

# Quarterly Financial Results Briefing 3rd Quarter of FY2022

QD Laser, Inc. February 2023

## Mission

# With the power of the semiconductor laser, "I can't" becomes "I can".

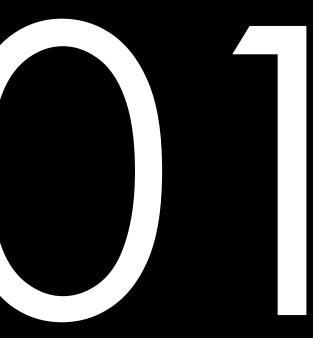
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What was once thought to be impossible is now a reality; we have become the only company in the world to successfully mass produce Quantum Dot LASERs.

Our laser technology will enable dramatic improvements in our ability to process information, support visually impaired people, prevent eye diseases, and enhance vision, continually pushing the boundaries of human possibility.



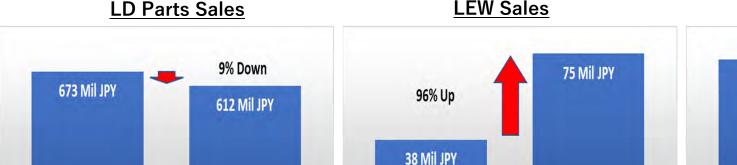
Financial Results for FY2022-Q3

## Financial Results Highlights for FY2022-Q3 vs FY2021-Q3

## LD business parts sales decreased 9% YoY to 612 million yen, while LEW business sales increased 96% YoY to 75 million yen. Company-wide sales decreased by 16% YoY.

In the LD business, sales of compact visible lasers increased by 31% year-on-year to 166 million yen. The sales reduction of high-power lasers due to the COVID-19 countermeasures in China and quantum-dot lasers due to the developmental delay and the transfer of NRE to the LEW business resulted in the overall sales decrease of the LD business. The LEW business increased significantly by 96% due to contract development and the start of optometry services. Owing to the sales of three new products starting in the fourth quarter, full-year sales are expected to achieve the planned sales of 239 million yen.

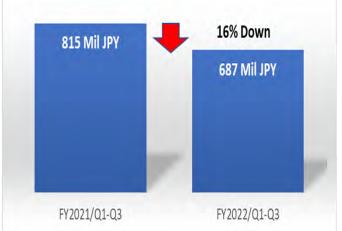
FY2022/Q1-Q3



FY2021/Q1-Q3

FY2022/Q1-Q3





FY2021/Q1-Q3

## Financial Results Highlights for FY2022-Q3 vs FY2021-Q3

O2 LD business operating profit increased by 45% YoY to 39 million yen. Company-wide operating loss worsened by 64 million yen (17%) YoY.

LD Operating Profit

Total Operating Loss

The LD business's operating profit increased by 45% YoY to 39 million yen despite a gross profit decline due to lower sales since SG&A expenses decreased significantly. In the LEW business, the operating loss worsened by 74 million yen YoY due to development costs related to three new products. Company-wide operating loss declined by 64 million yen due to SG&A expenses increase by the development costs mentioned above. The full-year operating loss is expected to be within the plan.





O3 Ordinary loss worsened by 63 million yen (17%) YoY, and net loss worsened by 81 million yen

(22%) YoY.

Ordinary loss worsened by 63 million yen YoY, on par with an operating loss. In the same period of the previous year, there was an extraordinary profit of 21 million yen due to the reversal of asset retirement obligations, so the quarterly net loss worsened by 81 million yen.





## Financial Result Highlights for FY2022-Q3 vs FY2021-Q3

#### Decrease in sales and increase in losses compared with the same period of the previous year

Sales in the LEW business increased by 96% YoY, but parts sales decreased by 9% YoY in the LD business. Combined with the decrease in NRE, the company sales fell by 16% YoY. Operating profit in the LD business increased 45% YoY to 39 million yen. However, company-wide operating loss worsened by 17% (64 million yen) YoY due to development costs related to three new products in the LEW business.

#### **Performance Summary**

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|--|--|--|--|
| (Million JPY)                     | FY2022<br>Q1-Q3   | FY2021<br>Q1-Q3 | YOY            |  |  |  |  |
| Sales                             | 687               | 815             | △16%<br>(△127) |  |  |  |  |
| (LD)<br>(LEW)                     | 612<br>75         | 776<br>38       | △21%<br>+96%   |  |  |  |  |
| Operating Profit<br>or Loss (△)   | △444              | △380            | △64            |  |  |  |  |
| (LD)<br>(LEW)                     | 39<br><b>△268</b> | 27<br>△194      | +12<br>△74     |  |  |  |  |
| Ordinary Loss ( $\triangle$ )     | △442              | △378            | △63            |  |  |  |  |
| Quartery Net Loss ( $\triangle$ ) | △444              | △363            | △81            |  |  |  |  |

#### **Sales by Product Group**

| (Million JPY)         | FY2022<br>Q1-Q3 | FY2021<br>Q1-Q3 | YOY         |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| DFB Laser             | 222             | 251             | △11%        |
| Compact Visible Laser | 166             | 127             | +31%        |
| High-Power Laser      | 155             | 211             | △26%        |
| Quantum Dot Laser     | 67              | 83              | △19%        |
| LD Parts Total        | 612             | 673             | △9%         |
| NRE                   | _               | 102             | △100%       |
| LD Total              | 612             | 776             | <b>△21%</b> |
| LEW Total             | 75              | 38              | +96%        |
| Grand Total           | 687             | 815             | <b>△16%</b> |



## **Balance Sheet**

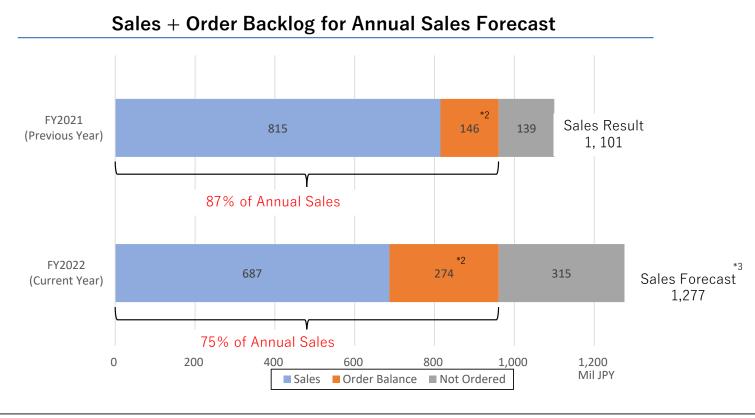
Total assets decreased by 165 million yen due to cash, deposits, accounts receivable decreases, etc. Total liabilities decreased by 33 million yen due to reductions in long-term loans payable within one year. The equity ratio was 89.2% (88.9% at the end of the previous term).

#### **Balance Sheet**

| Million JPY                         | End of September 2022 | End of March 2022 | Increase/Decrease |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Current Assets                      | 3,595                 | 3,729             | △133              |
| Fixed Assets                        | 256                   | 288               | △31               |
| Total Assets                        | 3,852                 | 4,018             | △165              |
| Current Liabilities                 | 356                   | 383               | △27               |
| Fixed Liabilities                   | 45                    | 51                | △6                |
| Total Liabilities                   | 401                   | 434               | △33               |
| Total Net Assets                    | 3,450                 | 3,583             | <u> </u>          |
| Total Liabilities and<br>Net Assets | 3,852                 | 4,018             | <b>△165</b>       |

## **Order Status**

As of the end of the 3rd quarter, sales + order backlog<sup>\*1</sup> (planned sales<sup>\*3</sup> for the current fiscal year) is 75% of annual forecast sales.



## DFB Lasers for Precision Machining and Measurement: Sales in FY2022-Q3

## 222 million JPY sales, decreased by 11% YOY.

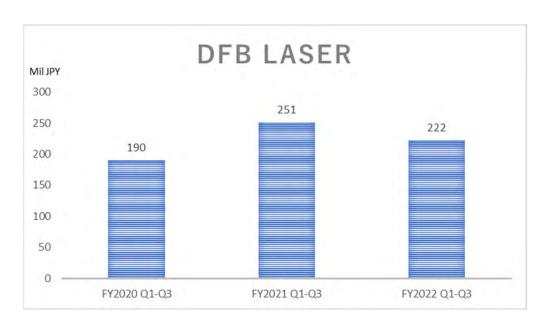
- •North America: Sales of lasers for processing equipment decreased by 16% YOY due to overstocks.
- •Europe: Sales of lasers for processing equipment decreased by 37% YOY due to overstocks.
- •Europe: Sales of light sources for inspection equipment in the semiconductor wafer process increased by 29% YOY.
- •North America: Sales of light sources for sensors increased by 18.06 million JPY YOY.
- •Japan: Sales of light sources for ophthalmic diagnosis increased by 20% YOY
- •JAPAN: Sales of light source prototypes for inspection equipment in the semiconductor wafer process increased by 3.55 million JPY YOY.

**DFB** lasers

Left: for 15 ps pulsed operation

Right: for 50 ps pulsed,

ns pulsed, and CW operations



## **Compact Visible Lasers: Sales in FY2022-Q3**

## 166 million JPY sales, increased by 31% YOY.

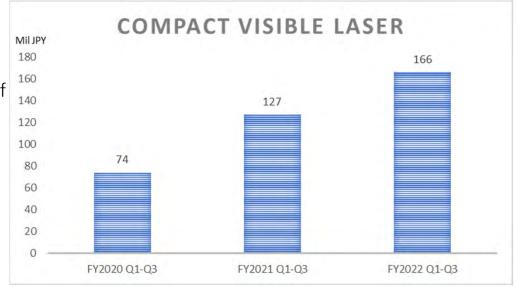
- •China: Sales increased by 22% YOY with the expanding mass production, including a new application (cell sorter\*1) in the biomedical equipment manufacturer.
- •Europe: Orders from a biomedical STED\*2 microscope manufacturer resumed last fiscal year, with a forecast of 100pcs in 2022-2023. The sales of this term were 3.24 million JPY.
- •Europe: Newly certified by one customer for microscope applications last fiscal year, with this term sales increased by 289% YOY.
- North America: Sales increased by 599% YOY with starting of mass production for biomedical applications
- •Japan: Sales increased by 93% YOY with starting of mass production for biomedical equipment.

Compact visible lasers Left: green,

Middle: yellow-green, and

Right: orange.





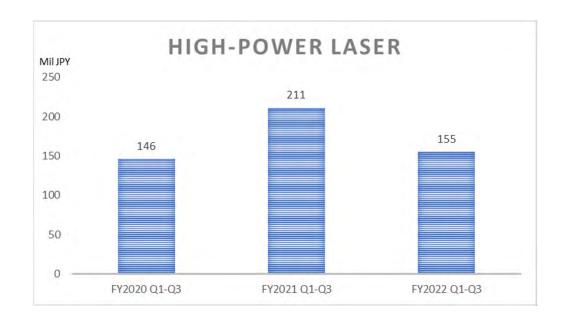
## **High-Power Lasers: Sales in FY2022-Q3**

## 155 million JPY sales, decreased by 26% YOY.

- China: Orders of light sources for sensors and levelers decreased by 57% YOY due to the suspension of factory operations under COVID-19.
- Europe: Increased sales of light sources for sensors by 5.74 million JPY YOY.
- •North America: Increased sales of light sources for particle counters in semiconductor factories with 4.33 million JPY.
- •Japan: Sales of light sources for sensors of wafer transfer machines to be used in semiconductor factories increased by 23% YOY.
- •Japan: Sales of light sources for particle counters in semiconductor factories increased by 11% YOY.



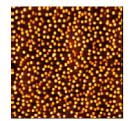
High-power lasers TO package



## **Quantum Dot Lasers**<sup>1</sup>: Sales in FY2022-Q3

### 67 million JPY sales, decreased by 19% YOY.

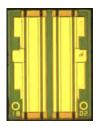
- QD Laser is working on quantum-dot lasers for silicon photonics with nine customers in Japan, the US, and Europe.
- •Japan: Completed the development of highly efficient chips for the optical connector and chip-to-chip communication customer. Shipped chips to prepare for mass production. Continuing activities to reduce costs. Mass production is scheduled to start in 2023.
- •North America: Shipped to customers working on LiDAR and the optical connector and chip-to-chip communication.
- •North America: Under discussion about the following order from the customer of optical connector/ chip-to-chip communication shipped in the previous fiscal year.
- •Seven universities and research institutes in Europe, the US, and Asia: Received orders and shipped quantum dot wafers for research.



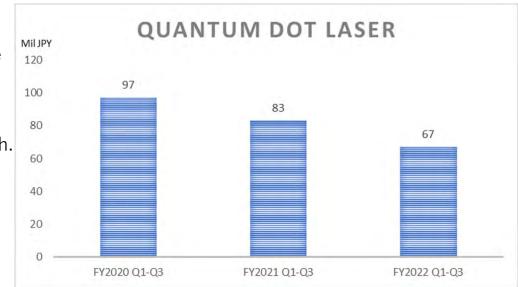
Quantum dot



Quantum dot wafer



Quantum dot laser chip





## Laser Eyewear (LEW): Sales in FY2022-Q3

## 75 million JPY sales, increased by 96% YOY.

#### RETISSA Medical

• Introducing RETISSA Medical, together with Display II and ON HAND to about thirty medical institutions interested in retinal imaging under collaboration with SEED.

#### ■ RETISSA Display II / CAM (Consumer Product)

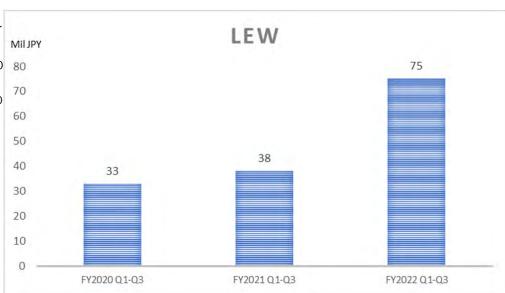
- Started support for an NPO institution named "Albino Donut Society" under collaboration with MIRAIRO:
- Local Municipality Subsidy with 90% benefit registered in 11 areas in Tokyo Plan to expand to many cities nationwide.
- Resumed sales in China with a Chinese agency, and is currently applying fo a bid for a school for the blind in Xi'an

#### **NRE**

- A retinal projection device under joint development was exhibited at the TDK booth of CES (January 5-January 8) held in Las Vegas, USA.
- Developed MEOCHECK with a commission of an ophthalmic medical equipment agency.

#### New three products

- ONHNAD: Received an order of 240 units from a domestic distributor.
- Exhibited at "Book Fair for Libraries 2022" held in various parts of Japan
- RNV: Expected to receive orders for 120 units in February.
- -Progress in business collaboration with digital camera manufacturers.
- MEOCHECK: Concluded a general agency agreement with an ophthalmic medical equipment agency. Received an order for 150 units.
- -Conducted a trial to introduce it into the regular health checkup of Nihon Kotsu taxi drivers.







## **Revision of Annual Forecast**

Annual forecast is revised on February 14, 2023.

#### Revision of Annual Forecast

|                                     | Sales        | Operating<br>Loss | Ordinary<br>Loss | Net Loss | Net Loss per<br>Share |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| *1                                  | Mil JPY      | Mil JPY           | Mil JPY          | Mil JPY  | JPY                   |
| Previous announcement               | 1,277        | △567              | △558             | △562     | △15.73                |
| forecast (A) (LD (LEW               | 1,037<br>239 | 100<br>△367       |                  |          |                       |
| Revised forecast (B)                | 1,129        | △567              | △558             | △562     | △15.61                |
| (LD)                                | 889          | 64                |                  |          |                       |
| (LEW)                               | 239          | △348              |                  |          |                       |
| Increase / decrease<br>amount (B-A) | △147         | _                 | -                | _        |                       |
| (LD)                                | △147         | △35               |                  |          |                       |
| (LEW                                | _            | +18               |                  |          |                       |
| Increase / decrease ratio (%)       | △11.5        | -                 | _                | _        |                       |
| (LD)                                | △14.2        | △35.7             |                  |          |                       |
| (LEW                                | _            | +5.1              |                  |          |                       |
| Previous year result                | 1,101        | △931              | △893             | △880     | △25.17                |
| (LD)                                | 1,006        | 43                |                  |          |                       |
| (LEW)                               | 94           | △693              |                  |          |                       |

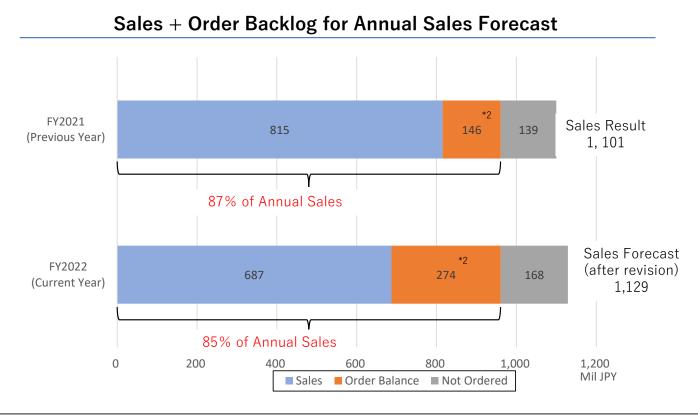
In the business environment surrounding the laser device business, demand for high-power lasers has declined due to the continued lockdown associated with the COVID-19 countermeasures in China. Even after the zero-corona policy ended, demand remained low. In addition, regarding quantum dot lasers, there are delays in the schedule due to consideration of updating specifications for joint development other than mass production projects.

We have determined that the impact will continue during the current fiscal year with unexpected recovery, so we have revised our earnings forecast. Although sales decreased by 147 million yen, operating income, ordinary income, and net income are expected to align with initial projections because selling, general and administrative expenses are to decrease, mainly commissions and personnel expenses.

We will continue to actively develop markets where our unique products can be applied and continue activities aimed at steady growth while monitoring the market recovery. At the same time, we will continue to develop new products and services.

## **Order Status** (after revision of sales forecast)

As of the end of the 3rd quarter, sales + order backlog\*1 (planned sales for the current fiscal year) is 85% of annual forecast sales



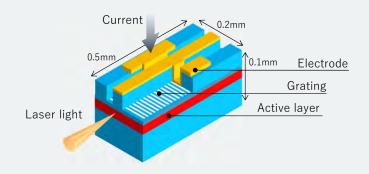


## Semiconductor Laser Devices

Solid Earnings Base and High Growth Potential under Global Laser Market Expansion

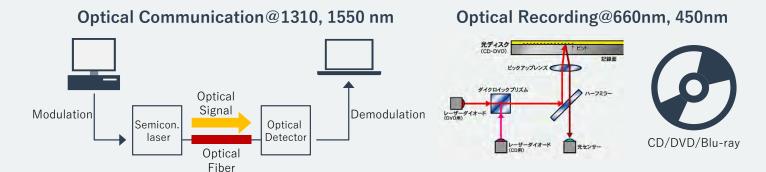
## What is a Semiconductor Laser?

A tiny device to provide laser light by injecting an electric current through a semiconductor.





First Large-Scale Applications of Semiconductor Lasers: Optical communication and optical recording have significantly contributed to the global information and communication infrastructure.



## **Expected Role of QD Laser, Inc.**

## Semiconductor Laser History and Our Position in the 3rd Phase

#### O<sup>1st</sup> phase **Proposals of Scientific Principles**

and Invention of Laser (1960s)

Laser

A technology used in recording, communication, processing and sensing.

Applied in various industries such as medicine, home appliances, automobiles, manufacturing and entertainment.

control laser light

100Gbps optical transceiver

Image of quantum dots taken by an atomic

force microscope and a quantum dot laser

equipped on fingertip-sized silicon chip as

2nd phase

Invention of Semiconductor Lasers, **Building out Optical Communication** and the Internet (1995~)



Semiconductor laser:

A small element with a length of about 1 mm that causes a laser to oscillate by passing a current through a semiconductor. Compared with other lasers, possesses excellent properties such as ultra-small size, highspeed modulation characteristics reaching several 10s of GHz, high power-to-light conversion efficiency (in several 10s of %). and wavelength controllability,

## 3rd phase

## **Accelerating the Integration of Humans and** Information(2020s~)

Fields where our lasers are applied (being Developed or Commercialized)

- •5G base station
- Supercomputer
- Visual Aid
- Smart Glass
- Optical Interconnect
   LiDAR for
- Facial recognition
- Fundus photography
   Biophotonics
- Micromachining
- autonomous cars
- Visal field testing
- In-Vehicle communication

**Ouantum Dot Laser:** 

A semiconductor laser adopting a quantum dot structure which has a semiconductor nano-sized microcrystal in its active layer. Compared with existing semiconductor lasers, these lasers are superior in temperature stability, temperature resistance, and low noise.

Nanotechnology of QD laser to generate and



## **New Era for Semiconductor Lasers**

We are developing products for all applications shown below and have launched a part of them.

Optical interconnect  $\Rightarrow$  enhancing the computing and data processing power





Display ⇒AR/VR/XR

**Smart Glasses** 

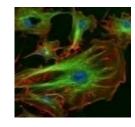


Head-up display



Sensor ⇒ Precise detection of human and material (shape, position, velocity)

Biomedical



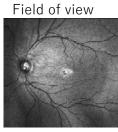




Face recognition



Fundus, Sight,



LiDAR (Automotive, Robotics, Drone)





- Micromachining
- ⇒Highly functional/high precision device manufacturing





## Our Core Technologies and Competitive Advantages

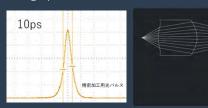
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## Material Creation, Design, and Control

## **Cutting Edge Semiconductor Laser Technology with Several Unique Features**

#### Laser Design

A technology to design lasers suitable for each use. World's fastest (10ps)\*3 semiconductor laser for precision material processing utilizing optical communication technology,



#### Semiconductor Crystal Growth

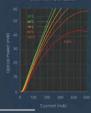
Technology to grow
each atomic layer of semiconductor crystals
on a semiconductor substrate

#### Quantum Dot

Succeeded in the mass production of quantum dot lasers with world's highest operating temperature \*1 and developed world's smallest silicon-based optical transceiver \*2







#### **Small Module**

A technology to make DFB lasers ultra compact.

Our yellow/orange laser modules led us
to become one of the finalists at the Prism Awards 2014.



#### **VISIRIUM Technology**

A technology to project images directly on the retina through ultra small laser projectors.

World's First Commercialization\*4

#### **Diffraction Grating**

Technology to form periodic refractive index change inside the laser enabling arbitrary wavelength control.

World's first\*5 commercialization of yellow/orange semiconductor laser





<sup>\*1: &</sup>quot;Extremely high temperature (220° C) continuous-wave operation of 1300-nm-range quantum-dot lasers",

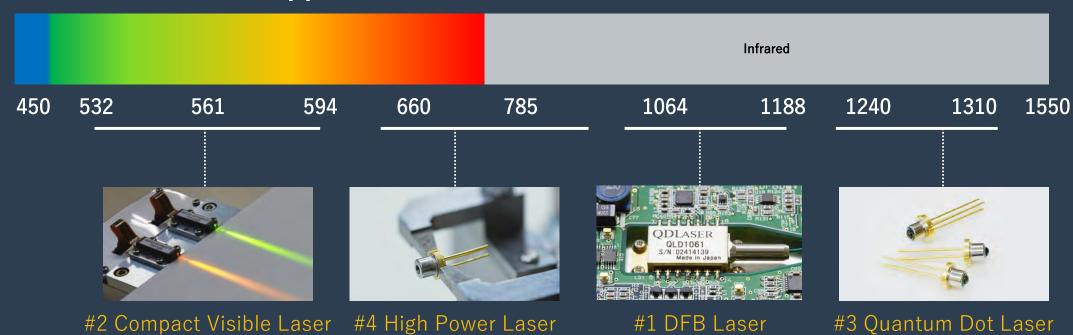
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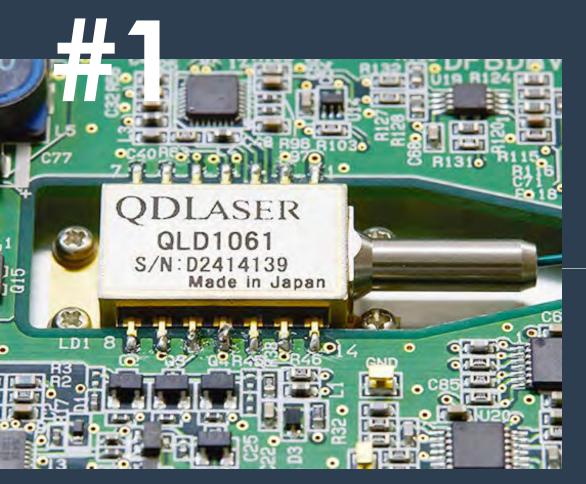
\*2: Developed the world's smallest 5mm square ultra-high-speed, low-power-consumption optical transceiver – Achieved the world's best, 25Gbps / ch transmission

<sup>2017</sup> PRISM Award in Industrial Lasers - QD Laser (2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2017) Prism Awards honour photonic innovations at Photonics West 2019 Japan/U.S. PATENT JP5362301/US8896911

## Variations on semiconductor lasers developed and sold by QD Laser

QD Laser provides a wide range of semiconductor lasers with wavelengths suitable for each application





## DFB Laser

- Applications: Laser processing, measurement, and LiDAR.

Amplifies only the wavelength selected by the diffraction grating. High output power, high stability, and low noise. Provides the optimum wavelength for a wide range of applications and required performance.

- Wavelength lineup of 1030, 1053, 1064, 1080, 1120, 1180nm
- Provided in 1nm unit
- Non-heated processing is possible by short-pulse operation in picoseconds.
- Highly stable and low noise enables high-precision machining and measurement.
- Only a few companies worldwide can manufacture DFB lasers in this wavelength band.

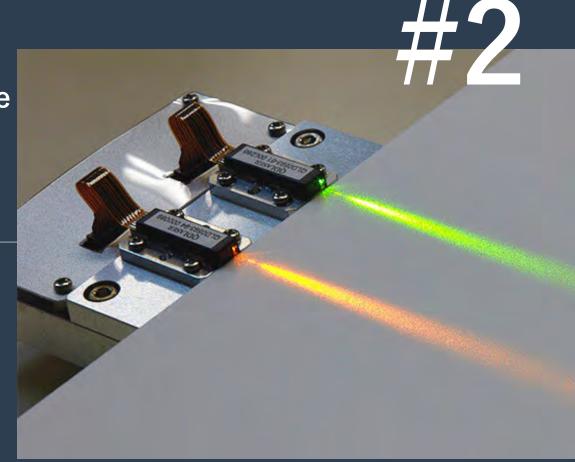
## **Compact Visible Laser Small Multi-Color Laser Light Source**

- Application : Biomedical

Green, Yellow-Green, and Orange visible laser

The patented technology \* 1 realizes a small device that other companies cannot manufacture.

- Wavelength lineup of 532, 561, and 594nm.
- Used for "flow cytometer", "cell sorter", "laser microscope", "fundus diagnostics" etc.
- Wavelength range where there is no direct emitting semiconductor lasers.
- Wavelength doubling with a nonlinear optical crystal.
- Unique semiconductor laser chip and wavelength conversion crystal package achieves miniaturization.
- Low noise and excellent pulse stability.



\*1: Japan/U.S. PATENT JP5362301/US8896911

#### **Growth Strategy of Compact Visible Laser**

Current product sales volume and market share

| Wavelenth<br>(nm) | Color        | FY2021<br>Sales in units | FY2022<br>Planned<br>Sales in units | Number of customers | Market share |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| 532               | green        | 17                       | 17                                  | 2                   | *            |
| 561               | Yellow green | 1,055                    | 1,308                               | 6                   | 33%          |
| 594               | Orange       | 13                       | 13                                  | 1                   | *            |
| 7                 | Total        | 1,085                    | 1,338                               | 8                   | 17%          |

**%less than1%** 

- Aiming for annual growth of 30% from FY2011  $\Rightarrow$  3 measures  $\Rightarrow$  Market share 44% @ FY2027\*
- 1. Promotion
- Increase in client companies: 8 ⇒ 13 companies
- Increase of introduced equipment: 9 ⇒ 26 models
- 2. New laser development
- New wavelengths (488nm, 552nm): Market of 11,500 units
- High output power(30  $\Rightarrow$  50mW): Market of 3,800 units



3. Solution

Multicolor light sources(next page) : Market of 12,500 units

• Box module: Market of 10,600 units

<sup>\*1</sup>For all the devices with the power of less than 50mW

## Launch of Palm-Sized Multi-color Compact Laser Light Source for Biomedical Equipment

#### High value-added solution for biomedical equipment \*1

- This light source provides manufacturers with all laser wavelengths required for any biomedical equipment in one palm-sized compact module \*2 with stable output power and plug-and-play operation.
- This product enables manufacturers to miniaturize their equipment and shorten the development and production period as a new solution.
- Under testing by equipment manufactures.
- QD Laser aims for an industry share of \*3 20% in light sources for biomedical equipment in five years.

#### **Compact Visible Lasers**



Integrated into



Palm-Sized Multi-color Compact Laser Light Source (80 x 80 x t30mm)









660nm



785nm

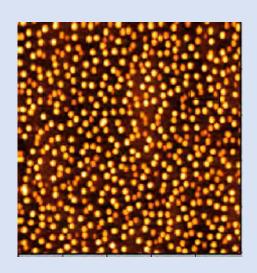
<sup>\*3:</sup> Estimated annual accessible market size is 12,500 units. (8,000 out of 16,000 units for flow cytometer based on the "Global Flow Cytometer Market 2020-2024", and 4,500 units for an ophthalmic medical device)



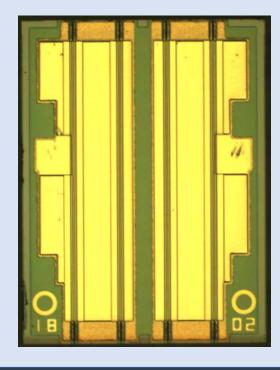
<sup>\*1:</sup> Biomedical equipment is flow cytometers, ophthalmic examination equipment, fluorescence microscopes, and the like.

<sup>\*2:</sup> The total volume of the driver integrated light sources is less than 50% of other company's products.

# #3



── 100 nm



## Quantum-dot laser

- Application: Optical communication, LiDAR, and Silicon photonics.

Mass-produced by our world's only technology.

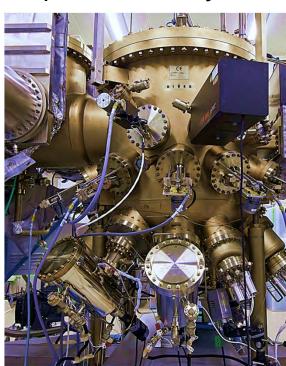
Achieved the world's highest operating temperature with excellent temperature stability at 1300nm.

- The wavelength lineup is 1200-1330nm.
- Silicon photonics (optical connector-chip communication, LiDAR) is evolved by quantum dot laser.
- Can operate even in a high temperature environment of 150-200° C. The operating limit temperature of a normal semiconductor laser is 80-100° C.
- Can be used in high-temperature environments such as servers, wireless base stations, and automobiles.
- Excellent reflected return light resistance, leading to miniaturization by eliminating isolators.

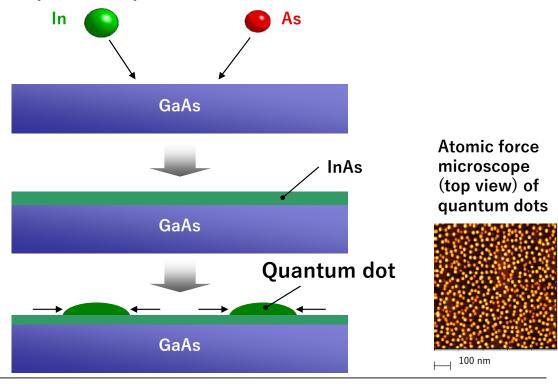
## QDLaser's World Only-One Mass-Production Technology of Quantum Dot Lasers

- ■Introduction of mass-production MBE ( Molecular Beam Epitaxy) system
- **■**Control of temperature, indium source supply, and arsenic pressure at each second.
- ■Material recipe and know-hows for optimum growth conditions with several-tens-of-years experience (secret internal techniques which are intentionally not patented)

Mass production MBE system



Growth sequence of quantum dots (illustration of side view)



## Tangible Silicon Photonics Market as Electronic / Optical Integrated Circuit Technology Platform

Customizing quantum dot lasers for Japan/US/EU silicon photonics vendors. Starting mass production in FY2021-2023.

#### **Quantum Dots** Increased data and power consumption to be solved by Silicon Photonics **Development and production** 100Gbps optical transceiver with Increasing demand for global data in turn creates a global issue of quantum dot lasers as light sources 2010 increasing power consumption World's first mass production of World total amount of data World IT-related power quantum dot laser for is estimated to multiply consumption is estimated to multiply 5 times'4 within 7 years almost 35 times\*5 within 15 years optical communication ⊢ 100 nm 2012 Started development of quantum dot laser Silicon photonics with quantum dot lasers mounted on silicon Optical Connector(EOM \*1,CPO \*2): chips enable dramatic improvement in semiconductor for silicon photonics 8K-SHTV/FA/PCle-Gen5/Al engine performance\*6 2017 Established mass production system **FPGA** card ower consumption Processing speed Footprint of quantum dot lasers for silicon photonic reduction (supplied to AIO core) 2019 Our products installed in the "Ultra-thin connector integrated active optical module Silicon Photonics Chip (I-PEX EOM)" developed by I-PEX Optical fiber Huge information processing application that requires high-temperature operation 2022 Automatic Working on joint development with silicon Driving/LiDAR 5G base stations **Date Centers** photonics vendors around the world. Starting mass production for chip-to-chip

chip-to-chip

interconnects

80°C

105°C

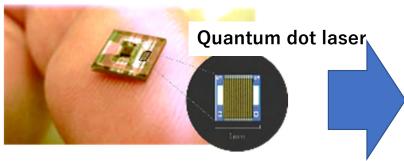
to FY2023.

optical interconnect and Lidar during FY2022

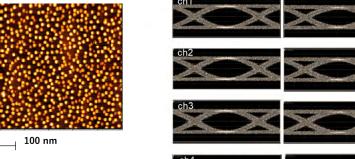
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## I/O core with Quantum-Dot Lasers Ready for Commercialization

100Gb/s Silicon photonics chip named I/O core of AIO Core with QDLaser's 4-channel quantum dot lasers



Optical eye diagrams at 25Gbps





Connections to transmission equipment such as large scale router and switch, and broad cast equipment

Device to device

Board to board

LSI to LSI

Courtesy of AIO Core Co., Ltd.

Note: Yellow squares show 100Gb/s transceiver Silicon chip

Applied modules (Sample shipment)

IPEX: LIGHTPASS ™







**Quantum dots** 

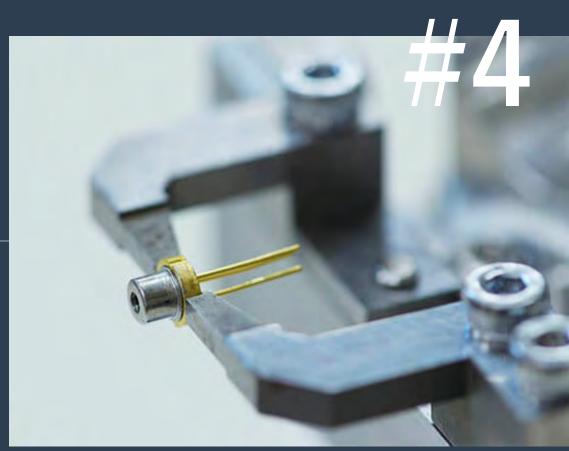
## High Power FP Laser

Applications: Particle Counter, Leveler,
 Machine Vision and Factory LiDAR.

Highly reliable and high-quality CW / nanosecond pulse high power laser.

Providing services that meet customer requirements, such as usage conditions and small-quantity support.

- The wavelength lineup is 640-940nm.
- CW and high-power nanosecond pulse drive for a wide range of sensor applications.
- Hearing customer needs on pulse, optical output, reliability, wavelength, and control method to propose optimal products and solution.
- Small quantity production possible.



## Our Major Laser Device Products, Wavelengths, Features, and Uses

#### Quantum dot laser **Compact visible lasers** High power laser **DFB** laser **Produccts** 532, 561,594 nm 1030, 1053, 1064, 1080, 1120, 1180nm 1200-1330nm 640-940nm Wavelength 1020-1120nm provided 1nm by 1nm Precise control of wavelength with Quantum dots are used for the Miniature size, low power High power Fabry Perot laser stable operation under continuous. active layer (light-emitting consumption, stability, short nanosecond, and picosecond modes. Providing products and part) of semiconductor lasers. pulse generation, and high- High beam quality, small size, solutions according to • Excellent temperature stability. **Features** speed modulation, etc. lightweight, high electricity-light applications. high-temperature resistance, conversion efficiency, and long life World's first current injection Supports various wavelengths, and low noise performance compared to existing solid-state lasers. yellow-green and orange lasers small quantities, and custom compared to existing Extensive product lineup that meets production. semiconductor lasers. the various needs of customers. Measurement Bio. Use **Processing** Communication Silicon photonics

## Semiconductor Laser Devices: Our Competitive Advantages / Barriers to Entry

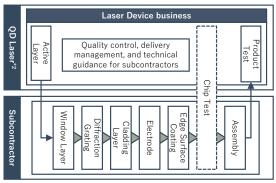
### **Business Model**

- The only fabless company in the semiconductor laser industry
  - Flexible manufacturing scale of several units to tens of millions units
  - High marginal profit ratio of over 45% on average\*1 (made fixed costs into variable costs)
  - Mass production and diverse product offering lead to beyond breakeven point
- Any wavelengths of lasers

Wavelengths of lasers we offer (nm)



High level of freedom in creating new business, fields and products





## **Core Competence : Quantum Dot Lasers**

- Atomic-level precision epitaxy technology (proprietary)
  - Growth control by 0.1 second
  - Extracted the best recipes from over 100,000 recipes
  - The only one to succeed in mass production of quantum dot lasers, thanks to over 20 years of accumulated technology
- Capable of operating in harsh environments of over 100°C and under high density packaging
  - Optoelectronic integrated circuit
  - In-vehicle devices

→ 100 nm image of quantum dot by atomic force microscope

- New potential market created by quantum dot lasers
  - Chip-to-chip optical interconnect
  - LiDAR
  - Ouantum cryptography





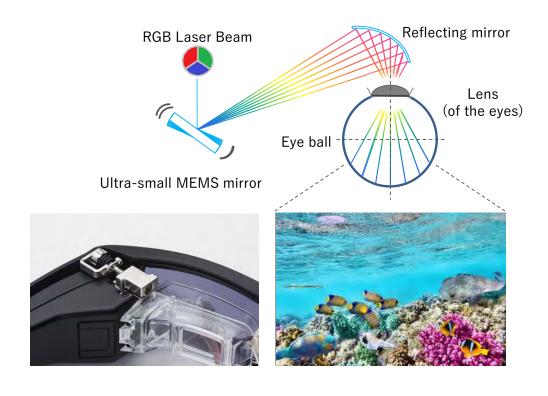


## **Laser Retinal Projection**

World's First Commercialization of Laser Retinal Projection Eyewear

## VISIRIUM TECHNOLOGY®

## Unique Laser Technology bringing Innovation to Vision



## **Direct Image Projection onto Retina**



## Visual experience independent of the condition of your cornea or lens

You can recognize an image clearly even with myopia, hyperopia, astigmatism, or ametropia.



#### Free focus

The focus of both the landscape you see with the naked eye and the image projected by our glasses can be superimposed on the retina.

This is a unique feature not found in other AR glasses.



## Enables vision even in the periphery of the retina<sup>1</sup>

Since the image is in focus even over a wide area of the retina, we expect that it can also be effective for patients with retinopathy.

## Three Areas based on Retinal Projection Technology

Transforms "hard to see" to "visible" **Low Vision Aid** 

Sales started

Extend the healthy lifespan of your vision Vision Health Care

**Business Development** Strengthening Alliance

The power of "vision" broadens your world augmented vision

## World's First Laser Retinal Projection Eyewear

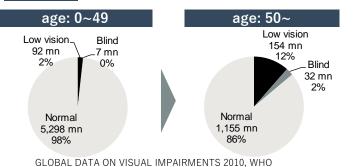
In the Low Vision Aid Space where Innovation has been Minimal, Laser Technology makes a Breakthrough

# 250<sub>mn people</sub>

#### with Low Vision Globally\*1

Currently they use magnifying glasses, video magnifiers, and telescopes daily. These tools are limited in use, have operational, issues and are not suitable for all users.

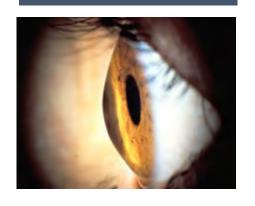
Here, we will make a breakthrough with our laser retinal projection technology.





### Medical Regulatory Affairs: Completed Clinical Study in Japan and EU

#### **JAPAN**



### Irregular astigmatism

- Improved visual acuity and reading speed of 15 subjects verified.
- Domestic medical device manufacturing and marketing approval @ January 28, 2020

### Europe



### **Corneal clouding**

- Improved visual acuity on and reading speed of 20 subjects verified.
- Long-term safety confirmed after one year of home use.
- Clinical trial completed in June 2021.

### **RETISSA®** series product development status

### Sales in both consumer and medical models



#### Corrected vision: 0.8

• Refractive power: 0.8 corrected vision without eyeglasses in the power range of  $-11D^{*1}$  (high myopia) to +6D (medium high hyperopia) \*2

#### Sales strategy of this term

- · New frame to improve wearing alignment and stability
- · Accessory camera connected to the frame for enhanced functionality
- Proposals of use cases for companies
- · Overseas sales, including US, China, and South Korea.



## Controlled medical device (Controlled medical devices requiring special maintenance)\*3

- Used to correct vision in patients whose vision is impaired by unjustified astigmatism (patients who are unable to achieve adequate vision using existing eyeglasses or contact lenses)
- Expected to (1) correct visual acuity, (2) improve reading speed, and (3) improve reading acuity

#### Sales strategy of this term

• Sales collaboration with Santen Pharmaceutical and Seed. • Efforts to reduce the burden on purchasers: Healthcare subsidy, medical insurance, tax deduction, etc.



<sup>:</sup> D (Diopter) is a unit of measurement of a lens and is a reciprocal of the focal length in meters. A minus value indicates a concave lens for nearsightedness, and a plus value indicates a convex lens for farsightedness

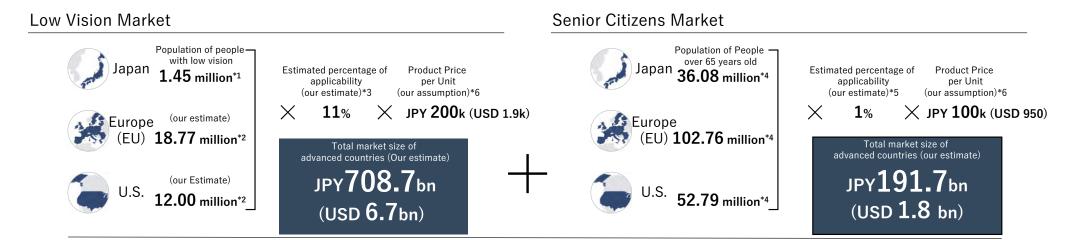
Based on the white paper "Evaluation of resolution and free-focus characteristics in retinal scanning laser eyewear - RETISSA® Display II excellent for displaying text in e-books and AR" by QD Laser The refractive power is a theoretical value and may vary from person to person

<sup>\*3:</sup> Approved as a new medical device by the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency (PMDA) on January 28, 2020 (Approval number: 30200BZX00025000

## Low Vision Aids: Total Addressable Market (\*Anterior eye disease patients only: Ametropia and corneal opacity)

## JPY 900 bn (USD 8.6 bn) Market in Japan, U.S. and Europe

### Plan to Expand into Other Countries like China further behind in Ophthalmic Technologies



# JPY 900 bn (USD 8.6 bn)

\*1: Japan Ophthalmologists Association "Social costs of visual impairment in Japan"

\*6: Expected price per unit after the mass production is realized.



<sup>\*2:</sup> Calculated by multiplying the ratio of persons with low vision sourced from WHO "Visual Impairment and Blindness 2010" by the current population in each region (Europe: Eurostat "Population on 1 January", U.S.: United States Census Bureau "Annual Estimates of the Resident Population for the United States")

\*3: According to the survey by Santen Pharmaceuticals, the number of keratoconus patients in Japan is estimated to be 60,000 to 120,000; also, as the data on p.39 shows that the prevalence per 100,000 people of keratoconus is almost the same as that of corneal opacity, it is assumed that the number of corneal opacity.

opacity patients in Japan is similar to that of keratoconus patients. Assuming the number of patients suffering from each of these diseases to be an intermediate value of 80,000, the total is calculated to be 160,000; then, we apply the estimated percentage of applicability of 11%, calculated by dividing 160,000 by the population of persons with low vision (1,450,000), to each country's population of low vision persons. This percentage only takes into account anterior eye diseases; therefore, if our product is also effective for patients with retinal disease, the estimated percentage of applicability is expected to increase.

\*4. Assuming that all the elderly aged 65 and over use near-sighted, presbyopic or bifocal glasses, we can estimate that each country's population aged 65 and over can be the potential population of persons with gap vision (Japan: Statistics Bureau of Japan "Population by Age and Sex: 2019").

<sup>\*5:</sup> Due to the products' similarity in characteristics to hearing aids (used by the elderly on a daily basis, wearable equipment, sold at glasses stores, etc.), the hearing aid market is used as a reference to estimate the percentage of applicability. Given that the number of hearing aids shipped in Japan in 2017 numbered 562,747 (Japan Hearing Instruments Manufacturers Association 2018 Shipment Volume of Hearing Aids"), this number divided by the number of elderly people in Japan will give us an estimate that 1.7% of the elderly purchased a hearing aid, which we then adjust conservatively to assume an estimated percentage of applicability of 1.0% which can then be applied to each country's population of gap vision persons.

### Sales and Manufacturing Strategies

- Through partnership with major manufacturers such as MinebeaMitsumi and Audio Technica, achieved fabless manufacturing for high-performance and low-cost products.
  - Through media exposure / participating in large-scale exhibitions / donations to 02 schools for blind children / trial sessions and interviews, raise awareness

Cumulative sales record as of Sep. 2022 >900 units







Develop close cooperation with major players in each field 03











Improving usability and developing new products

### Retinal Imaging Product "RETISSA" Roadmap: Laser Eyewear

- Medical Equipment "Medical": Being promoted by Santen Pharmaceutical and Seed to 479 hospitals on corneal diseases. Eleven domestic medical institutions are now introducing the device to patients.
- Consumer Product "Display / Display2": Cumulative sales of 800 units via EC, domestic and overseas distributors. Local Municipality Subsidy with 90% benefit starting to be registered.
- Display 3: Under development to realize a compact, lightweight, and low-price eyewear with improved operability.

Medical

### Display/Display 2



Display 3 Display 2

Display 3

FY2018-2021

FY2022

FY2023-2024

- Domestic manufacturing and marketing approval.
- Introduction to low vision and corneal outpatient.
- · Treated in 11 medical institutions.
- Continue sales activities
- Expansion of application range through clinical research (Clouding, retinopathy)
- Strategy in Europe

• Free focus / high resolution (equivalent to 0.8 visual acuity) / full color

- Launch of accessory camera RD2CAM
- · Cumulative sales of 800 units
- Subsidy, administrative budget acquisition activity (already certified by 6 municipalities)
- Overseas expansion US in-house EC Korean subsidy acquisition activity Resume Chinese agency activities

Consolidation of sales channels and know-how to comply with various regulations (Pharmaceutical Equipment Law, Consumer Product Safety Law, Welfare Equipment Law, etc.)

· Jointly developed with a domestic electronics manufacturer.

 Development and Marketing Flat mirror (thinner and wider FOV) Built-in camera Low-cost design Compact controller BOX **Eve Track** 

Commercialization 100,000 ven selling price 100,000 units sales target after launch

### Retinal Imaging Product "RETISSA" Roadmap: Three New Products

Commercialization of three new laser retinal imaging devices for various usage scenarios https://www.gdlaser.com/uploads/2021/12/20211214-1.pdf

#### **ONHAND**

Hand-held devices used by visitors in public spaces (libraries, museums, theaters, etc.)







## Prototype

· Ouestioned and deliberated as a device to comply with the Reading Barrier-Free Act\*1 at four congresses in the Tokyo metropolitan area.

#### Product launch

- · Introduction to administrative services like libraries, art galleries, museums, theaters, etc.
- · Sales collaboration with three distributors.

#### **Super Capture**

Digital cameras viewfinders that extend the vision and behavior of low vision users





#### Prototype

- Exhibited with Sony Corporation at CSUN, an accessibility exhibition in the U.S.
- Successful crowdfunding

#### Product launch

- · Promotion and sales collaboration with digital camera manufacturers
- Operation of EC sites in Japan and the U.S. (already established)

Assumed sales of 1,000 units/year

#### **MEOCHECK**

Self-measuring simple checkers to help people recognize eye diseases





### Prototype

- · Conducted eye examinations on 500 drives at cab companies in Japan under collaborative research with medical universities.
- · Obtained evidence of highly sensitive detection of glaucoma, cataract, etc. (to be published)

#### Product launch

- Sales collaboration with medical equipment distributors nationwide
- Eye check service pilot operation with Tohoku University and DX companies at transportation companies, drug chains, extensive private facilities, nursing care facilities, etc.
- Assumed sales of 1,000 units/year
- · Full-scale operation of eye check service

FY2023

FY2022

FY2021

Sales are expected to reach several thousand units/year.



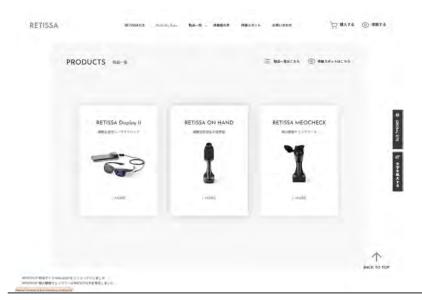
### RETISSA Sales Strategy and Progress: Laser Eyewear

- Posting information and expanding awareness with Mirairo Co., Ltd., low-vision groups, and public and educational institutions.
- Renewal of RETISSA special site retissa.biz
- Resuming operations in China. Bidding for a school for the blind in Xi'an.

• Developing high-performance, low-cost Display3 in cooperation with several domestic and overseas

electronics manufacturers.

#### https://www.retissa.biz/



Development of Display3

At CES (Las Vegas, USA), a retinal projection device under joint development with TDK was exhibited and introduced in the media: <a href="https://www.kare11.com/video/news/local/kare11-saturday/tech-for-2023-at-ces/89-d28c17c1-5c43-44ed-b9ce-974b65ada4fd">https://www.kare11.com/video/news/local/kare11-saturday/tech-for-2023-at-ces/89-d28c17c1-5c43-44ed-b9ce-974b65ada4fd</a>



### RETISSA Sales Strategy and Progress: ON HAND

- Concluded a sales contract with the Library Distribution Center (consignment operator of 562 public libraries and 19 facilities such as museums). A book fair joint exhibition tour and an experience session for library purchasing staff are underway. Working for the local government budget acquisition for fiscal 2023.
- Gradually replacing the magnifying reader for the visually impaired.
- In collaboration with the albino people's association, providing experience events in aquariums, Youtube information transmission, and crowdfunding #1.









Albino people's association

TRC図書館流通センター

### RETISSA Sales Strategy and Progress: NEOVIEWER(Super Capture)

- Expanding sales of the NEOVIEWER, laser retinal projection viewfinder, as an accessory for digital cameras.
- Launch of sales in Japan and overseas. Established a US subsidiary. Renewal of HP/brand site with contents including experienced users and customer leads for Internet sales.
- Equipment introductions and demonstrations are ongoing at exhibitions in Japan, the United States, and Europe in collaboration with digital camera manufacturers.



NEOVIEWER\*1 +Digital Still Camera



JAPAN: Sight World 2022 (suspended)

USA: 37th CSUN Assistive Technology Conference on May 14

to 18 in 2022

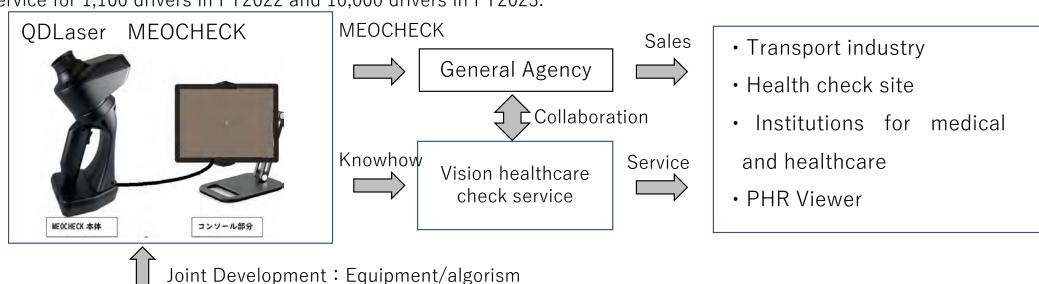
EU: TECHSHARE PRO, Nov, 15 to 17, 2022





### RETISSA Sales Strategy and Progress: Laser Eyewear: MEOCHECK

- We plan to expand earnings by selling MEOCHECK, a small self-check optometry device, and providing the vision healthcare check service.
- Participation in Tohoku University COI-NEXT (JST "Co-creation field formation support program") for joint development of equipment and disease determination algorithm.
- Completed ophthalmology general agency contract (750 units of hardware sold) to start selling Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.
- Test operation by taxi companies nationwide has been completed, and preparations are underway to start providing service for 1,100 drivers in FY2022 and 10,000 drivers in FY2023.



Tohoku University COI-NEXT

## IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission) officially published an international standard that defines how to evaluate the overall image quality of scanning retinal projection devices

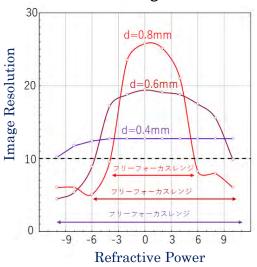
QD Laser Co., Ltd. is the only company to have commercialized the laser scanning retinal projection product globally. On June 20th, the IEC [Note 1] officially issued the international standard on scanning retinal projection devices. This document covers a general image quality evaluation method, including the free focus characteristics. As a result, the performance of our products to provide "clear images that do not depend on eyesight" has come to be evaluated objectively and quantitatively. With this standardization, QDLaser expects the guarantee of product quality and the elimination of inferior products in the market, accelerating the worldwide spread of our products and forming a healthy industry and market.

## International Standard IEC 62906-5-5:2022

- · Laser displays Part 5-5
- Optical measuring methods of raster-scanning retina direct projection laser displays
- https://webstore.iec.ch/publication/60142

**Note 1:** IEC is an abbreviation for International Electrotechnical Commission. **Note 2:** Free focus means that the visibility of the image projected by the scanning retinal projection device does not depend on the refractive power of the eyeball or the focus position. The performance of free focus changes depending on the beam diameter and divergence angle of the laser incident on the eyeball.

#### Free Focus Range Evaluation



The refractive power of the eyeball determines the resolution of the retinal projection image with the diameter of the parallel laser beam as a parameter. This international standard states that the range of refractive power of the eyeball to provide free focus is determined according to the diameter. When commercializing a scanning retinal projection device, it is required to specify the range of refractive power to provide free focus.





Further Growth Upside Expected

### **Large Growth Potential in Optometry Market**

Utilizing Laser Retinal Projection Technology, Developed New Optometry Prototypes and Working with Partners to Launch in FY2022.

Fundus photography equipment

market size\*2

Estimated economic loss in Japan due to visual impairment\*1

**Economic** 

Loss

USD 105 bn

USD462mn
JPY48.4bn

5yr CAGR
5.7%

Conventional optometry equipment

Large / expensive / Requires medical staff



Medical resources are available mainly in urban areas. Given the time and the financial cost, people miss the chance to go to their optometrist and end up detecting their glaucoma late

New optometry equipment

Small / low cost / short time / self-examination possible





Enables an environment where anyone can easily examine their eyes, increasing the early detection rate of glaucoma and expecting to extend the healthy lifespan of the eye

CY24E

CY19



<sup>\*1:</sup> Japan Ophthalmologists Association (2009) "Economic Cost of Visual Impairment in Japan" and "Prevalence of Visual Impairment in the Adult Japanese Population by Cause and Severity and Future Projections" Economic cost = Direct health costs + Other financial costs + monetary converted number of loss of well-being from visual impairment (measured in disability-adjusted life years (DALYs))

TechNavio (2020) "Global Ophthalmic Diagnostic Devices MARKET 2020-2024" Converted at an exchange rate of JPY/USD = 110 yen

<sup>3:</sup> The approximate measurement time of the Goldmann perimeter and Humphrey perimeter, which are typical perimeters in conventional perimeter measurement

### A new group of optometry devices that utilize laser retinal projection technology

- Eye & Brain Diseases
- · Cataract (47%)
- Glaucoma (3.6%)
- Retinopathy (55%)
- Brain tumor (10 to 15 patients per 100,000)

Note:% is the average appearance rate of the entire population. The older the person, the more it increases.



- Aging
- Dementia
- · Fatigue, Stress
- Alcohol
- Cardiovascular Diseases
- Disease
- Diabetes
- Stroke
- Heart attack

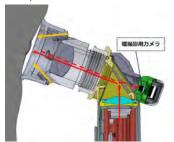








2nd generation: Eye track perimeter with a camera to measure fixation stability and dynamic response to various visual stimuli. Software medical equipment.





3rd generation: Ultra-compact fundus photography device. Hardware medical equipment.















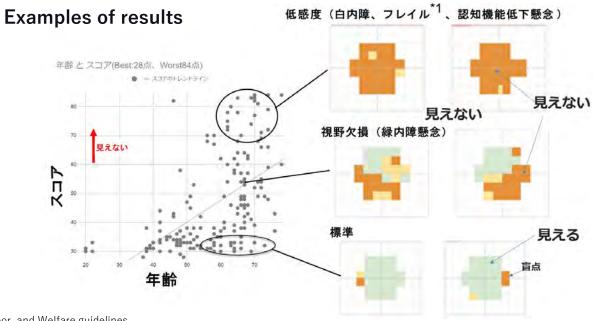
### Introduction to regular health checkupsImplemented

# Implemented eye health checks using MEOCHECK as part of regular health checkups for Nihon Kotsu Co., Ltd employees.

Of the approximately 10,000 employees of Nihon Kotsu nationwide, more than 1,000 people who belong to the Shinkiba and Mitaka sales offices experienced a trial eye health check using MEOCHECK as part of their regular health checkups. It has been confirmed that the check can be completed in 1 minute per eye and 5 minutes for the entire system with a simple operation. Data analysis is performed on the check results, which is used to encourage employees to see an ophthalmologist to maintain the health of employees' eyes and realize safe driving.

### Eye health check using MEOCHECK



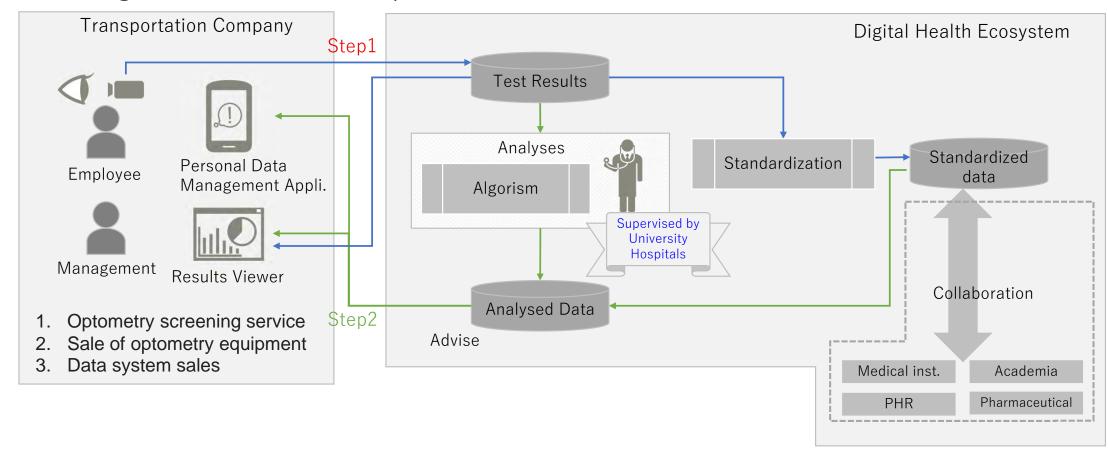


QDLaser is conducting medical research for people based on the Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare guidelines.

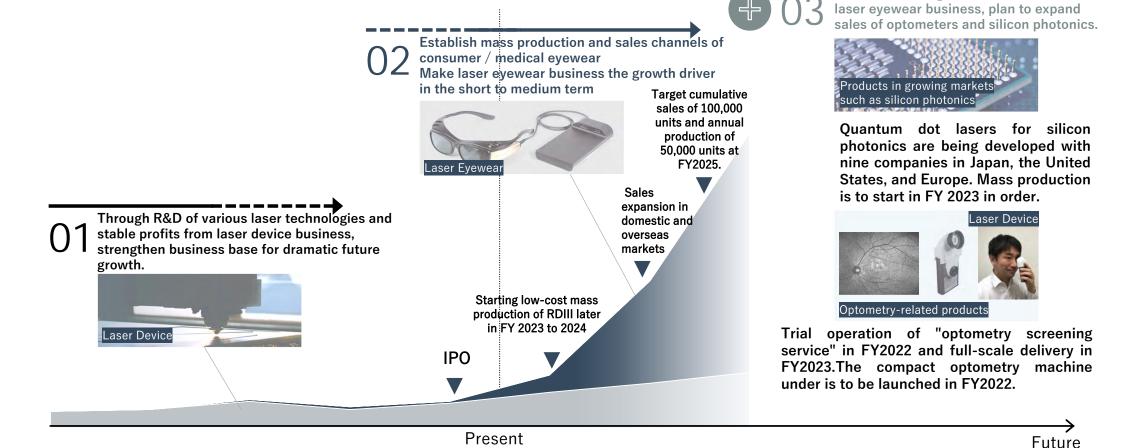
\*1:加齢により心身が老い衰えた状態

### **Service System Image**

Starting introduction to companies with commercial drivers



### **Expected Growth Potential in Mid-Long Term**



In the mid to long term, in addition to the



**ESG** Initiatives

### **Business Development from an ESG Perspective**



Estimated
economic cost
in Japan
due to visual
impairment in 2030\*1
USD105bn

Global prevalence of people with low vision\*2

250<sub>mn</sub>

Estimated number of glaucoma patients in Japan\*3

4...

- World's first laser retinal projection technology for low vision aids
- Through the spread of laser eyewear, provide visual support for the elderly
- Through the spread of more affordable optometers, contribute to the early detection of various eye diseases including glaucoma, etc.
- Employment support for people with low vision



Energy savings from semiconductors with silicon photonics\*4

90%

 Silicon photonics with quantum dot lasers improve semiconductor performance dramatically



<sup>\*1:</sup> Japan Ophthalmologists Association "Economic Cost of Visual Impairment in Japan" and "Prevalence of Visual Impairment in the Adult Japanese Population by Cause and Severity and Future Projections" Economic cost = Direct health costs + Other financial costs + monetary converted number of loss of well-being from visual impairment (measured in disability-adjusted life years (DALYs))

Santen Pharmaceutical "Annual Report 2017"

Target numbers in "Development of Technologies for Super Energy-Efficient Ontical Electronics Implementation Systems" Promoted by METL. The Institute of Electronics Information and Communication Engineers "Ont-Electronics Packaging Technology for Silicon Photonics and Communication Engineers "Ont-Electronics Packaging Technology for Silicon Photonics and Communication Engineers "Ont-Electronics Packaging Technology for Silicon Photonics and Communication Engineers "Ont-Electronics Packaging Technology for Silicon Photonics and Communication Engineers "Ont-Electronics Packaging Technology for Silicon Photonics and Communication Engineers "Ont-Electronics Packaging Technology for Silicon Photonics and Communication Engineers "Ont-Electronics Packaging Technology for Silicon Photonics and Communication Engineers "Ont-Electronics Packaging Technology for Silicon Photonics and Communication Engineers "Ont-Electronics Packaging Technology for Silicon Photonics and Communication Engineers "Ont-Electronics Packaging Technology for Silicon Photonics and Communication Engineers "Ont-Electronics Packaging Technology for Silicon Photonics and Communication Engineers "Ont-Electronics Packaging Technology for Silicon Photonics and Communication Engineers "Ont-Electronics Packaging Technology for Silicon Photonics and Communication Engineers "Ont-Electronics Packaging Technology for Silicon Photonics "Ont-Electronics Packaging Technology for Silicon Photonics "Ont-Electronics Packaging Technology for Silicon Photonics "Ont-Electronics Packaging Technology for Silicon Photonics" (Ont-Electronics Packaging Technology for Silicon Photonics Packaging Technology for Silicon Photonics Photonics Photonics (Ont-Electronics Photonics Ph



<sup>\*2:</sup> WHO "GLOBAL DATA ON VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS 2010"

### With My Eyes project

#1 Photographs by low vision people. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p5blfs94Oys

#2 Let's go and see the invisible world. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZM52dax\_5yc

#3 - Discovering a World of My Own - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lp6a5h6UfxA&t=37s

















#### **RETISSA Super Capture**

Digital cameras viewfinders that extend the vision and behavior of low vision users

### QD Laser Announce Part 3 of "With My Eyes" Project supported by Sony

Latest documentary short in series depicts quest of Paralympic swimmer with low vision to use laser retinal imaging camera to see inside ocean

To be launched Mar. 14, 2022, on YouTube and presented at the QD Laser and Sony booths at the 37th Annual CSUN Assistive Technology Conference





QD Laser Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Kawasaki City, Kanagawa Prefecture, hereinafter referred to as "QD Laser") is the state-ofthe-art semiconductor laser technology company that plans, designs, develops, manufactures, and sells a variety of unique semiconductor lasers and related products. The company launched the project "With My Eyes," employing the original laser retinal imaging technology to change the "difficult to see" to "visible" of the 250 million low vision worldwide who have visual inconvenience even when wearing corrective glasses. This release shows off the third project carried out with the cooperation of Sony Corporation (hereinafter, Sony), featuring a newly produced documentary movie to be on air on March 14, 2022 (Monday). At the 37th Annual CSUN Assistive Technology Conference in Anaheim, USA, starting on the same day, each booth of the companies exhibits this documentary movie and the retinal imaging camera device "RETISSA SUPER CAPTURE."

#### **■**Scenes from the Movie



















### **Company Profile**

### Spin-off Venture from Fujitsu

### Tier 1 Medical Companies such as Nikon/Santen joined as Shareholders

| Company Name        | QD Laser, Inc.   |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Foundation          | April 24, 2006   |  |  |  |  |
| Fiscal year-ended   | March 31   |  |  |  |  |
| Representative      | Mitsuru Sugawara, President and CEO  |  |  |  |  |
| Location            | Headquarter:<br>1-1 Minamiwatarida-cho, Kawasaki-ku,<br>Kawasaki-shi, Kanagawa   |  |  |  |  |
| Number of Persons*1 | 46   |  |  |  |  |
| Business            | Planning, design, development, production and sales of semiconductor laser and its application products                                      |  |  |  |  |
| Licenses            | <ul> <li>Class II Marketing License for Medical Devices</li> <li>Registration of medical equipment manufacturer</li> <li>ISO 9001</li> </ul> |  |  |  |  |



Science and Technology Award from the Minister of MEXT

#### Prime Minister's Honorary Award for Achievement in Industry-Academia-Governmental Collaboration

- Graduated from The University of Tokyo; Doctor of Engineering
- 1984: Graduated with a master's degree in Physical Engineering from the Department of Applied Physics, School of Engineering, University of Tokyo; joined Fujitsu Laboratory Ltd.
- 1995: Assumed the role of Senior Researcher at Optical Semiconductor Device Laboratory, Fujitsu Laboratory Ltd.; obtained degree in Eng. from The University of Tokyo
- 2004: Assumed the role of non-tenured professor at the Institute of Industrial Science, University of Tokyo
- 2005: Assumed the role of Deputy Head of Nanotechnology Research Center, Fujitsu Laboratory Ltd
- 2006: Launched QD Laser Inc.; assumed the role of President and CEO

• EN ISO 13485

## Laser Retinal Projection: Diseases and Applicable Rate

| Parts           | of Eye                  | Major diseases                      | # of patients<br>per<br>100k people*1 | Total<br>per eye part*1 |   | Possible Efficacy*2   | Estimated applicability %*3  | Future Outlook  |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Anterior<br>eye | Cornea                  | Corneal angiogenesis<br>Keratoconus | 4,000<br>54                           | 4,104                   | 0   | Effective on astigmatism and moderate opacity   | 50%  | May not be applicable in cases of severe opacity  |
|                 |                         | Corneal opacity                     | 50                                    |                         |   |   |  |   |
|                 |                         | Cataract                            | 47,800                                | 52,900                  | 0   | Effective on near/far-sightedness, astigmatism, opacity, etc. and as the technology does not depend on the function of the crystalline lens | 40%  | <ul> <li>Focused on obtaining the approvals to</li> </ul>   |
|                 | Ci yotaiii              | Aphakia                             | 5,100                                 |                         |   |   |  | marketing medical devices by targeting diseases for which high efficacy can be expected.                                  |
|                 | ne lens                 | Phacocele                           | <50                                   |                         |   |   |  |   |
|                 | Uvea                    | Uveitis                             | 714                                   | 714                     | Δ   | Effective on astigmatism developed as a complication  | 10%  | Plan to expand the scope of application   |
|                 |                         | Choroidal neovascularization        | <50                                   |                         |   |   |  | with RDII and RDIII on page 25 and the wide-angle viewfinder on page 27.  |
| Vitr            | reum                    | Vitreous opacity                    | NA                                    | -                       | 0   | Effective on low to moderate opacity  | 20%  | wide-aligie viewillidel oli page 21.  |
|                 |                         | Epiretinal membrane                 | 28,900                                |                         |   | Enlargement and black and white   |  | - Adoptable to control costome by   |
|                 |                         | Lattice degeneration of retina      | 10,600                                |                         |   | inversion features are effective on macular diseases  |  | <ul> <li>Adaptable to central scotoma by<br/>changing the projection position and<br/>increasing magnification</li> </ul> |
| Retina          |                         | Hypertensive retinopathy            | 9,100                                 | FF C1 4                 |   | Some efficacy is seen in cases  | 200/   |   |
|                 | Age-related maculopathy | 3,900                               | 55,614                                |                         | where anterior eye disease is also present      | 30%   | <ul> <li>Adaptable to tunnel vision through wide-<br/>angle imaging</li> </ul> |   |
|                 |                         | Diabetic retinopathy                | 3,114                                 |                         |   | AE camera feature is exceptionally  |  | <ul> <li>May not be applicable in cases with</li> </ul>   |
|                 | Retinitis pigmentosa    | < 50                                |                                       |                         | effective on photophobia, night blindness, etc. |   | severe symptoms  |   |
| Optic nerve     |                         | Glaucoma                            | 3,550                                 | 3,865                   | Δ   | Image downsizing feature is effective on tunnel vision  | 10%  | May not be applicable in cases with<br>severe symptoms  |
|                 | nerve                   | Optic nerve head drusen             | 200                                   |                         |   |   |  |   |
|                 |                         | Optic neuritis                      | 115                                   |                         |   |   |  |   |
|                 |                         | High myopia                         | 3,000                                 | 3,000                   | 0   | Exceptionally effective   | 50%  |   |
| Ot              | ther                    | Color amblyopia, color blindness    | 2,500                                 | 2,500                   | 0   | -   | 20%  | <ul> <li>Can improve by processing images taken<br/>by camera</li> </ul>  |

These numbers were calculated by research company Lampe & Company in a report we commissioned with reference to scholarly papers published by governments and research institutions from each country. Figures for "# of patients per 100k people" and "Total per eye part" reflect the general research conducted across several jurisdictions and are not necessarily indicative of the number of potential cases in the markets in which we currently operate.

Evaluated the "expected efficacy" using a scale:  $\bigcirc$  = 40-50%,  $\bigcirc$  = 20-30% and  $\triangle$  = 5-10%



## **Terminology**

| Semiconductor laser            | A compact device with an approximate length of 1mm that causes laser oscillation by passing an electric current to a semiconductor. In comp a solid-state laser or gas laser, more micro-miniature in size; higher speed modulation characteristics up to 10GHz; higher photoelectric convergificiency achieving several tens of percent and better controllability of wavelength, among other things. Became widely used in the 1980s as source for communication systems and optical recording media, such as CDs and DVDs, etc. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Quantum dot laser (QDL)        | A semiconductor laser using a quantum-dot structure comprising nanocrystalline semiconductors in its active layer. QD Laser is the only firm in the world to mass-produce QDLs for optical communications and silicon photonics. In comparison to existing semiconductor lasers, it is superior in temperature stability, high-temperature endurance and low-noise properties.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| DFB laser                      | Distributed Feedback Laser: QD Laser's DFB laser is equipped with a diffraction grating which enables laser oscillation at a single wavelength. It is suitable for applications where the light output needs to be concentrated into a narrow wavelength range, such as the seed light of a fiber laser.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Silicon photonics              | A technology which integrates an optical circuit with a silicon electronic circuit that has signal processing and memory functions, thus enabling a breakthrough in the processing capacity limitation of the conventional electronic circuit system (achieving 100 times faster processing speed and lo power consumption) and high-capacity data transmission between LSI chips (10Tb/s).  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| VISIRIUM technology            | A technology that projects images onto the retina using precise optical systems, creating different colors flexibly from the three primary laser light control red, green and blue.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Diffraction grating technology | A technology that freely and precisely controls the wavelength of semiconductor lasers to fit into various applications by forming periodic irregular inside the laser.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ultrashort pulse               | A laser with a very short pulse width (duration). It is used for microfabrication and other processes as it can prevent shape distortion due to thermal effects.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Retinal projection             | To project images onto the retina  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Simple perimeter               | A device to assess the visual field of human eyes  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CE marking                     | A certification mark that indicates conformity with standards required to be met by products exported to the EU. The CE mark is granted when a product meets standards in all EU member states.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Flow cytometer                 | A device capable of measuring certain properties of cells. By irradiating a cell suspension in a tube with a laser beam, it can measure the number size of a large volume of cells over a short period of time using fluorescence and scattered light parameters. It is used in various fields including molecular biology, pathology, immunology, plant biology and marine biology.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LiDAR                          | LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) is a technology which irradiates an object and uses a light sensor to detect the reflection to measure the distance. It is expected to be used in autonomous driving systems in the future.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Heads-up Display               | A technology that projects information and images onto various surfaces, such as glass, within the field of view. It is expected one day to project necessary information for drivers onto the windshield and the like.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



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