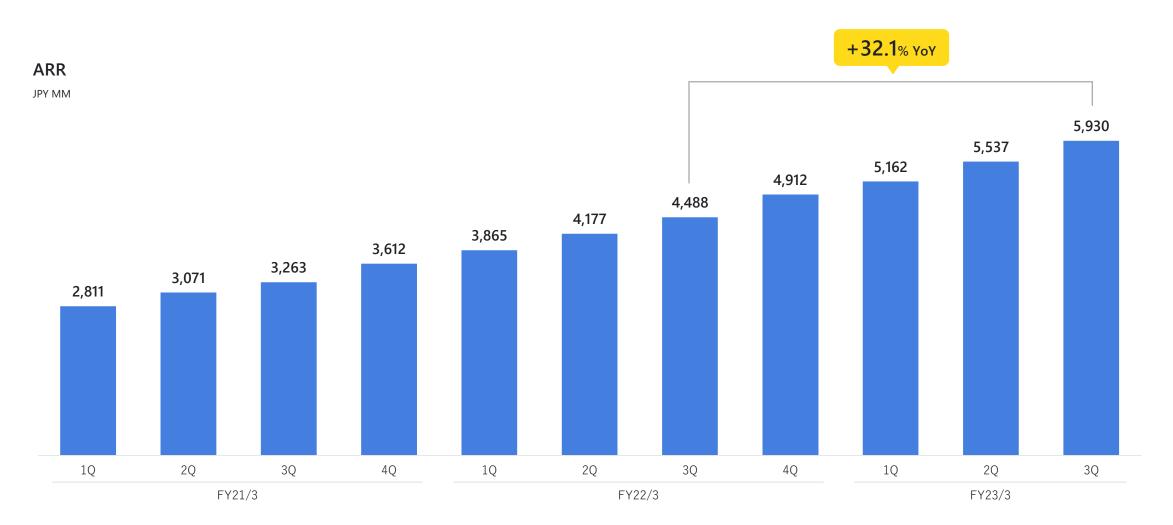
*1 : MRR (Monthly Recurring Revenue) at the end of the quarter multiplied by 12

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)

- *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

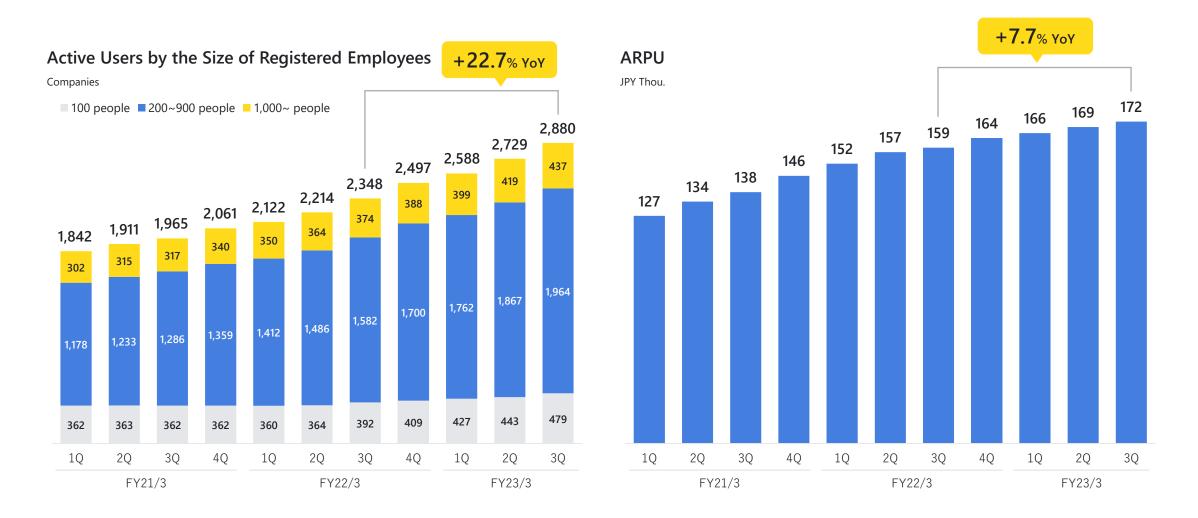
ARR

ARR is growing constantly and increased by 32.1% YoY



Active Users and ARPU

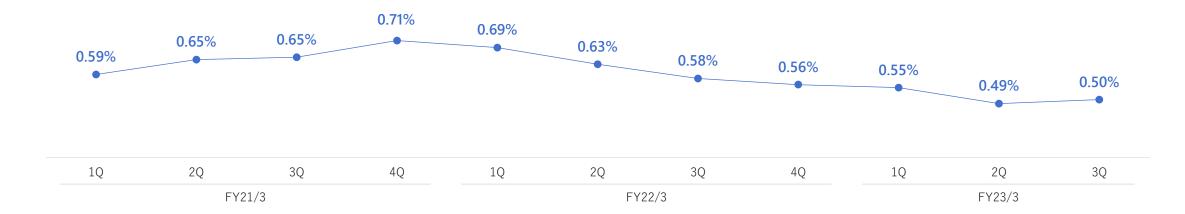
The number of active users and ARPU increased steadily, by 22.7% and 7.7% YoY, respectively



Churn Rate

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

Last 12-Month Average of MRR Churn Rate^{*1}

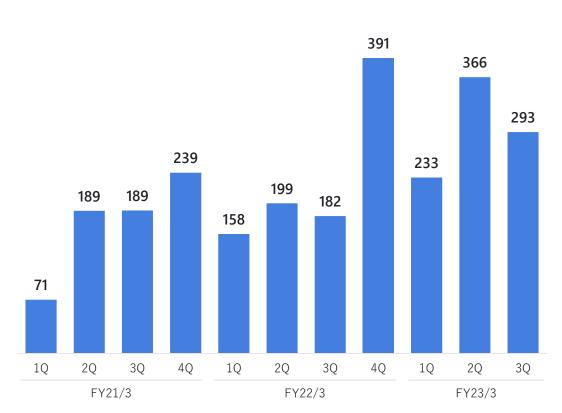


Unit Economics

Marketing-related Expenses^{*1}

JPY MM

Maintaining healthy unit economics



Last 12-Month Average of LTV/CAC^{*2}

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*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

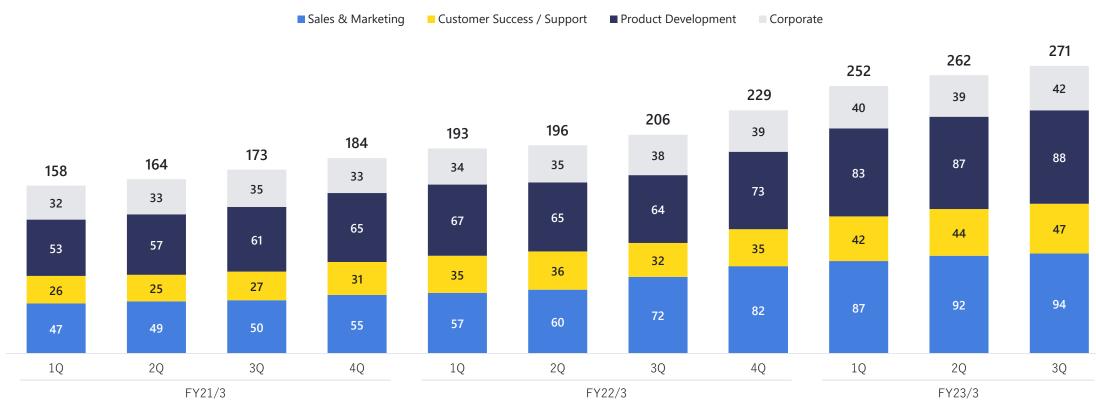
CAC = Sales & Marketing cost of the month (personnel costs for S&M/CS/PR, marketing-related expenses, rents, system usage fee, etc.) / # of new customers acquired in the month

Number of Employees

Hiring progressed in line with the plan

Number of Employees^{*1}

People



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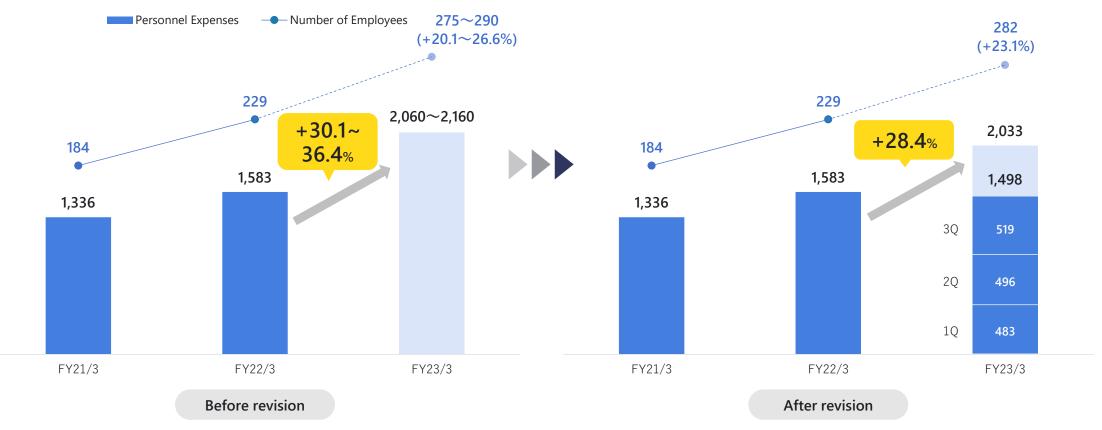
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Major Cost Assumptions

Elaborated personnel expenses estimate from the original plan considering the progress of hiring in this fiscal year and other factors

Staffing Plan and Personnel Expenses (CoS+SG&A) Forecast

Personnel Expenses: JPY MM, Number of Employees: People



Major Cost Assumptions

Expanded marketing investment for future growth based on solid KPIs such as LTV/CAC

Marketing-related Expenses Forecast

JPY MM



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Company Overview

Name	kaonavi, inc.
Offices	Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Fukuoka

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

RepresentativeHiroyuki Sato (Representative Director, President & Co-CEO)Hiroki Yanagihashi (Representative Director & Co-CEO)

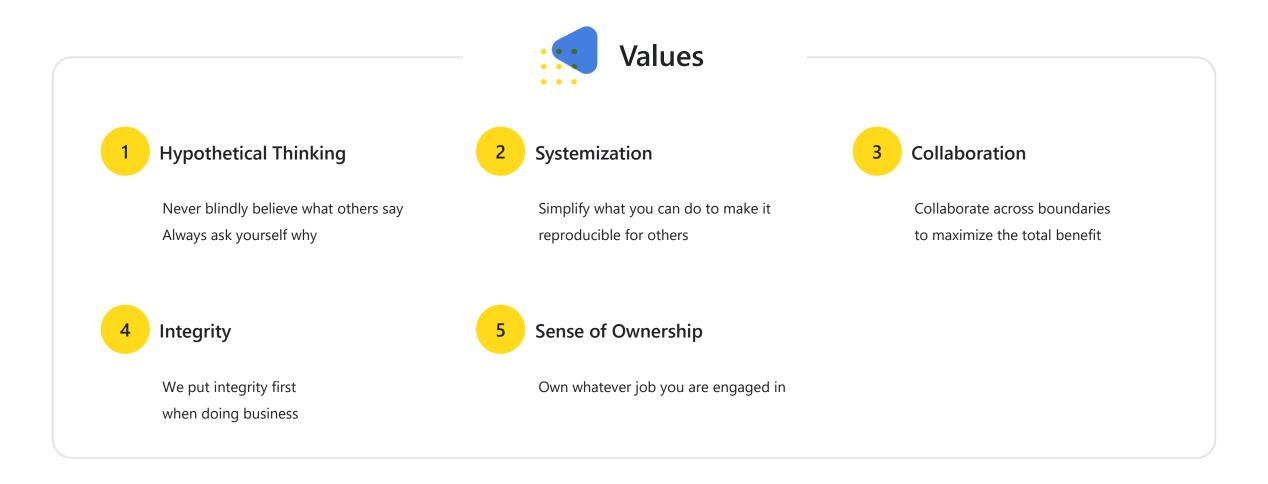
of Employees 262 (September 2022)

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



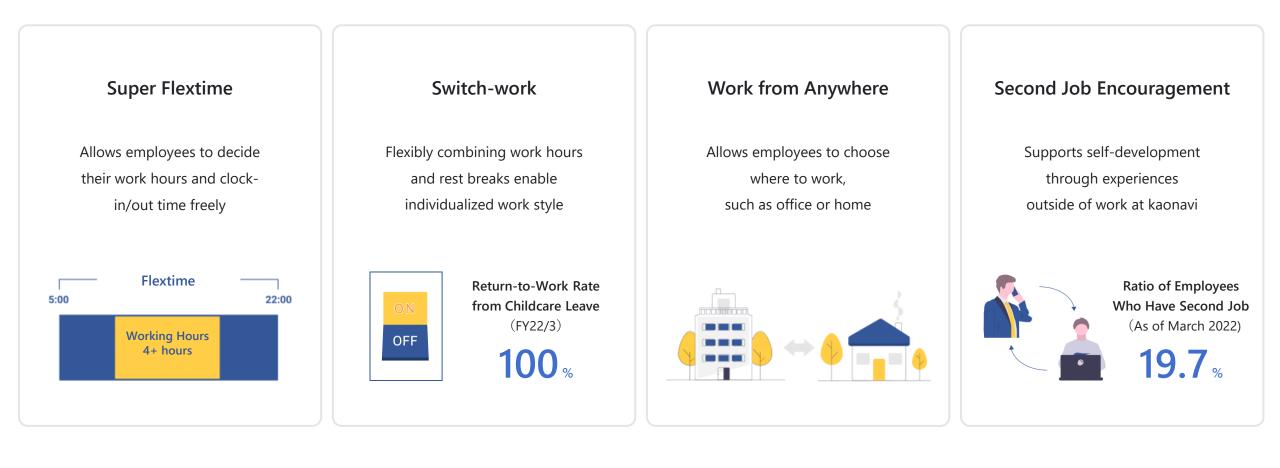
Values

Our common principles and ethics for realizing the Purpose



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"



Source : Website of Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

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

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



Our employees and their families



LEGO[®] Certified Professional



Focusing on "Individuality"

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















顧客満足は、従業員満足によってもたらされる。 よりボルボを愛していただくために、人事ができ る仕組みづくりとは ボルボ・カー・ジャパン株式会社

太田 久美子さん

(後編)

HENNGERSTAN





今後求められるのは、"グローバルジンジニア"。 1日に10人と名刺交換。ジェイリース若 山を愛する人事が注力する、多様性への取り組み 私が経験不足を補った方法(前編) ジェイリース株式会社 江頭 更紗さん

"圧倒的な信頼感"を得るために人事を科学 善説の組織づくりを支えたい

株式会社リブセンス 遠藤 正幸さん



Information Security, Protection of Personal Data and Privacy

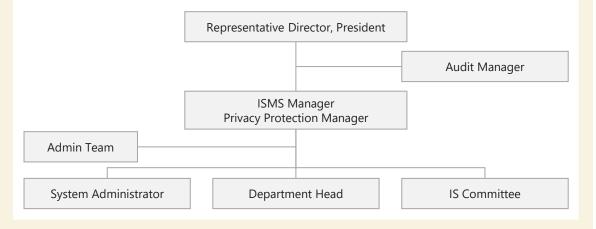
Committed to protecting, managing and handling information assets properly and responsibly

Information Security

Information Security Policy

Defined safe and appropriate information security measures in accordance with "Information Security Policy" to be entrusted by our customers and other stakeholders

Information Security Management Structure



Information Security Training

Conduct annual security training and targeted attack email training for all employees to improve their experience and ability to respond quickly in the event of a problem

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



ISO 27017·2015 認証取

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



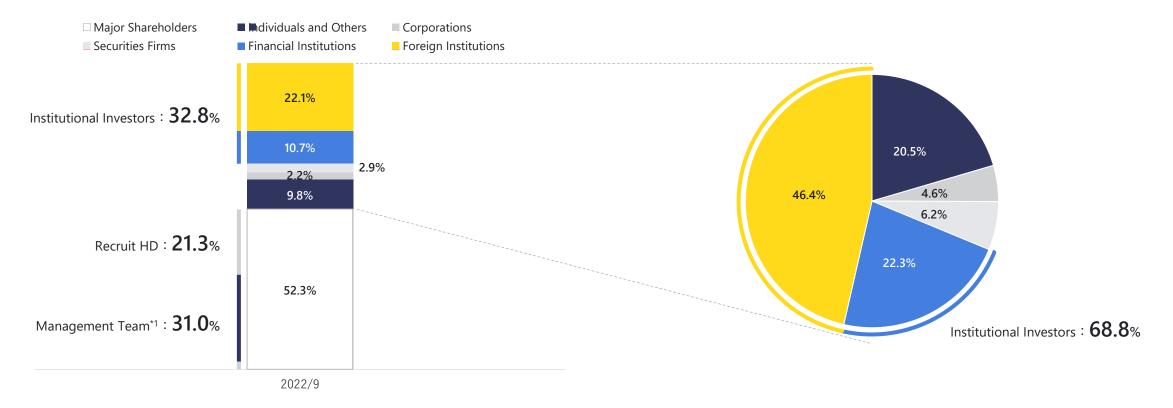
kaonavi Government Cloud

Applicable	Academic institutions such as school corporation
Price	Special price

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

Ownership Structure (September 2022)

Ownership and Distribution of Shares



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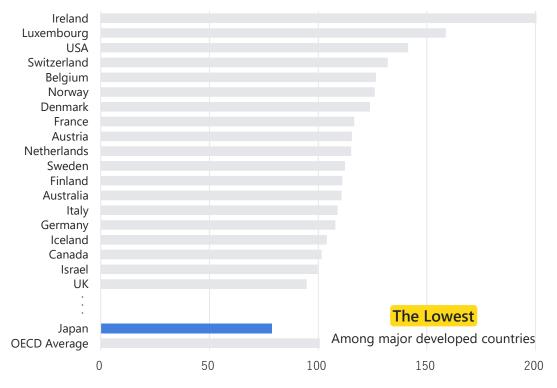
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Japan's Labor Market Challenges

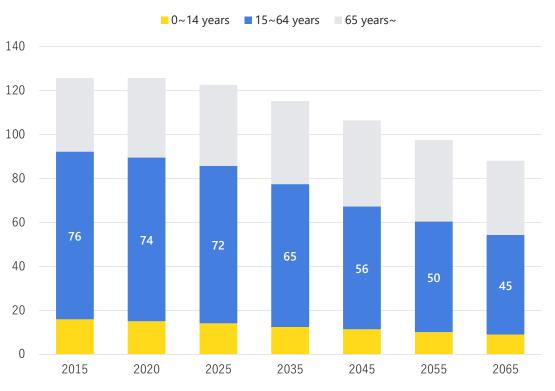
Raising labor productivity and promoting diverse work styles are some of the urgent issues in the face of a declining working-age population

OECD Countries' Labor Productivity (2020, per workers)



PPP Conversion : US\$ 1,000

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



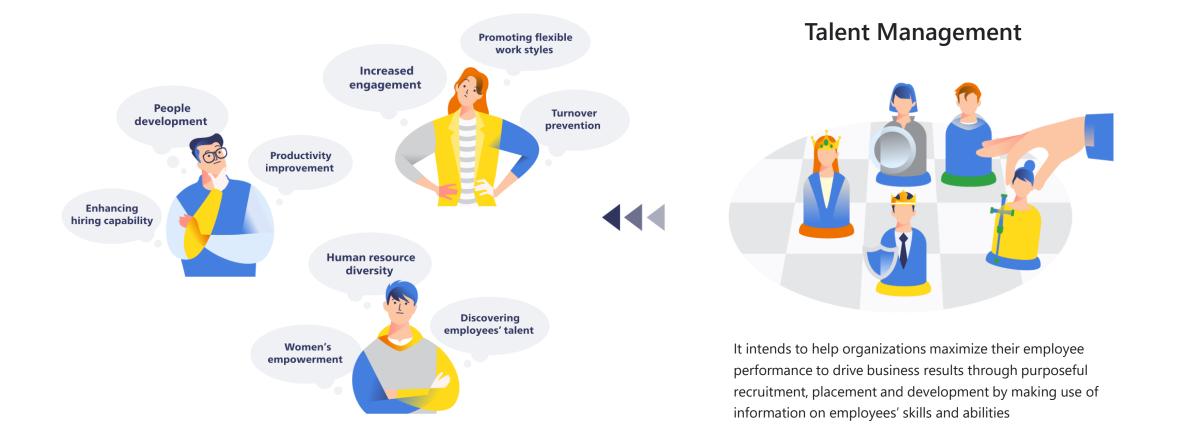
Japan's Population Projections by Age

Million people

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



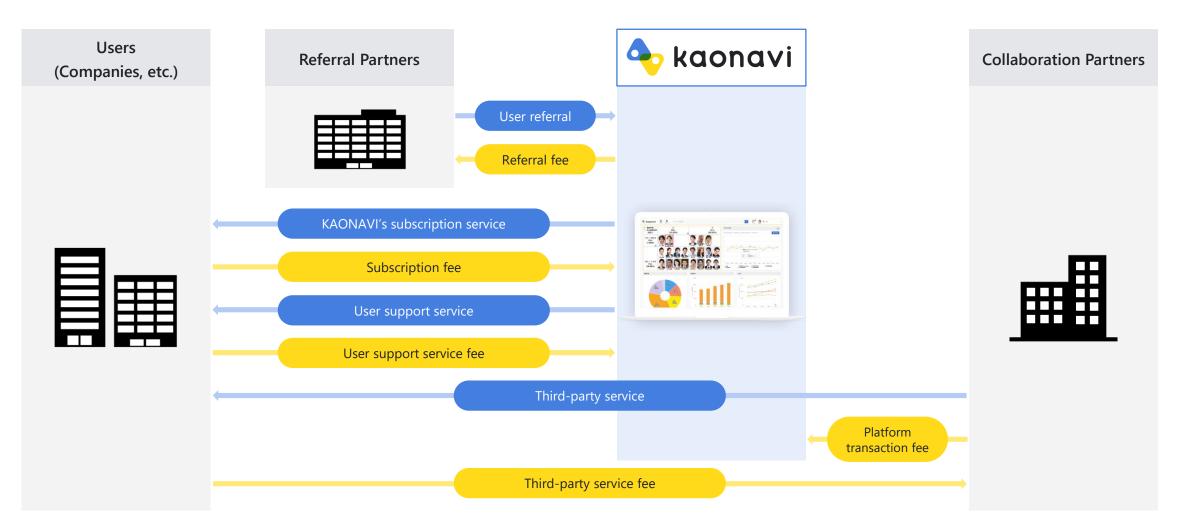
What Is Talent Management System?

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



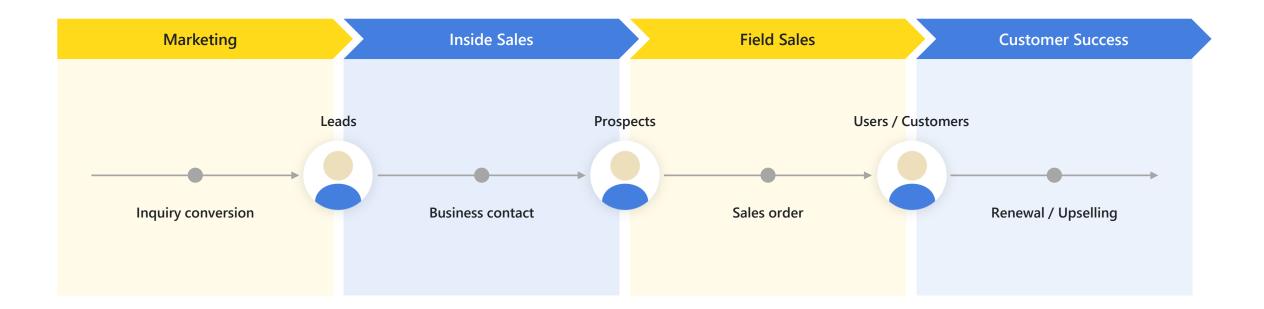
Business Model*1

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



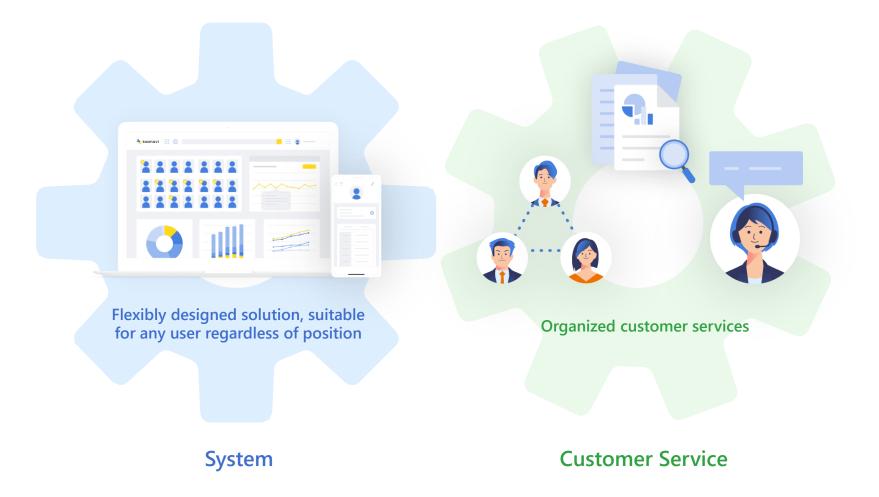
Fee Structure

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	PERFORMANCE PLAN	STRATEGY PLAN
		Consolidate all personnel data	Efficient review operation	Strategic HR management
~ 100 people	HR Database			
~ 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}			

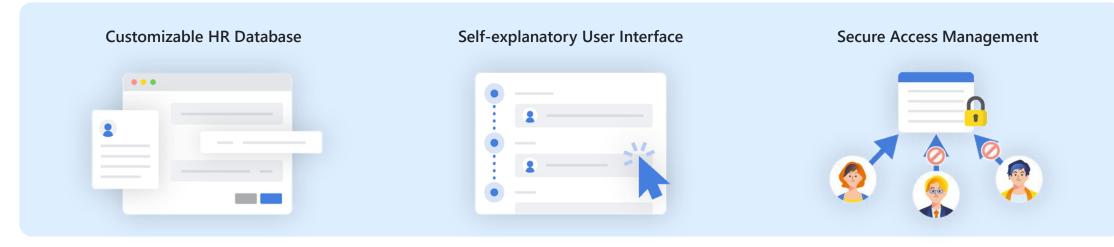
Our Strengths

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?

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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.

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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.

KDD



"

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

RICOH LEASING

RICOH リコーリース株式会社

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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*.



Customer Base

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



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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

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Expand Customer Base

Active Users^{*1}

companies



4,000~5,000 .

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

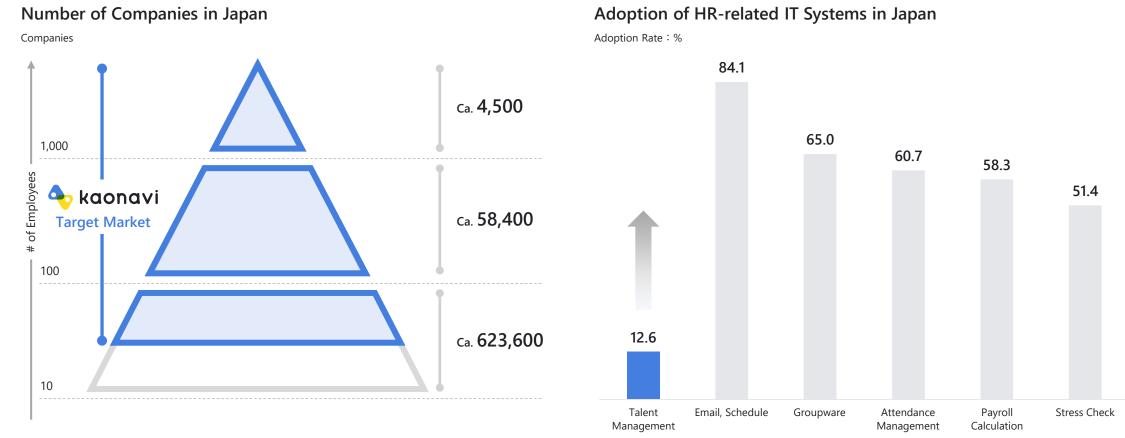
- Expansion of referral partners
- Increase sales via sales partners

Reducing Churn

- Strengthen customer success
- Continuous product improvement to enhance UX

Growth Potential

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



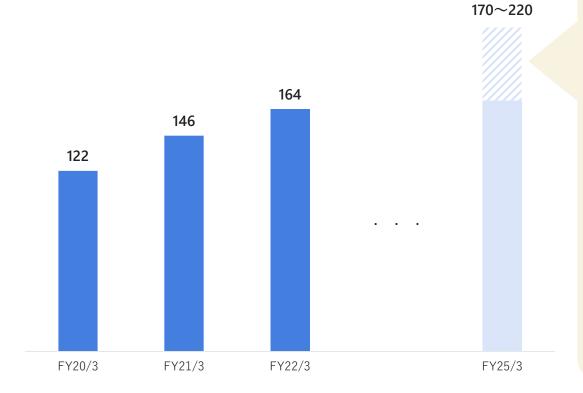
Source : kaonavi, based on MIC and METI "2016 Economic Census for Business Activity"

Source: IDC Japan, July 2017

Increase ARPU

ARPU^{*1}

JPY Thou.



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

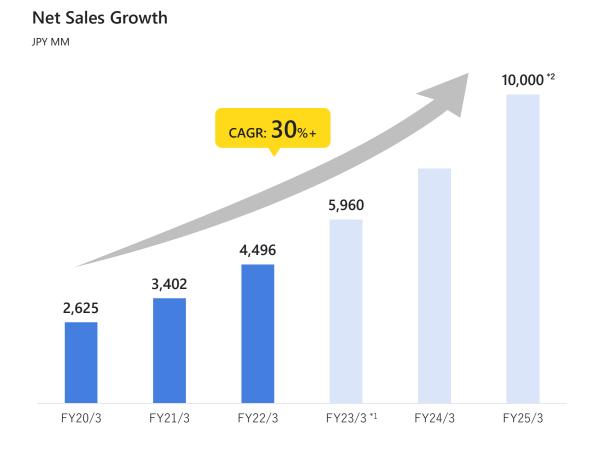
• Apply outbound sales measures

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



Gross Profit Margin Growth



Operating Profit Margin



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

Vision



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



- *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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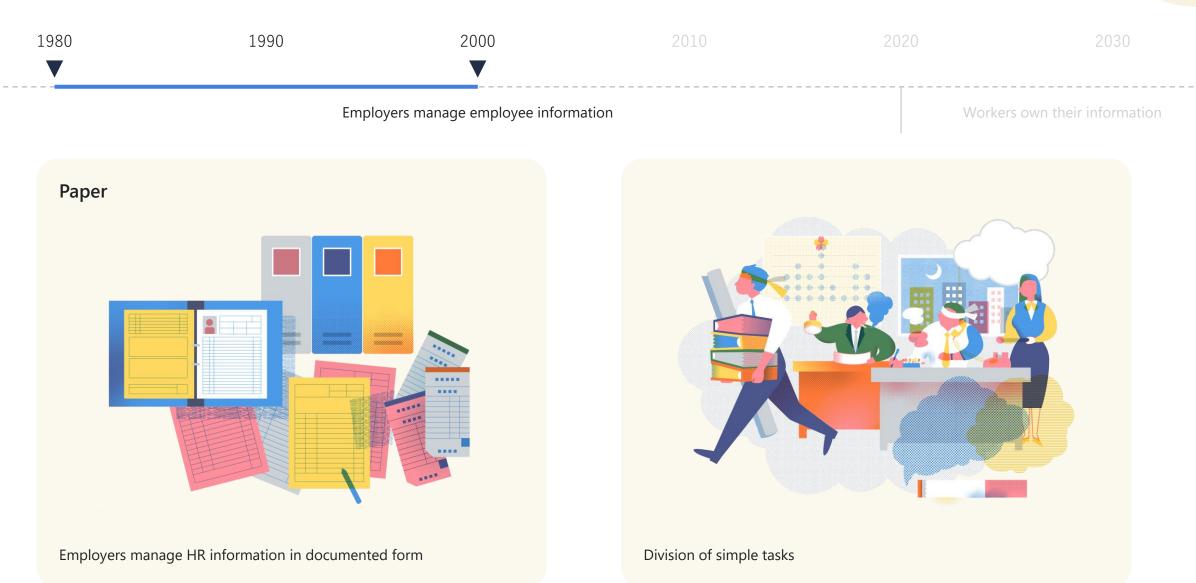
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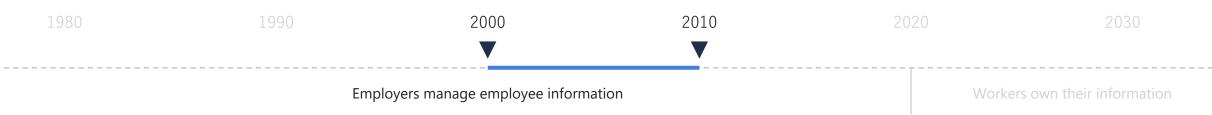
4-3. Growth Strategies and Potential Market

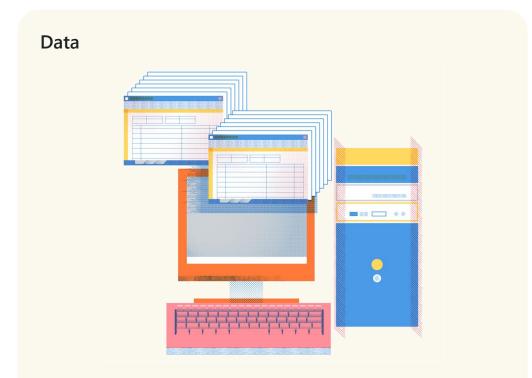
4-4. The Future of "WORK" and kaonavi

Changes in HR Information Management and Work Styles - Past



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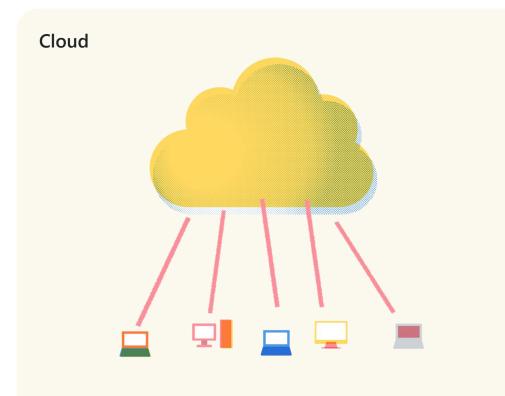
Employers manage HR information digitally



Each employee gets one's job done all alone using a computer

Changes in HR Information Management and Work Styles - Present





Employers manage HR data in the cloud



Making better use of HR data

 \rightarrow Team based work taking advantage of individual strength

Changes in HR Information Management and Work Styles - Future



Organizations access career data owned by individuals

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



tasks or procedures

Shaping the world where people can unlock their potential

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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 " \bigtriangleup " 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

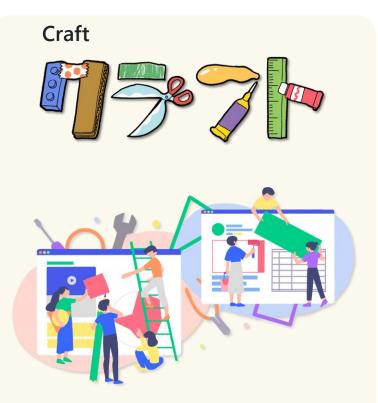
Gamification Mind

KAONAVI was born out of an audacious idea, "what if talent management could be gamified like Saga of Three Kingdoms".

The notion to bring gaming elements into our thinking foundation is our **central tenet** that makes us stand where we are.



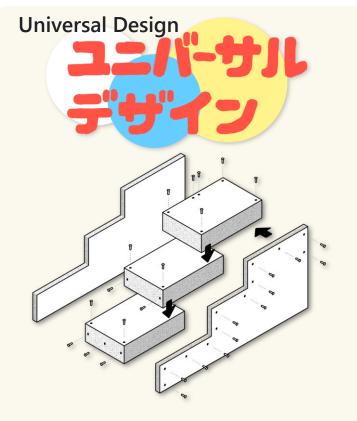
Ethos of Product Development



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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