

# (2nd Quarter, Fiscal Year Ending March 2024) Financial Results Presentation Materials

FLECT Co., Ltd. (Securities Code: 4414)

November 7, 2023

# **Company Profile**

Company Name FLECT Co., Ltd.

Established

August 2005

Capital Stock

694 million yen (as of September 2023)

Number of Employees

294 (as of September 2023)

Address

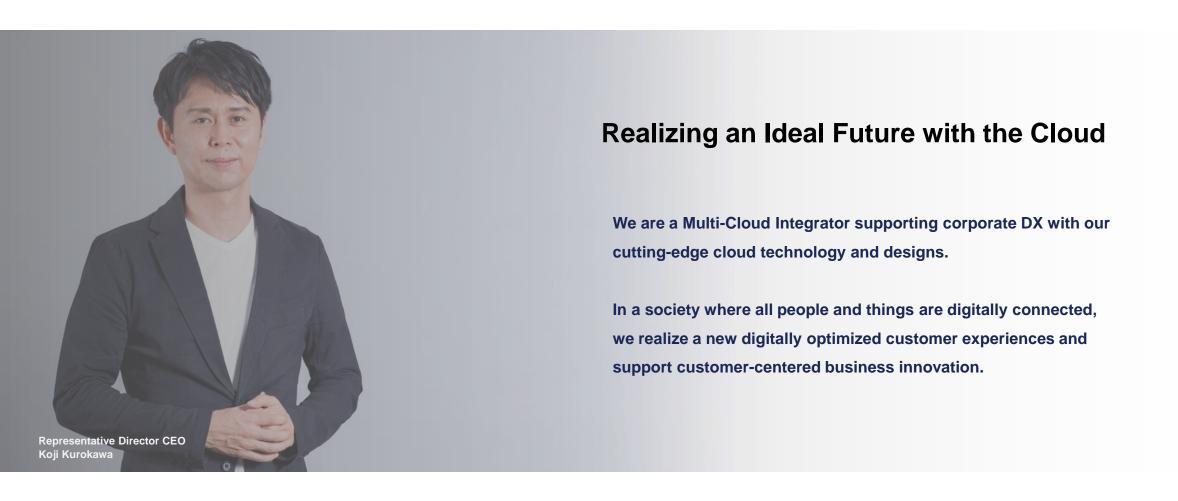
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Business Description

- · Cloud Integration Services
- · Cariot Services



## **Vision**



# **Cloud Integration**

## **Professional services supporting corporate DX**

We support "Proactive DX" that can realize a new customer experiences through our cutting-edge cloud technology.

This is a one-stop service for digital transformation in existing and new business initiatives, ranging from service planning, designing, multi-cloud development, to actual implementation.













## Cariot

# Cloud service that innovates the way drivers work and connects vehicles and companies

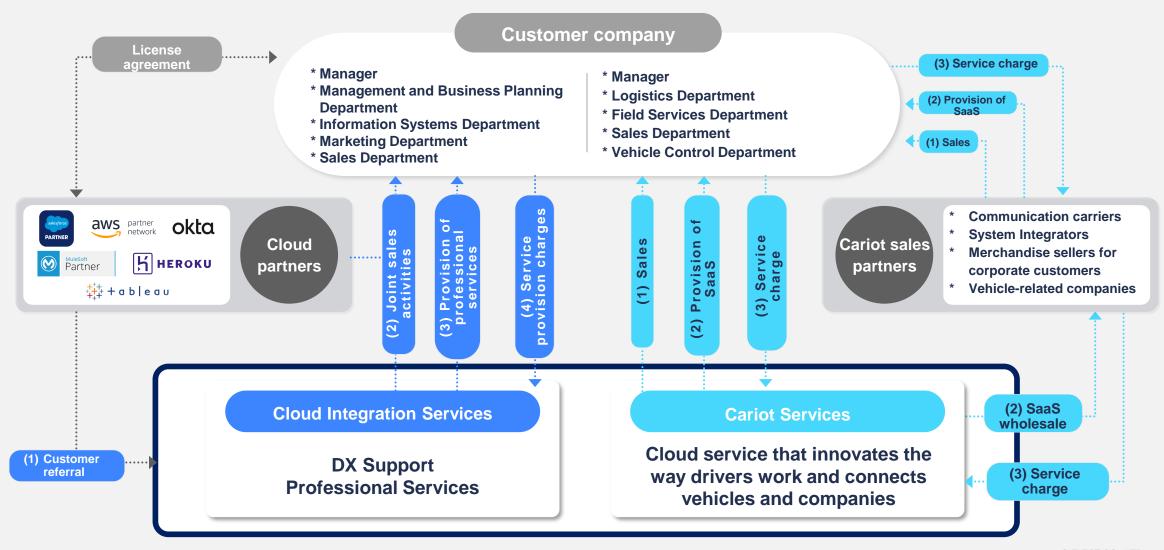
Cariot is the company's cloud service that provides work efficiency, peace of mind and safety in the field by using real-time information on commercial vehicles and vehicle management work DX.

We support the work style innovation of all people involved with vehicles, centered on drivers and also including managers, staff and customers.



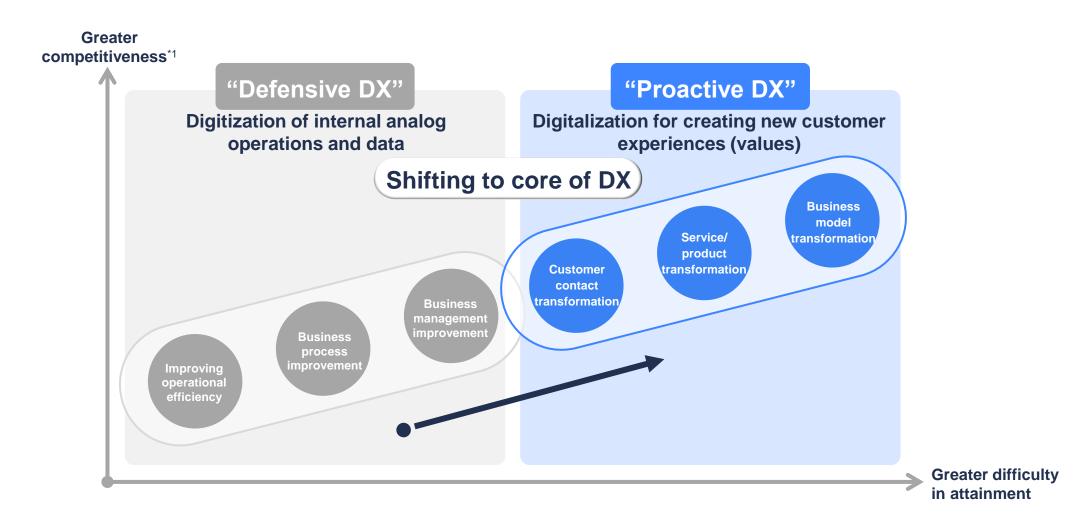
## **Service Flow**

In Cloud Integration Services, professional services are provided directly to customer companies through joint sales activities with cloud partners. Cariot Services is a subscription-type business model to provide SaaS licenses primarily in direct sales to customer companies.



## Core of DX Lies in "Proactive DX" that can Enhance Corporate Competitiveness

Companies can enhance their competitiveness by shifting from "Defensive DX," digitizing internal analog operations and data through replacement of paper documents with data in order to cut costs, to "Proactive DX," creating new customer experiences designed to enhance revenue and customer engagement.



# Supporting "Proactive DX" that can Realize a New Customer Experiences Through Our Cutting-edge Cloud Technology

We support the digital transformation of companies' new and existing business, including IoT / mobility, AI services, community and EC services that connect with customers, and the building of API coordination and ID authentication infrastructure.

Our customer base is centering on major companies<sub>\*1</sub> intending to actively promote DX, Major companies accounted for 92% of the total sales<sub>\*2</sub>.



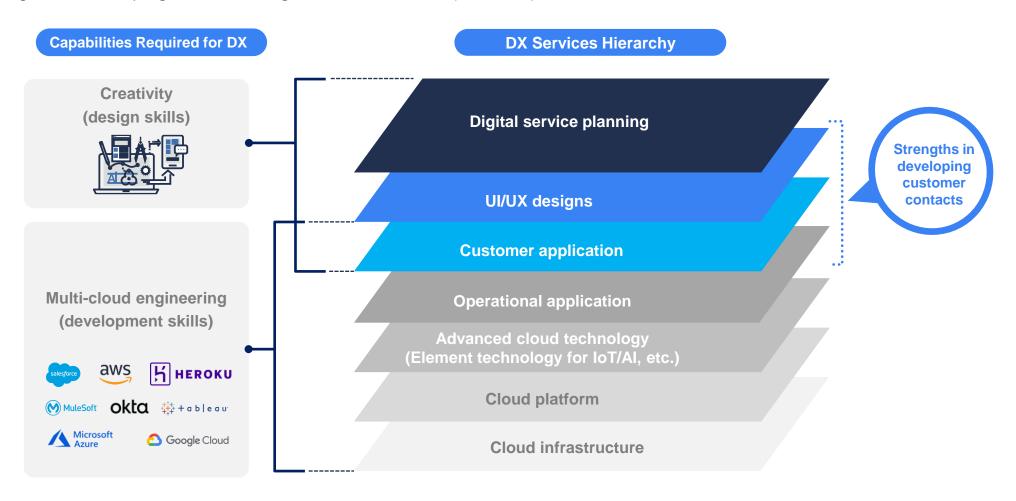


<sup>\*1:</sup> Major companies: Those listed in Nikkei 225, Nikkei 400, or Nikkei 500; or their group companies or those whose sales are equivalent (100 billion yen or more)

<sup>\*2:</sup> Figures for the 1H fiscal year ending March 2024

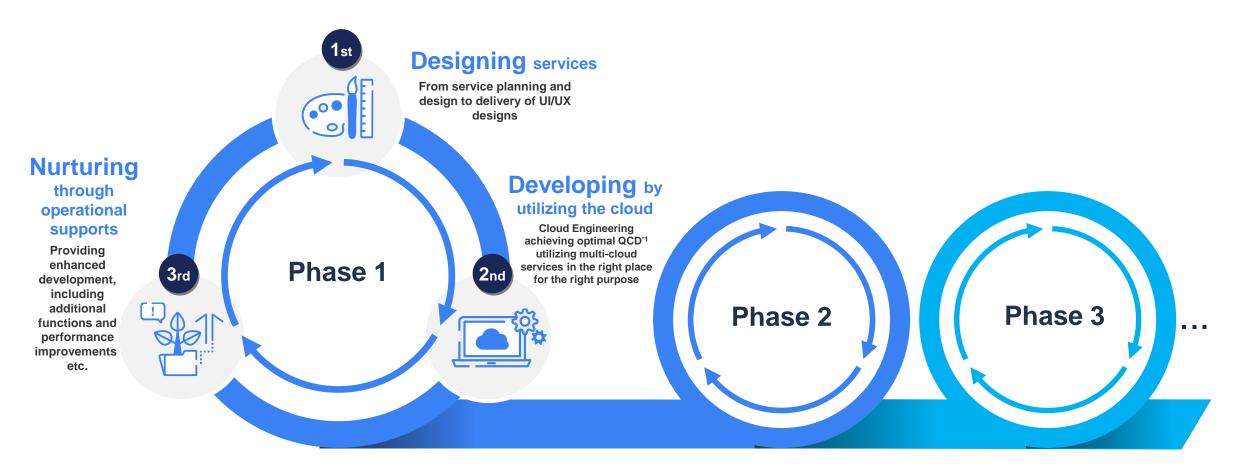
# **One-stop Service that Create Digital Services**

We take advantage of the "Creativity (design skills)" that can achieve proactive DX and the "multi-cloud engineering" capabilities (development skills), and of the strengths in developing value-creating customer contacts (front end).



# High Agility in Adapting to Changes (Ability to Think and Move Quickly)

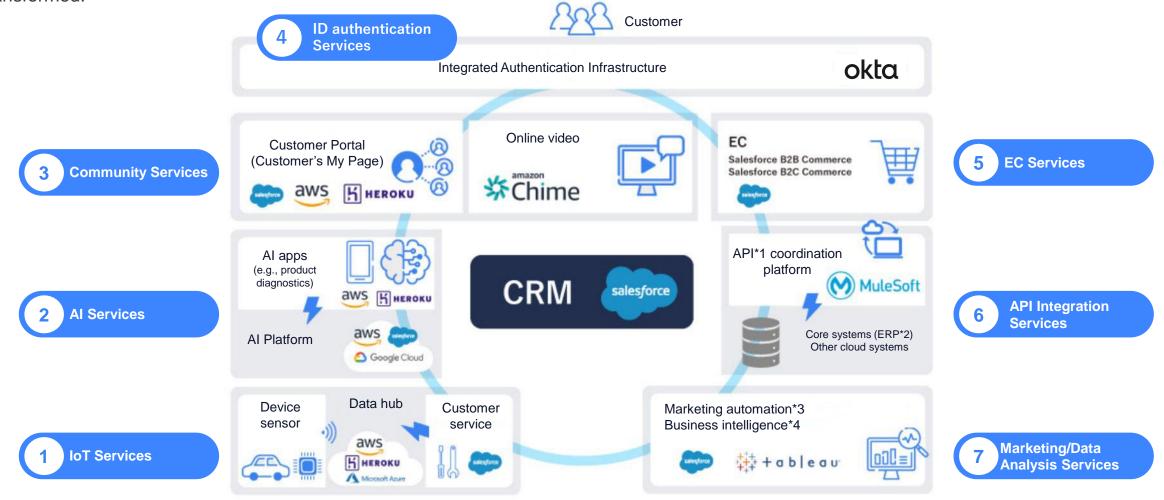
An average period of a single project cycle is about three months. A project does not end with the initial construction but supports DX service growth by repeating the delivery cycles.



\*1: QCD: Quality, Costs, Delivery

# High Technological Capabilities of Multi-cloud Functions Enabling Business Transformation based on DX

Instead of simply building a single digital service, we develop multiple digital services and bundle them together to help business models to be transformed.



<sup>\*1:</sup> Application Programming Interface: Interface specification used for multiple software products to exchange information with each other

<sup>\*2:</sup> Enterprise Resource Planning: An integrated core operational system

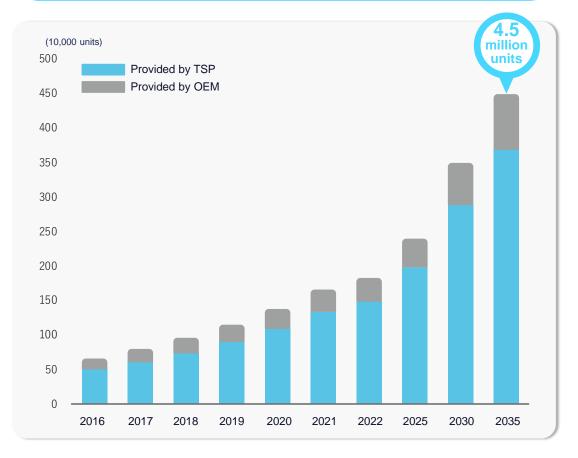
<sup>\*3</sup> Marketing Automation: A tool to automate marketing activities

<sup>\*4</sup> Business Intelligence: A tool to collect, accumulate, analyze, and process large amounts of data to support management strategy decisions

# Potential of the Commercial Vehicle Telematics Market in Japan

The number of vehicles participating in the telematics market is expected to rise to 4.5 million by 2035 in Japan.

Cumulative numbers of vehicles participating in the commercial vehicle telematics market in Japan\*1



2022

Number of domestic commercial vehicles (TAM \*2) 16 million units/576 billion yen

2035

**Domestic commercial vehicle** telematics 4.5 million units/162 billion yen

2022

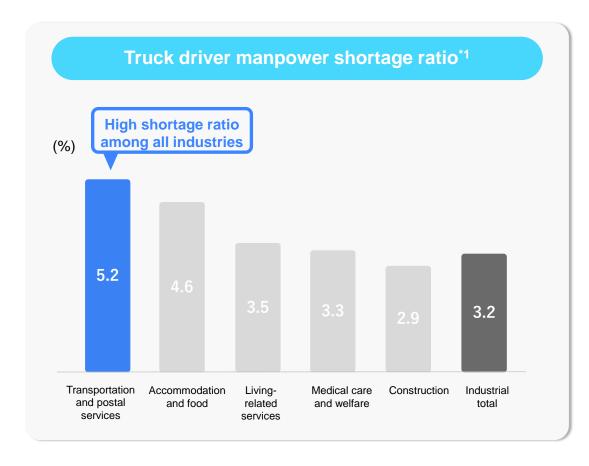
**Domestic commercial vehicle telematics** 1.83 million units/67.6 billion yen

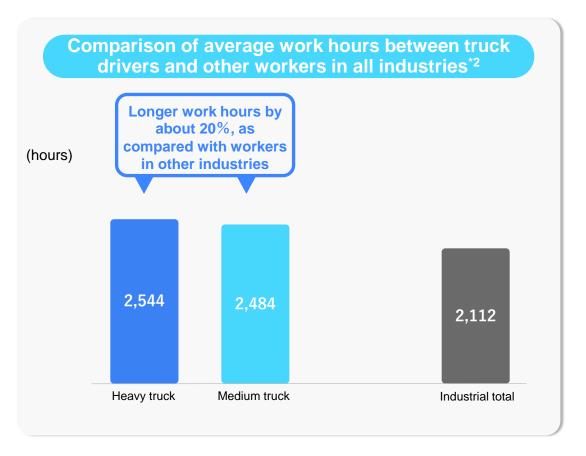
<sup>\*1:</sup> Proprietarily compiled, based on "Current State of Connected Car-related Markets and Telematics Strategies in 2019," Fuji Keizai Co., Ltd. TSP (Telematics Service Provider) represents third parties; OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) represents auto manufacturers. \*2: TAM: Total Addressable Market indicates the largest market opportunity that can be obtained. The monetary values are proprietarily calculated provisionally by our monthly average service unit price x 12 months x number of vehicles.

The numbers of vehicles are calculated by subtracting the number of freight vehicles from the number of January 2023) in the "Number of Vehicles Owned" issued by the Automobile Inspection & Registration Information Association of Japan and the number of passenger vehicles in the "Annual Changes in the Number of Vehicles Leased by Model in Japan and Year-on-Year Changes" issued by the Japan Automotive Leasing Association.

# **Problems in the Mobility Industry**

The critical situation in logistics has emerged due to a shortage of truck drivers, etc. In addition, the "restriction of annual overtime work hours to 960 hours" will be imposed on automobile driving operations in 2024, according to the "Work-style Reform."



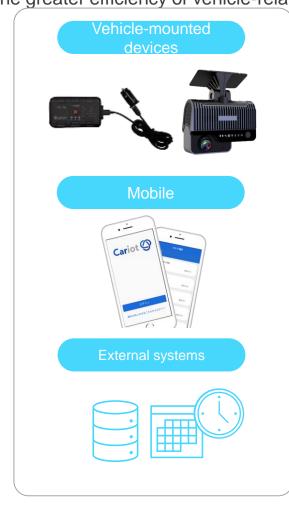


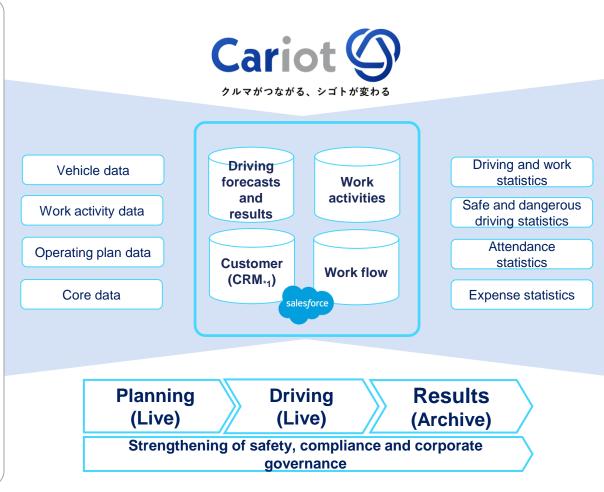
<sup>\*1:</sup> Labor Economy Trend Survey February 2023 (Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare )

<sup>\*2:</sup> Compiled proprietarily, based on the "Portal Site for Improvement of Long Working Hours for Truck Drivers" of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.

# "Cariot," a cloud that innovates the way drivers work and connects vehicles and companies

This is a cloud service with which vehicle data can be obtained, visualized and used simply and in real-time by means of vehicle-mounted devices and smartphone applications. It provides a consistent, digital work experience, from driving forecast management to statistical analysis, to support the greater efficiency of vehicle-related work.







Financial results for the 2nd Quarter of the fiscal year ending March 2024

## (2nd Quarter, Fiscal Year Ending March 2024) Financial Results Summary





## The number of engineers and other employees increased steadily.

In the human resources seller's market, progress exceeded plans. We will continue to focus on human resources, aiming to add to the number of recruits.

As of the end of September 2023

Number of engineers and other employees\*<sub>1</sub> 244 people

+84people (YoY) +11 people (Compared to June 2023)

Strong demand for DX remains unchanged and there is no change in the results forecast

Although we have performed strongly recently, the forecast for 2H is cautious. In addition, we will also consider the expansion of investment for future growth in accordance with the progress of results.

Forecast of results for full term, FY2023

**6,395** million yen Sales

Operating income 553 million yen

385 million yen **Net income** 



<sup>\*1</sup> Professional human resources such as engineers and managers in the Cloud Integration Services Division, excluding administrative personnel (as of the end of September 2023)

## (2nd Quarter, Fiscal Year Ending March 2024) Topics

We received an order for a project from the Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition. In addition, we disclosed an NTT DOCOMO, INC. development case.

## Order received from the Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition

We were selected as the best proposal provider for the "Introduction, operation and maintenance of services and infrastructure for personnel related to the 2025 World Exposition in Japan" and received an order for this project.

With these services and infrastructure, we are planning to improve visitor services by streamlining the work of people related to the exposition.





\* Published in the public recruitment of proposals related to the "Introduction, operation and maintenance of services and infrastructure for personnel related to the 2025 World Exposition in Japan" on the official website of the Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition.

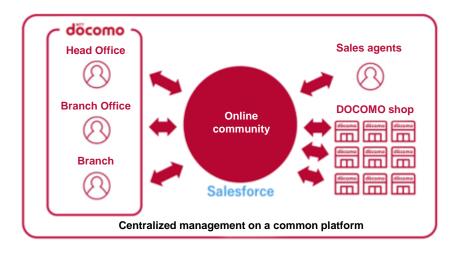
Click <u>here</u> for information on the public recruitment of proposals

Click here for the selection results

## Disclosure of an NTT DOCOMO, INC. development case

We supported the development of an "online community," a common backyard platform between DOCOMO, sales agents and DOCOMO shops.

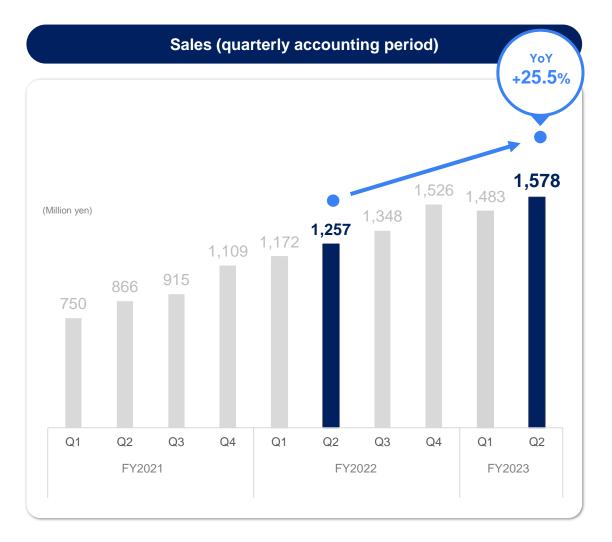
We improved the operational efficiency of work and productivity, and enabled the shift of human resources to customer handling and growth areas.

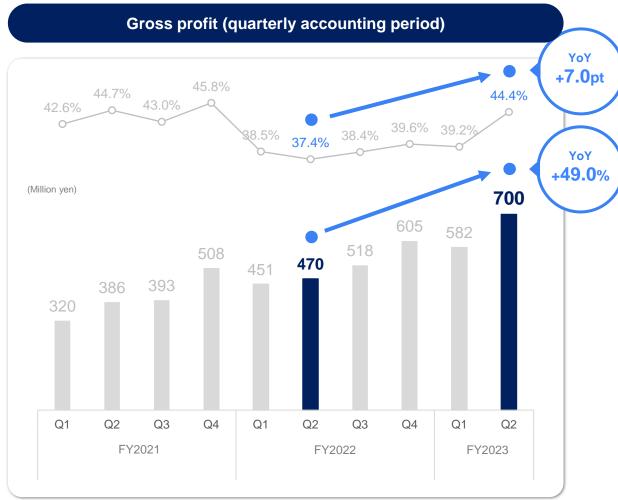


<sup>\*</sup> Click here for the NTT DOCOMO, INC. development case

## (2nd Quarter, Fiscal Year Ending March 2024) Results Trends

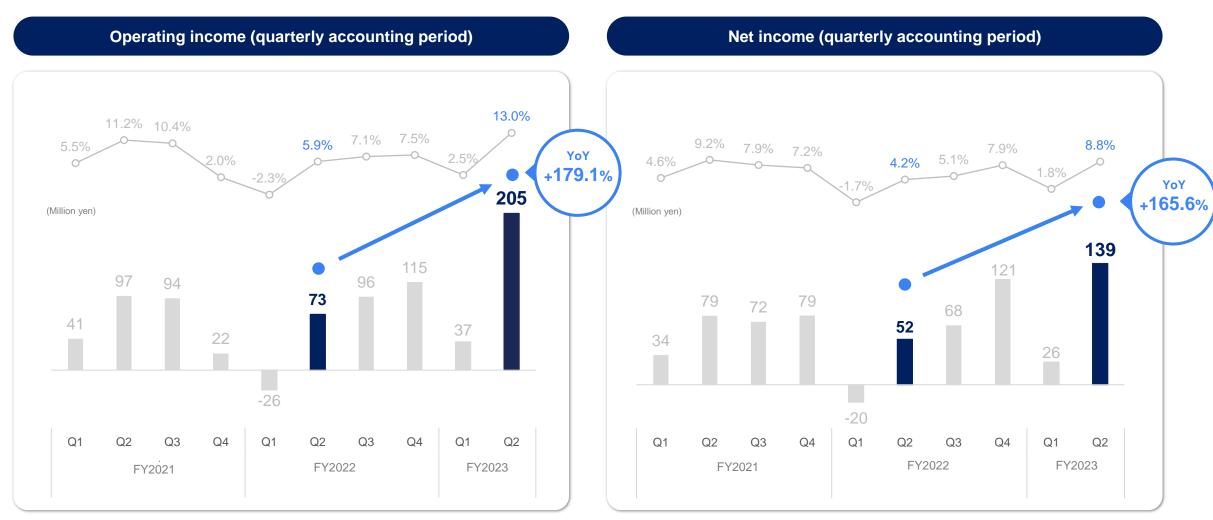
Against the backdrop of vigorous demand for DX support, sales reached a record high of 1,578 million yen (up 25.5% year-on-year). The gross margin improved to 44.4% (up 7.0 pts year-on-year) as unprofitable projects settled down as planned in 2Q. Gross profit was a record high 700 million yen (up 49.0% year-on-year).





## (2nd Quarter, Fiscal Year Ending March 2024) Results Trends

Operating income rose significantly to a record high of 205 million yen (up 179.1% year-on-year) as profit margins improved due to unprofitable projects settling down. Net income was a record high 139 million yen (up 165.6% year-on-year).



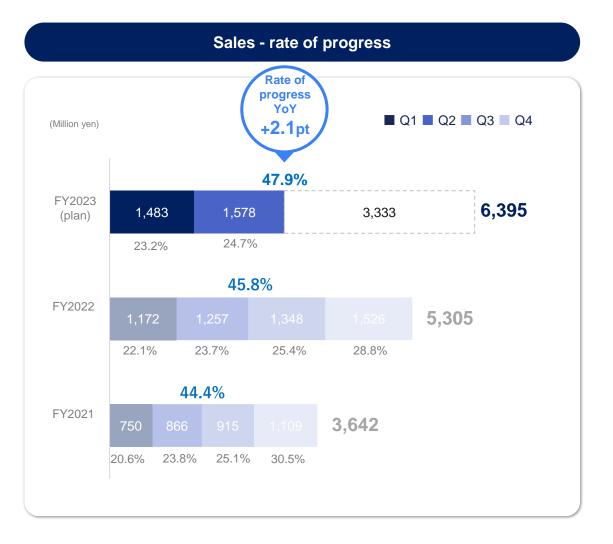
# (1H, Fiscal Year Ending March 2024) Financial Results Summary

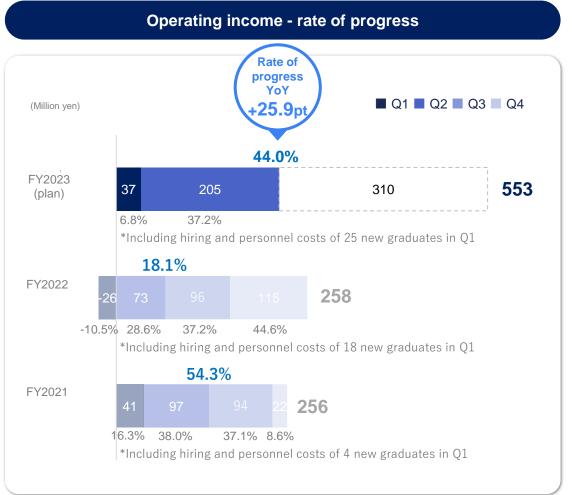
1H sales were a record high 3,061 million yen (up 26.0% year-on-year). Sales exceeded the plan and are performing well. Profits at each level have also progressed higher than planned as unprofitable projects settled down in 2Q.

(Million yen)								
	1H, FY2022 1H, FY2023		YoY		Results forecast for full term, FY2023	Results progress rate		
	(AprSep.)	(AprSep.)	Change in amount	Rate of change				
Sales	2,429	3,061	+631	+26.0%	6,395	47.9%		
Gross profit	921	1,282	+360	+39.1%	2,740	46.8%		
(%)	37.9%	41.9%	+4.0pt		42.9%			
SG&A	874	1,038	+164	+18.7%	2,187	47.5%		
(%)	36.0%	33.9%	-2.1pt		34.2%			
Operating income	46	243	+196	+420.7%	553	44.0%		
(%)	1.9%	8.0%	+6.0pt		8.7%			
Net income	32	165	+133	+411.4%	385	42.9%		
(%)	1.3%	5.4%	+4.1pt		6.0%			

# (1H, Fiscal Year Ending March 2024) Results Progress

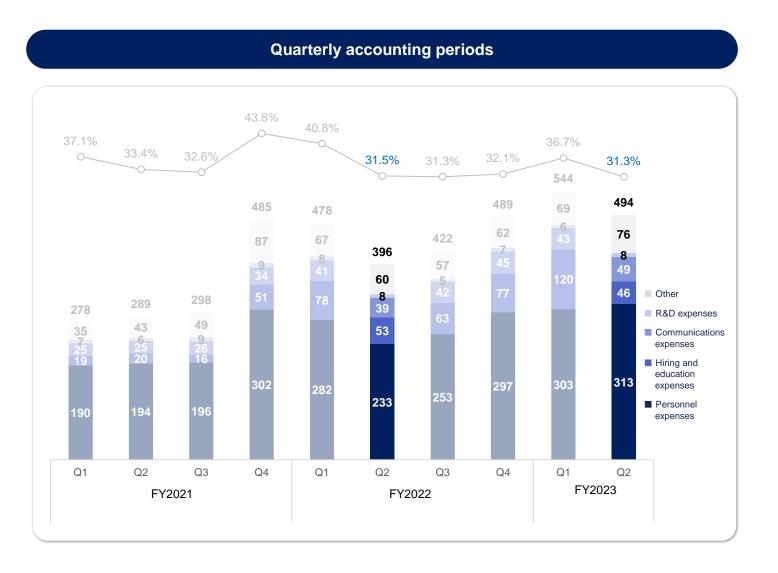
Sales remained strong at a rate of progress of 47.9%, which was above the previous fiscal year. Operating income was higher than planned due to sales remaining steady, in addition to unprofitable projects settling down. Although we have performed strongly recently, the forecast for 2H is cautious. In addition, we will also consider the expansion of investment for future growth in accordance with the progress of results.

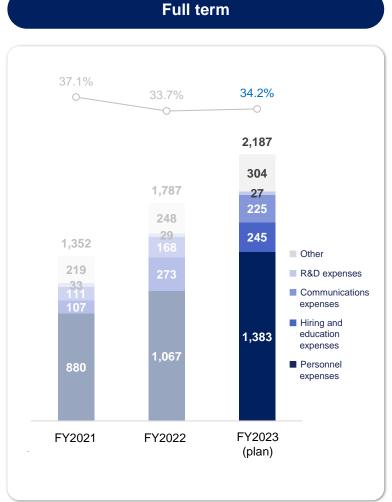




# (2nd Quarter, Fiscal Year Ending March 2024) Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

SG&A expenses increased year-on-year to 494 million yen (up 24.7% year-on-year) in 2Q of the term ending March 2024, but the SG&A ratio remained at a level slightly lower than the previous 2Q at 31.3% (down 0.2 pts year-on-year) due to the effect of increased revenue, despite salary revisions (increases).





# (2nd Quarter, Fiscal Year Ending March 2024) Balance Sheet

The main changes are current assets increasing by 280 million yen and current liabilities increasing by 160 million yen. The equity ratio of 53.5% is a sound financial foundation.

(Million yen)

	FY2022 (As of term-end)	FY2023 (September 30, 2023)	Change in amount
Total assets	2,881	3,180	+299
Current assets	2,577	2,858	+280
Fixed assets	304	322	+18
Total liabilities	1,351	1,479	+128
Current liabilities	768	929	+160
Fixed liabilities	582	550	-32
Net assets	1,530	1,701	+170
Total assets	2,881	3,180	+299
Cash and deposits	1,155	1,386	+231
Interest-bearing liabilities	633	614	-18
Equity ratio	53.1%	53.5%	+0.4pt

## **Trend in Results**

## Sales (quarterly accounting period)

Against the backdrop of vigorous demand for DX support, sales reached a record high of 1,508 million yen (up 27.6% year-on-year).



## **Gross profit (quarterly accounting period)**

The gross margin improved significantly to 44.7% (up 7.3 pts year-on-year) due to unprofitable projects settling down, and we achieved record high gross profit.



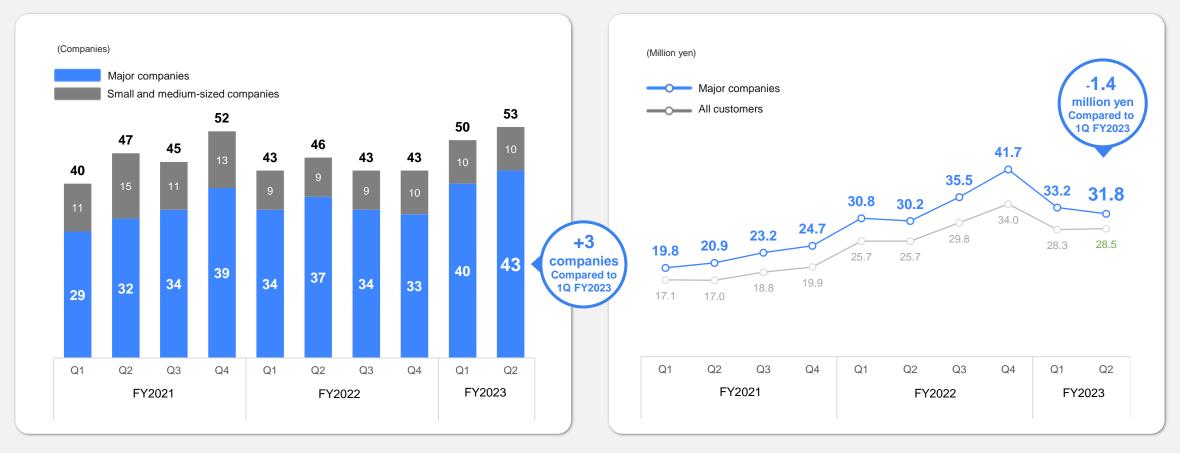
# **KPI Trends (Quarterly Basis)**

## Number of quarterly contract customers\*1

The number of major company quarterly contract customers increased by three in 2Q of the term ending March 2024 compared to 1Q to 43 companies as a result of continuing to work on the acquisition of new customers.

## Quarterly average revenue per account (ARPA<sub>2</sub>)

ARPA for major companies in 2Q of the term ending March 2024 remained at the same level as 1Q as we expanded transactions with existing customers while acquiring new customers. We expect the expansion of transactions with new customers from 3Q on.



<sup>\*1</sup> Number of contract customers in the quarterly accounting period excluding resales. Resales are where the company resells purchased licenses to customers and are excluded because the amount at the company is small.

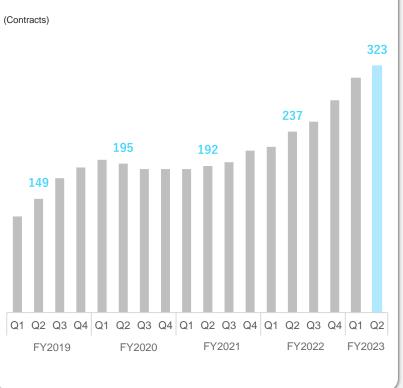
\*2 Abbreviation of average revenue per account (average sales per customer), or quarterly average sales per customer excluding resales. Calculated by dividing quarterly sales excluding resales by the number of quarterly contract customers

## **KPI Trends**

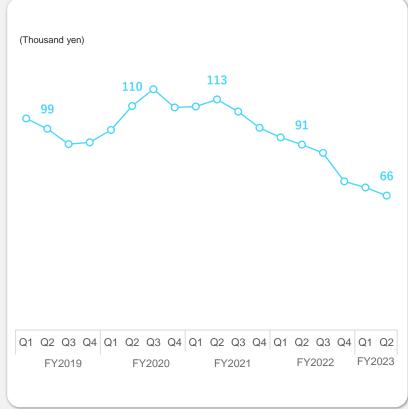
As a result of focusing on targeted areas where we can take advantage of our competitive superiority, such as small to medium companies' delivery trucks, garbage trucks, and sales and door-to-door service vehicles, we obtained a large number of new customers, with the number of contracts increasing to a record high of 323 in 2Q of the term ending March 2024. On the other hand, ARR for 2Q of the term ending March 2024 was 255 million yen, down 4 million yen from the previous quarter, due to cancellations by customers acquired under past strategies.



## Number of contracts<sub>\*2</sub>



## ARPA<sub>\*3</sub>



<sup>\*1</sup> Abbreviation of annual recurring revenue. Annual recurring revenue calculated by multiplying MRR (abbreviation of monthly recurring revenue) at the end of the month by 12

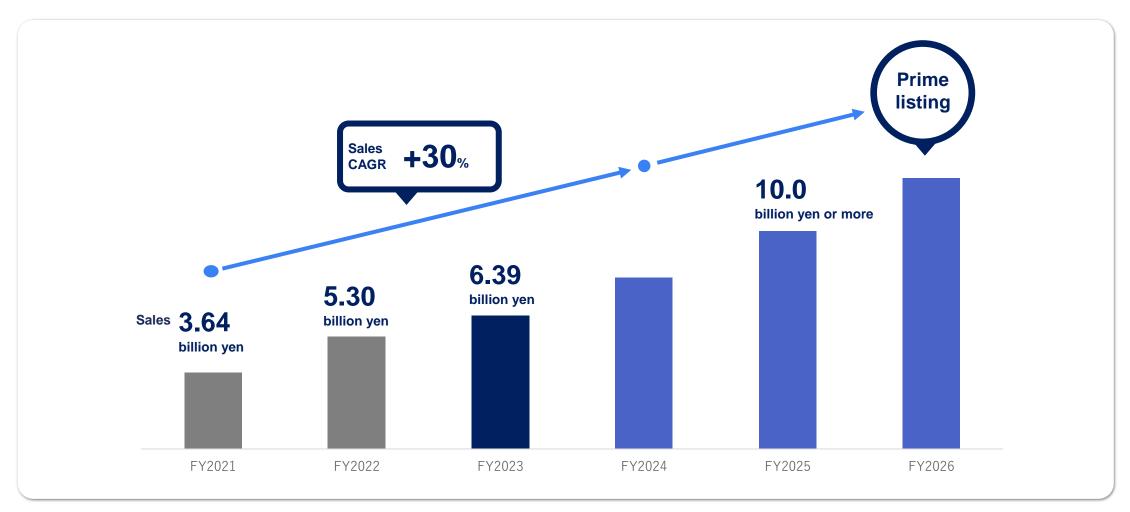
<sup>\*2</sup> Number of contracts per month at end of guarter

<sup>\*3</sup> Abbreviation of average revenue per account. Average MRR per contract

# **Growth Strategy**

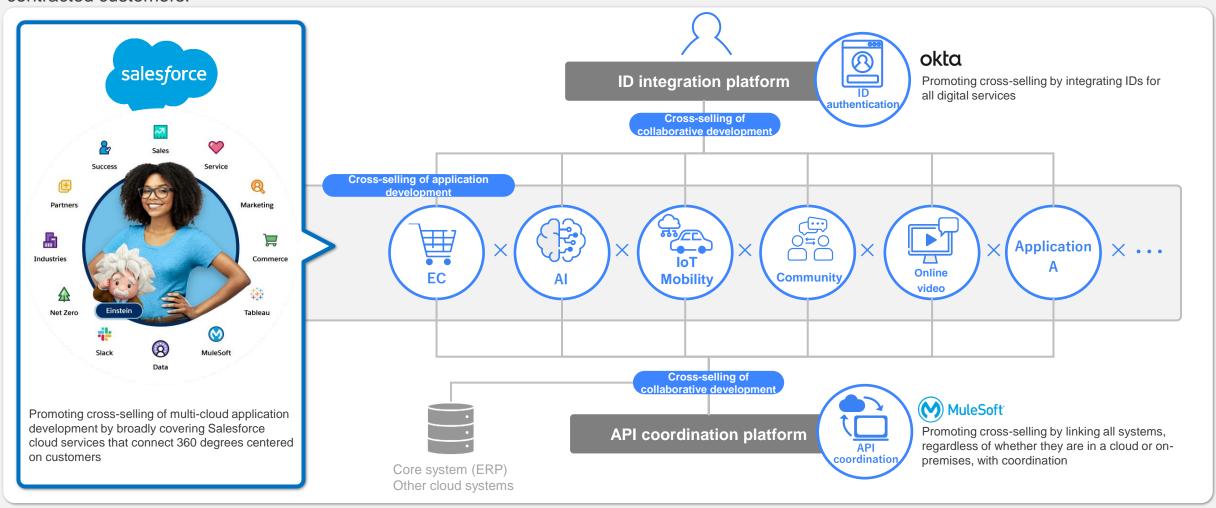
# Medium to long-term growth plan aimed at Prime market listing

By promoting the growth strategies of "multi-cloud strengthening and development," "investment in human resources (education and recruitment)," "investment in R&D" and "investment in Cariot," we will continue growth centered on Cloud Integration Services. We will aim to achieve net sales of at least 10 billion yen in FY2025 and a listing on the Tokyo Stock Exchange Prime market in FY2026.



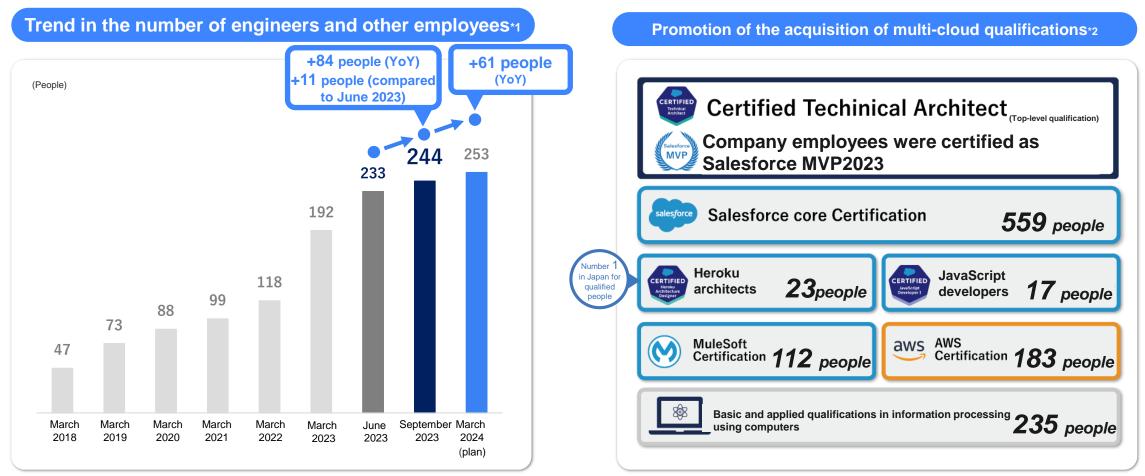
# **Enhancing and Developing Multi-cloud Services**

In addition to multi-cloud application development, we will promote cross-selling through platform collaborative development to increase ARPA among existing customers. Further, we will also expand business channels by developing cloud partners towards increasing the number of contracted customers.



# Organizational expansion centered on cloud engineers and other professional employees

The number of cloud engineers and other employees increased by 84 year-on-year, including 25 new graduates who joined the company in April, and by 11 compared with the end of June 2023 to 244 people as of the end of September 2023, progressing higher than planned. We will continue to strengthen recruitment activities aimed at adding further to the number of recruits. In addition, we have started hiring new graduates in autumn from this term, with five new graduates joining the company in October.



<sup>\*1</sup> Professional human resources such as engineers and managers in Cloud Integration Services Division, excluding administrative personnel \*2 Total number of qualified people as of the end of September 2023

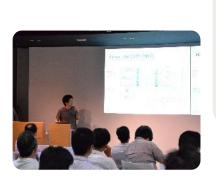
# Promotion of Systems Fostering Multi-disciplinary Expertise and Human Resource Development

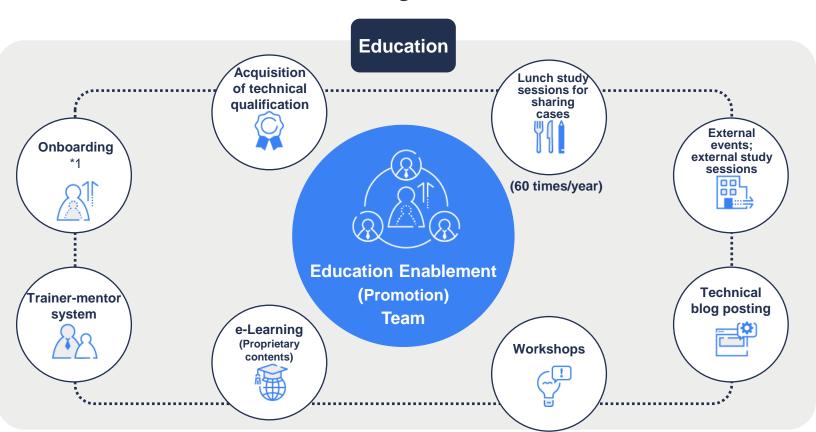
With a team dedicated to education enablement (promotion) as a focal point, we constantly promote employee education and systemic improvement activities.

One month from joining the company to project assignment

# Joining

Ratio of new midcareer recruits having no job experience in cloud business 90%





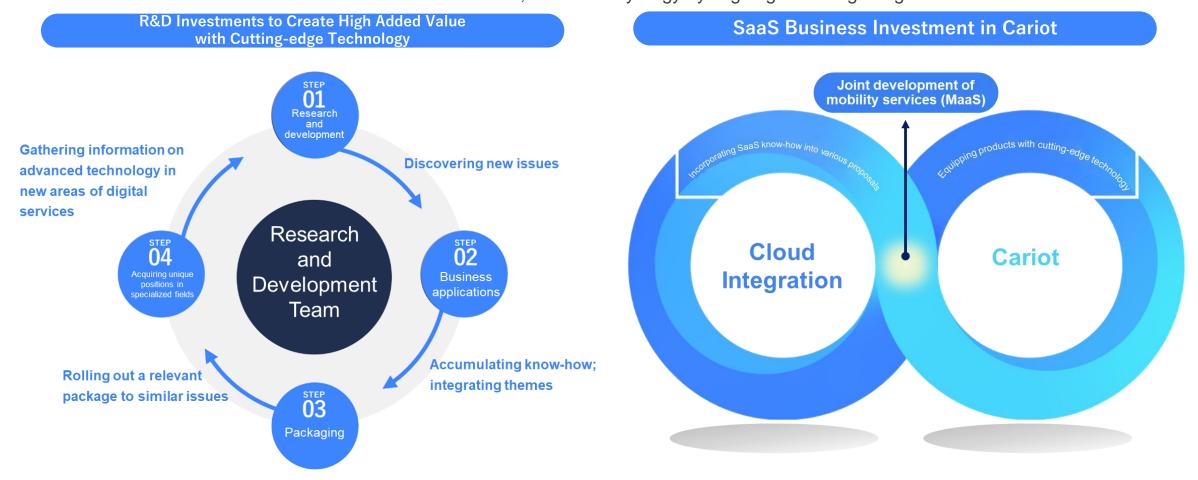
Actual work

Continuous improvement through feedback cycles



# New business investment for future growth

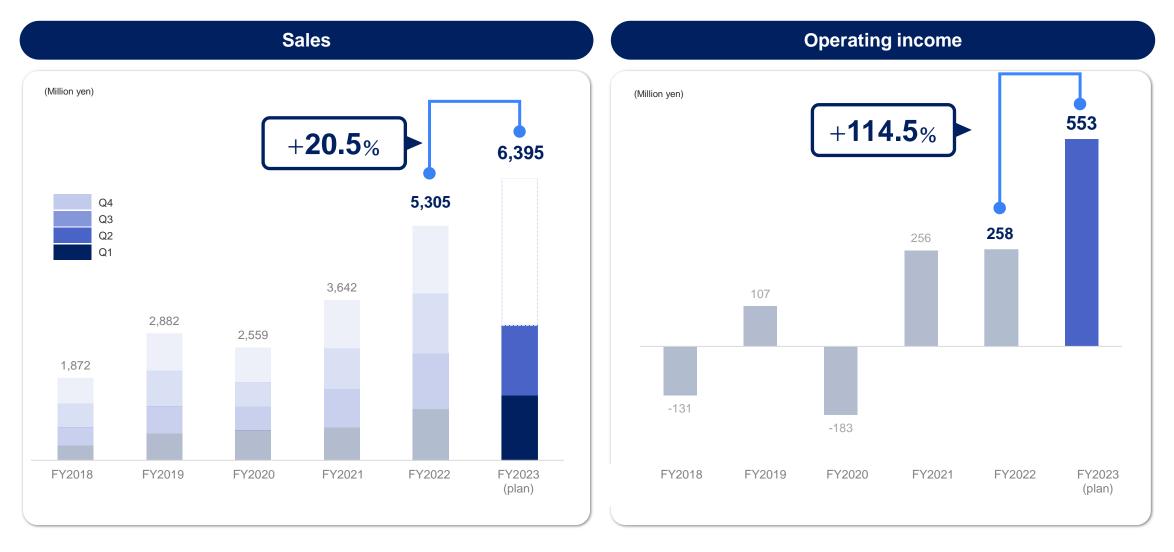
We apply our cutting-edge cloud technology obtained through R&D expeditiously to a wide variety of issues taking place in companies and society. Through accumulating this know-how, we can create packages of the most advanced cloud technology, which can then be rolled out to similar issues and constitute our unique competitiveness ahead of our competitors in specialized fields totally unfamiliar to them. Investment in SaaS Business Cariot which is created from R&D, we create synergy by aligning and integrating both services.



# Appendix

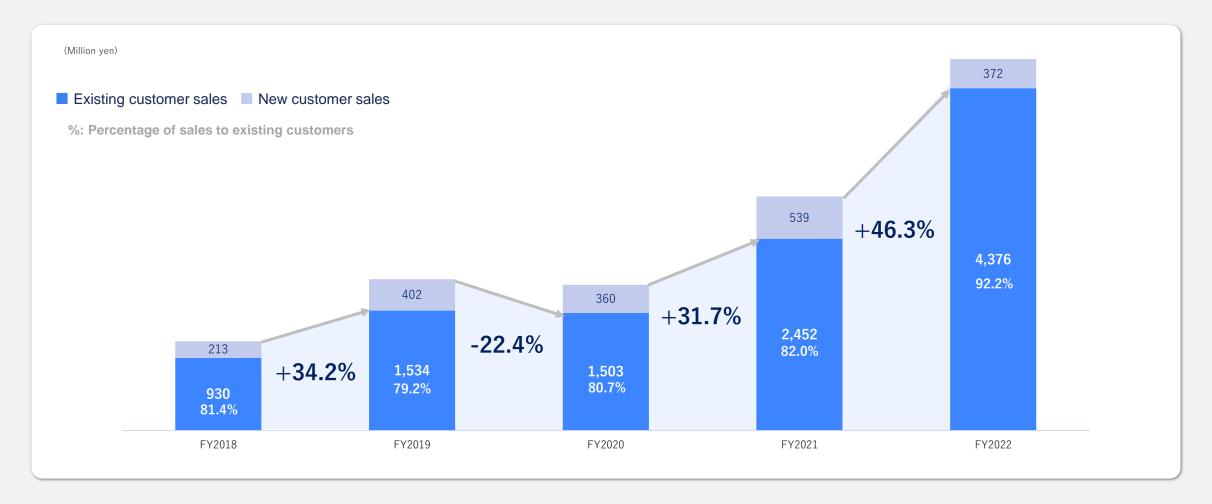
## **Results Trends**

Against the backdrop of vigorous demand for DX support among major companies, sales for the term ended March 2023 were 5,305 million yen (up 45.7% year-on-year) and operating income was 258 million yen (up 0.7% year-on-year), record highs. We are planning record high results in the term ending March 2024 too, with sales of 6,395 million yen (up 20.5% year-on-year) and operating income of 553 million yen (up 114.5% year-on-year).



# Year-on-year sales growth rate for existing major company customers<sub>\*1</sub>

Because DX starts from small scale development and continues with the development of functional improvements, we will continue and expand business with existing customers. In the fiscal year ended March 2021, orders by some large customers were suspended due to the impact of COVID-19, but average year-on-year sales growth for existing customers from the fiscal year ended March 2019 through the fiscal year ended March 2023 was +22.4%.



# **History of Our Services Incorporating Cutting-edge Technology**

2023 -

Providing the development of ID management and integrated authentication infrastructure through a partner contract with Okta, Inc.

okta

## 2020 -

Providing online video service development suitable for our new lifestyle in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic using Amazon Chime. Partnering with MuleSoft, LLC. and Tableau Software, LLC. to strengthen our multi-cloud capabilities

Multi Cloud/ Design



L\_\ Remote

Communication

More than 14 vears of experience in multi-cloud development

## 2017 -

Providing Al services, including image diagnoses, speech recognition, and language processing, etc., utilizing Salesforce Einstein\*3 and other AI technology

## 2015 -

Registered in Salesforce.com's IoT<sup>\*1</sup> Accelerator Program to provide IoT/Mobility service development

#### 2009 -

Concluding partner agreements consecutively with Salesforce.com, Heroku, Inc., and Amazon Web Services, Inc.

Providing development of customer applications and business-use applications with multi-cloud functionality and designs







Web/Mobile







Creating "Cariot," a new business, by utilizing development assets in mobility servicesConcluding an OEM Partner Agreement with Salesforce.com Co., Ltd. to provide SaaS-type\*2 cloud services to innovates the way drivers work.

2005 -

More than 18 years of

experience in

development of

customer-contact

application

development

Providing large-scale Web/Mobile application development services to Recruit Co., Ltd. and accredited as one of its main partners



<sup>\*2:</sup> SaaS (Software as a Service): Service to provide applications that used to be provided as packages over the Internet

<sup>\*3:</sup> Salesforce Einstein: Name of the AI (artificial intelligence) service provided by Salesforce.com, Inc.

<sup>\*4:</sup> Salesforce.com Co., Ltd. changes company name to Salesforce Japan Co., Ltd. as of February 2022

## Our Domestically and Globally Acclaimed Advanced DX Achievements

Our DX achievements in domestic AI services are critically acclaimed, and received the Salesforce Global Innovation Award in 2019, the first of its kind in Japan. In addition, we are also certified as top domestic partners for Salesforce and MuleSoft.



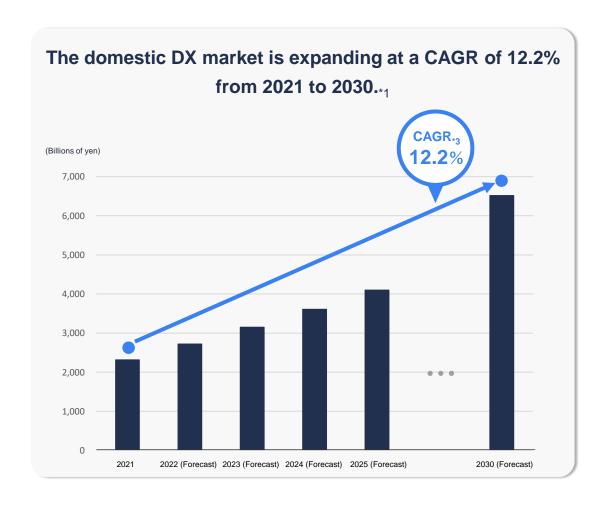


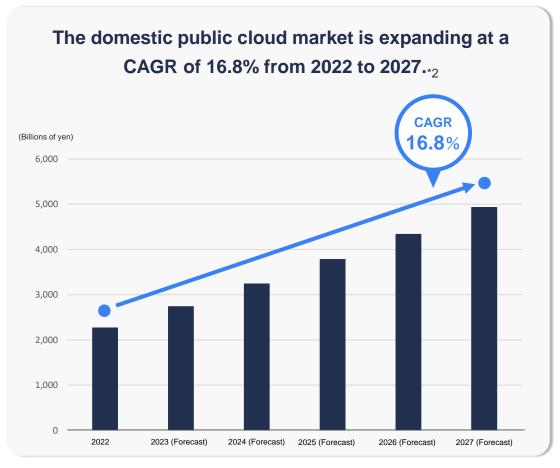
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# **Both DX and Cloud Markets in Japan Are Steadily Expanding**



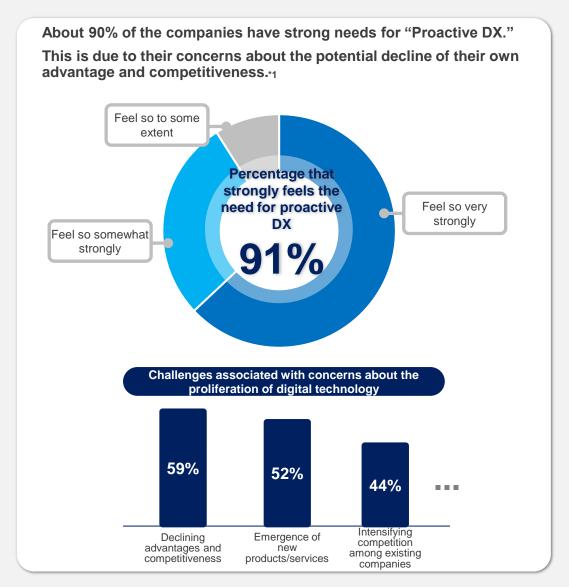


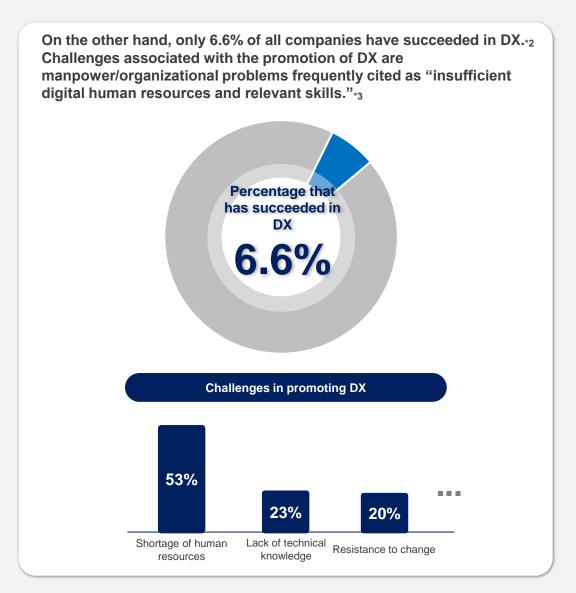
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<sup>\*2:</sup> Quoted from "Sales Prospects in the Domestic Public Cloud Service Market," International Data Corporation Japan (IDC)

<sup>\*3:</sup> CAGR (Compound Annual Growth Rate) is an annual geometric mean calculated from multiple-year growth rates.

## **Current DX Status in Japan**





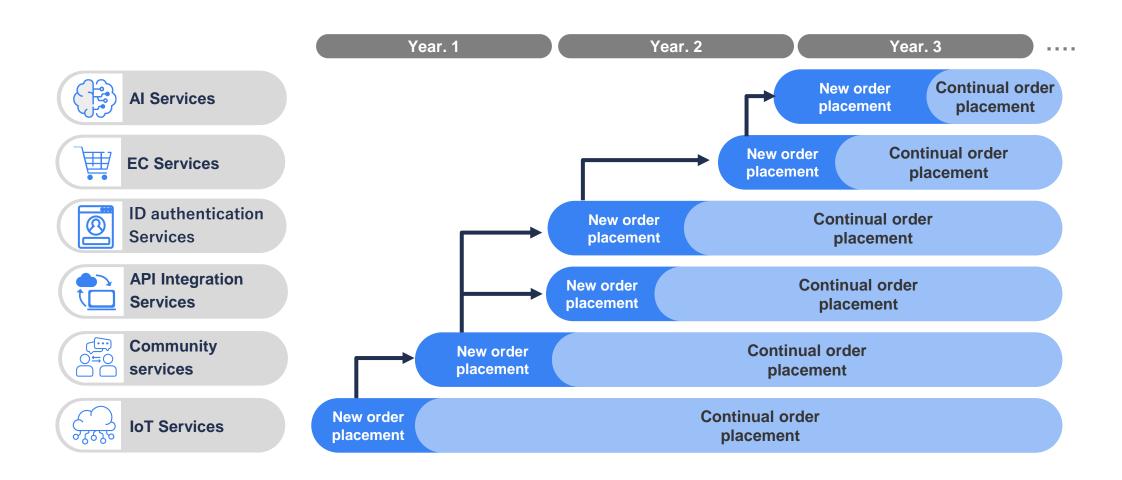
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<sup>\*3:</sup> Compiled proprietarily, based on "Information and Communications in Japan: White Paper 2021 (July 30, 2021)," Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Japan

# Continuous Orders for DX Projects and Expansion with Cross-selling

We will continue to develop digital services while simultaneously promoting the development of multiple digital services.



## **Sustainability Initiatives**

In 2020, we joined the SDGs Public-Private Partnership Platform for Local Revitalization operated by the Cabinet Office, and have contributed to the SDGs through various initiatives

## **Society**

#### Job satisfaction and job opportunities

- Provision of opportunities to improve skills and advance career with the theme of maximizing value of resume
- Provision of care for job satisfaction by monitoring the Employee Engagement Scores
- Recruitment of diverse human resources, such as local residents (full remote work), those with no cloud experience, foreign nationals, and elderly staff
- Short-time work and leave for childcare
- Reform of the way drivers work with Cariot service

#### Promotion of education

- · Promotion of education by education enablement team
- Provision of a variety of educational opportunities, including the holding of internal and external technical study sessions, support for acquisition of qualifications, and in-house original e-learning

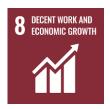
## **Technology innovation**

 Research and development of advanced cloud technologies, social implementation of technological innovation through DX support for companies

## **Economic growth and productivity**

- Improvement of productivity and creation of new customer experience value through DX support for companies
- Provision of diverse ways of working to maximize performance, including full remote work









## Governance

#### **Corporate governance**

- · Checks by a majority of outside directors
- Fair decision-making with a composition of directors with diverse knowledge

## Compliance

Establishment of a solid management foundation through compliance



## **Environment**

#### CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

- Support for mobility service development, contribution to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction through Cariot service
- Contribution to reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by eliminating physical servers

#### Conservation of natural resources

Promotion of paperless operations with DX support



## **Management Team**



Founder/
Representative Director and CEO

# Koji Kurokawa

Starting a company as a student and accumulating entrepreneurial experience in IT for 20 years

Based on his experience of founding a predecessor IT company, Mr. Kurokawa established FLECT Co., Ltd. in 2005. As Representative Director and CEO, he launched its cloud services and established the business bases and has steadfastly directed its course at the helm. With the mission of "Pursuit of Everyone's Fulfilment of Life through the Internet," he firmly intends to maximize the happiness all stakeholders of the Company can enjoy and values it can present.



Director and COO

Masaoki Ohashi

Selected one of the 99 people capable of changing the IoT in Japan

Mr. Ohashi joined Sony Ericsson Mobile Communications in 2004 and was first engaged in the development of smartphone middleware. He joined FLECT Co., Ltd. in 2007, and was appointed director in 2009. He then took charge of its cloud business, and successfully led it onto a path of growth. Subsequently he took up the Company's IoT initiatives, and started up Cariot, the Company's connected car business, and has led it to growth. Since 2017, Mr. Ohashi has supervised overall company operations.



External Director, Audit and Supervisory Committee Member

## Yosuke Tetsukawa

Representative Partner, Improve Tax Co. Certified Public Accountant



External Director, Audit and Supervisory Committee Member

# **Akihito Fujiwara**

Former Standing Audit and Supervisory Board Member, Recruit Holdings Co., Ltd.



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