Consolidated Financial Summary for the Year Ended March 31, 2019 (Japanese Accounting Standards)

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Code No: 7860 Representative: Masato Matsuura, Chairman, CEO Contact: Shinji Hayashi, Representative Director, CFO Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders: scheduled for June 21, 2019 Scheduled date for commencement of dividend payments: June 24, 2019 Securities report: to be filed on June 24, 2019 Supplementary documents for financial results: Yes Financial results briefing: Yes (for institutional investors and securities analysts)

Note: All amounts are rounded down to the nearest million yen.

1. Consolidated operating results for the year ended March 31, 2019 (April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019) (1)

|) Consolidated | sales | and | income |
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| (1) Consolidated sales and income | | | | | Note: Figures in percentages denote the year-on-year change. | | | |
|--|-------------|-------|------------------|------|--|-------|--|-------|
| | Net sale | es | Operating income | | Ordinary income | | Profit (loss) attributable to owners of parent | |
| Year ended | million yen | % | million yen | % | million yen | % | million yen | % |
| March 31, 2019 | 160,126 | (2.0) | 7,089 | 2.2 | 6,529 | (0.8) | 2,354 | (9.5) |
| March 31, 2018 | 163,375 | 1.1 | 6,939 | 21.1 | 6,582 | 46.9 | 2,601 | - |
| (Note) Comprehensive income Year ended March 31, 2019: ¥2,829 million (-18.8%) | | | | | | | | |

| Year ended March 31, 2018: ¥3,486 million (123.8%) | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Net income | Diluted net income | Ratio of net income to | Ratio of | | | | | |

| | Net income per share | Diluted net income per share | Ratio of net income to shareholders' equity | Ratio of ordinary income to total assets | Ratio of operating income to net sales | | | |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Year ended | yen | yen | % | % | % | | | |
| March 31, 2019 | 54.53 | 54.36 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 4.4 | | | |
| March 31, 2018 | 60.41 | 60.11 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 4.2 | | | |
| (Deference) Equity in comings of offlictes Very and March 21, 2010; V(540) million | | | | | | | | |

(Reference) Equity in earnings of affiliates

Year ended March 31, 2019: ¥(540)million Year ended March 31, 2018: ¥(538)million

(2) Consolidated financial position

| | Total assets | Net assets | Shareholders' equity ratio | Net assets per share |
|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| As of | million yen | million yen | % | yen |
| March 31, 2019 | 125,808 | 52,055 | 38.6 | 1,120.78 |
| March 31, 2018 | 132,887 | 52,460 | 36.6 | 1,128.89 |
| (Reference) Shareholders' equity | As of March | 31, 2019: ¥48,524 million | | |

As of March 31, 2018: ¥48,639 million

(3) Consolidated statement of cash flows

| (5) consolidated statement of cash hows | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Cash flow from operating activities | Cash flow from investing activities | Cash flow from financing activities | Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | | | | | | |
| Year ended | million yen | million yen | million yen | million yen | | | | | | |
| March 31, 2019 | 11,003 | (6,381) | (10,014) | 22,832 | | | | | | |
| March 31, 2018 | 13,429 | (12,919) | 3,476 | 28,184 | | | | | | |

2. Status of dividend payments

| | | А | nnual dividend | Total dividend | Payout ratio | Dividend on | | |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| (Record date) | End of first quarter | End of second quarter | End of third quarter | End of year | Annual | payment (annual) | (consolidated) | equity (consolidated) |
| Year ended | yen | yen | yen | yen | yen | million yen | % | % |
| March 31, 2018 | _ | 25.00 | - | 25.00 | 50.00 | 2,160 | 82.8 | 4.5 |
| March 31, 2019 | _ | 25.00 | - | 25.00 | 50.00 | 2,168 | 91.7 | 4.4 |
| Year ending March 31, 2020 (forecast) | _ | 25.00 | _ | 25.00 | 50.00 | | 77.1 | |

3. Forecasts for consolidated sales and income for the year ending March 31, 2020 (April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020)

| | Operating i | | Profit (loss) att owners of | ributable to | Net income per share | |
|----------------|-------------|-----|--------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|--|
| Year ending | million yen | % | million yen | % | Yen | |
| March 31, 2020 | 7,200 | 1.6 | 2,800 | 18.9 | 64.83 | |

* Notes

- (1) Changes in significant subsidiaries during the term (changes in specified subsidiaries in conjunction with changes in the scope of consolidation): Yes
 - New: 1 company (Company name: EntameCoin Inc.) Excluded: companies (Company name)
- (2) Changes in accounting policies and changes in or restatement of accounting estimates

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| 1. Changes in accounting policies in conjunction with revisions to accounting standards: | None |
| 2. Changes in accounting policies other than 1: | None |
| 3. Changes in accounting estimates: | None |
| 4. Restatement: | None |
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| (3) Outstanding shares (ordinary shares) | |

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|---|-------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| a. Shares outstanding at end of term (including treasury stock) | | | | | | | |
| As of March 31, 2019: | 45,141,500 shares | | | | | | |
| As of March 31, 2018: | 45,062,600 shares | | | | | | |
| b. Treasury stock at end of term | | | | | | | |
| As of March 31, 2019: | 1,846,078 shares | | | | | | |
| As of March 31, 2018: | 1,976,286 shares | | | | | | |
| c. Average number of shares during term | | | | | | | |
| Year ended March 31, 2019: | 43,190,569 shares | | | | | | |
| Year ended March 31, 2018: | 43,070,474 shares | | | | | | |
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(Reference) Overview of non-consolidated operating results

1. Non-consolidated operating results for the year ended March 31, 2019 (April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019)

(1) Non-consolidated sales and income

Note: Figures in percentages denote the year-on-year change.

| | Net sales | | Operating income | | Ordinary i | ncome | Net inco | ome |
|----------------|--------------|----------|------------------------------|-------|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| Year ended | million yen | % | million yen | % | million yen | % | million yen | % |
| March 31, 2019 | 14,627 | (6.9) | 3,746 | 145.7 | 3,556 | 571.4 | 3,105 | 258.4 |
| March 31, 2018 | 15,706 | 4.5 | 1,525 | 1.9 | 529 | (63.2) | 866 | (57.7) |
| | Net income p | er share | Diluted net income per share | | | | | |
| Year ended | | yen | | yen | | | | |
| March 31, 2019 | | 71.90 | 71.67 | | | | | |
| March 31, 2018 | | 20.12 | | 20.02 | | | | |

(2) Non-consolidated financial position

| | Total assets | Net assets | Shareholders' equity ratio | Net assets per share |
|---|--------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Year ended | million yen | million yen | % | yen |
| March 31, 2019 | 93,696 | 38,772 | 40.8 | 883.68 |
| March 31, 2018 | 101,157 | 37,669 | 36.5 | 856.28 |
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(Reference) Shareholders' equity

Year ended March 31, 2019: ¥38,259 million

Year ended March 31, 2018: ¥36,894 million

* This summary of financial statements is outside the scope of audit procedures by certified public accountants and audit firm.

* Explanation for forecasts of operations and other notes

The forecasts for operating results and others contained in this release are based on data and information that the Group has obtained so far and specific assumptions that the Group judges to be reasonable. Please note, therefore, that the actual results and others may greatly differ from the forecasts due to various factors.

1. Operating results

(1) Breakdown of operating results

| | | | | (U | nit: million yen) |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Fiscal year ended March 31, 2015 | Fiscal year ended March 31, 2016 | Fiscal year ended March 31, 2017 | Fiscal year ended March 31, 2018 | Fiscal year ended March 31, 2019 |
| Net sales | 169,256 | 154,122 | 161,592 | 163,375 | 160,126 |
| Cost of sales | 118,503 | 107,867 | 116,043 | 114,967 | 113,820 |
| Gross profit | 50,752 | 46,255 | 45,549 | 48,408 | 46,306 |
| Gross profit margin | 30.0% | 30.0% | 28.2% | 29.6% | 28.9% |
| Personnel expenses | 12,816 | 12,253 | 13,694 | 13,232 | 13,200 |
| Sales promotion and advertising expenses | 11,028 | 11,477 | 9,938 | 9,848 | 9,967 |
| General expenses | 18,232 | 15,247 | 16,187 | 18,388 | 16,048 |
| Total SG&A expenses | 42,077 | 38,978 | 39,820 | 41,469 | 39,216 |
| Operating income | 8,675 | 7,277 | 5,728 | 6,939 | 7,089 |
| Operating margin | 5.1% | 4.7% | 3.5% | 4.2% | 4.4% |
| | | | | | |

The Japanese economy recovered moderately during the fiscal year under review, and it continues its modest recovery based on the proactive activity of the circulation from income to expenditure. In addition, despite risks including the uncertainty of the overseas economy, the economy is expected to remain on its modest recovery path in the meantime, while ongoing improvements in the employment and income situation continue.

In the environment surrounding the entertainment industry, to which the Group belongs, the production of music software, including music videos, was up 3.6% year on year, to 240,337 million yen (January to December 2018; according to a survey by the Recording Industry Association of Japan). Sales of paid music downloads were up 12.5% year on year, to 64,466 million yen (January to December 2018; according to a survey by the Recording Industry Association of Japan). Sales of video software fell 4.9% year on year, to 178,560 million yen (January to December 2018; according to a survey by the Recording). The digital video distribution market, on the other hand, increased in scale by 18.9% year on year, to 220,000 million yen (January to December 2018; according to an estimate by the Digital Content Association of Japan), and is expected to continue increasing in the future. The market size of the live entertainment business expanded 3.7% year on year, to 344,823 million yen (January to December 2018; according to a survey by the All Japan Concert & Live Entertainment Promoter's Conference), due to the continued trend of the rising average ticket price.

In this business environment, the Company is making active investments in the creation of hit contents and business development through collaborations with promising partners in Japan and overseas with the aim of achieving medium- to long-term growth. It is also implementing company-wide reforms such as the restructuring of its business structure to respond to the changes in the market environment and the development of an environment for cultivating energetic human resources. Moreover, to achieve these reforms, the Company launched its new management system with the aim of undertaking swifter, more strategic decision-making.

Consequently, the Group's consolidated net sales totaled 160,126 million yen (down 2.0% year on year), operating income came to 7,089 million yen (up 2.2% year on year), and profit attributable to owners of parent stood at 2,354 million yen (down 9.5% year on year).

The results in the major business segments are as follows.

a) Music Business

| | | | (Unit: million yen) |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Fiscal year ended March 31, 2018 | Fiscal year ended March 31, 2019 | Change |
| Net sales | 129,197 | 130,082 | 885 |
| Cost of sales | 90,770 | 92,968 | 2,198 |
| Gross profit | 38,427 | 37,113 | (1,313) |
| Gross profit margin | 29.7% | 28.5% | (1.2%) |
| Total SG&A expenses | 32,104 | 30,364 | (1,739) |
| Operating income | 6,322 | 6,749 | 426 |
| Operating margin | 4.9% | 5.2% | 0.3% |
| Sales to external customers | 128,181 | 129,137 | 956 |

Net sales reached 130,082 million yen (up 0.7% year on year) and operating income came to 6,749 million yen (up 6.7% year on year), which was primarily attributable to due in part to growth in sales of music software products in the Music Business.

b) Anime Business

| | | | (Unit: million yen) |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Fiscal year ended March 31, 2018 | Fiscal year ended March 31, 2019 | Change |
| Net sales | 14,265 | 14,124 | (141) |
| Cost of sales | 9,665 | 10,472 | 807 |
| Gross profit | 4,600 | 3,651 | (949) |
| Gross profit margin | 32.2% | 25.9% | (6.4%) |
| Total SG&A expenses | 3,193 | 3,847 | 654 |
| Operating income (loss) | 1,407 | (195) | (1,603) |
| Operating margin | 9.9% | - | - |
| Sales to external customers | 11,033 | 11,552 | 518 |

Net sales totaled 14,124 million yen (down 1.0% year on year) and operating loss came to 195 million yen (compared to an operating income of 1,407 million yen in the previous fiscal year), as a result of factors such as a decrease in sales of video software products.

c) Digital Business

| | | | (Unit: million yen) |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Fiscal year ended March 31, 2018 | Fiscal year ended March 31, 2019 | Change |
| Net sales | 22,771 | 17,533 | (5,238) |
| Cost of sales | 17,150 | 12,146 | (5,003) |
| Gross profit | 5,621 | 5,386 | (234) |
| Gross profit margin | 24.7% | 30.7% | 6.0% |
| Total SG&A expenses | 3,862 | 3,761 | (101) |
| Operating income | 1,758 | 1,625 | (133) |
| Operating margin | 7.7% | 9.3% | 1.5% |
| Sales to external customers | 22,674 | 17,443 | (5,231) |

Due partly to a decrease in the number of subscribers to digital video distribution services, net sales fell 23.0%, to 17,533 million yen, and operating income reached 1,625 million yen (down 7.6% year on year).

d) Overseas Business

| | | | (Unit: million yen) |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Fiscal year ended March 31, 2018 | Fiscal year ended March 31, 2019 | Change |
| Net sales | 2,050 | 1,810 | (239) |
| Cost of sales | 1,063 | 1,412 | 348 |
| Gross profit | 986 | 397 | (588) |
| Gross profit margin | 48.1% | 22.0% | (26.1%) |
| Total SG&A expenses | 2,432 | 1,908 | (523) |
| Operating income (loss) | (1,445) | (1,510) | (65) |
| Operating margin | - | - | _ |
| Sales to external customers | 1,397 | 1,810 | 412 |

Overseas business resulted in net sales of 1,810 million yen (down 11.7% year on year) and operating loss of 1,510 million yen (compared to an operating loss of 1,445 million yen in the previous fiscal year).

e) Others

| | | | (Unit: million yen) |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Fiscal year ended March 31, 2018 | Fiscal year ended March 31, 2019 | Change |
| Net sales | 573 | 1,262 | 689 |
| Cost of sales | 170 | 598 | 427 |
| Gross profit | 402 | 664 | 261 |
| Gross profit margin | 70.2% | 52.6% | (17.6%) |
| Total SG&A expenses | 246 | 241 | (5) |
| Operating income | 156 | 422 | 266 |
| Operating margin | 27.2% | 33.5% | 6.3% |
| Sales to external customers | 88 | 182 | 94 |

In Others, net sales amounted to 1,262 million yen (up 120.2% year on year), and operating income came to 422 million yen (up 170.8% year on year).

(2) Breakdown of financial position

a) Status of consolidated assets, liabilities, and net assets

At the end of the consolidated fiscal year under review, total assets had decreased by 7,079 million yen compared to the end of the previous consolidated fiscal year, to 125,808 million yen. This was mainly due to an increase of 1,423 million yen in investment securities, which was offset by a decrease of 5,351 million yen in cash and deposits, 2,100 million yen in notes and accounts receivable, and 715 million yen in other current assets.

Liabilities decreased by 6,674 million yen compared to the end of the previous consolidated fiscal year, to 73,753 million yen. This was mainly due to an increase of 3,827 million yen in other current liabilities and 2,203 million yen in advances received, which was offset by a decrease of 4,000 million yen in short-term loans payable, 3,724 million yen in accounts payable-other, and 3,074 million yen in long-term loans payable.

Net assets fell by 404 million yen compared to the end of the previous consolidated fiscal year, to 52,055 million yen. This was mainly due to a decrease of 233 million yen in treasury stock (an increase in net assets), which was offset by a decrease of 332 million yen in retained earnings and 261 million yen in subscription rights to shares.

b) Consolidated cash flows

The balance of cash and cash equivalents (hereinafter "cash") at the end of the consolidated fiscal year under review was 22,832 million yen (28,184 million yen at the end of the previous fiscal year).

Net cash provided by operating activities stood at 11,003 million yen (13,429 million yen a year earlier). This was mainly due to a decrease of 3,976 million yen in accounts payable-other and 3,602 million yen in income and other taxes paid, which was offset by an increase of capital due to 5,390 million yen in income before income taxes, 3,385 million yen in depreciation and amortization, and an increase of 2,203 million yen in advances received and a decrease of 2,162 million yen in notes and accounts receivable-trade.

Net cash used in investing activities was 6,381 million yen (12,919 million yen a year earlier). This was mainly due to a decrease of capital due to an increase of 2,445 million yen in the purchase of investment securities, 1,961 million yen in the purchase of intangible assets and 1,881 million yen in the purchase of property, plant and equipment.

Net cash used in financing activities stood at 10,014 million yen (3,476 million yen a year earlier). This was mainly due to a decrease of capital due to a decrease of 4,000 million yen in short-term loans, 3,168 million yen in the repayment of long-term loans, and 2,166 million yen in cash dividends paid.

| (Reference) Trends in cush now indices | | | | | |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | Year ended March 31, 2015 | Year ended March 31, 2016 | Year ended March 31, 2017 | Year ended March 31, 2018 | Year ended March 31, 2019 |
| Shareholders' equity ratio (%) | 41.9 | 44.2 | 40.6 | 36.6 | 38.6 |
| Shareholders' equity ratio at market value (%) | 71.1 | 56.6 | 58.6 | 48.5 | 50.8 |
| Debt to cash flow ratio (%) | 0.9 | 1.1 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 1.7 |
| Interest coverage ratio | 149.6 | 197.2 | 283.2 | 177.2 | 152.2 |

(Reference) Trends in cash flow indices

Shareholders' equity ratio: Shareholders' equity/Total assets

Shareholders' equity ratio at market base: Market capitalization/Total assets

Debt to cash flow ratio: Interest-bearing liabilities/Operating cash flows

Interest coverage ratio: Operating cash flow/Interest payments

Note: 1. All indices are calculated based on consolidated figures.

- 2. Market capitalization = Closing share price at fiscal year end X Outstanding shares at fiscal year end (after deducting treasury stock)
- 3. Operating cash flow: Cash flow from operating activities in the consolidated cash flow statement
- 4. Interest-bearing liabilities: All interest-bearing liabilities that are booked on the consolidated balance sheet and for which interest has been paid
- 5. Interest payments: Interest payments from the consolidated cash flow statement

(3) Future outlook

The Group expects that consolidated operating income will be 7,200 million yen and profit attributable to owners of parent will be 2,800 million yen in the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020.

(4) Basic profit distribution policy and dividend payout for the period under review and the period following

One of our most important management tasks is to ensure comprehensive, long-lasting profit distribution to our shareholders. In determining the amount of dividends, we thoroughly evaluate factors such as consolidated performance, cash flows, and future funding requirements. The level of performance-linked dividends is a dividend ratio of 35% on a consolidated basis or more. The minimum level of the annual dividend per share is 50 yen.

Based on our basic policy to achieve a dividend ratio of at least 35% on a consolidated basis, the Company plans to pay a year-end dividend of 25 yen per share for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019. Combined with the interim dividend of 25 yen per share, the annual dividend will be 50 yen per share.

We plan to pay an annual dividend of 50 yen per share for the next fiscal year. If the results forecasts are revised, we will review the annual dividend.

(5) Business and other risks

a) Trends in major titles, artists and talents

The Group utilizes the rights that it holds as a content holder in its various businesses. Consequently, the Group's business performance can be affected by whether or not the Group has any hit artists and hit content, and by the popularity of major artists and talents, contract duration, and growth of new artists and talent.

b) Operations in overseas markets

The major markets for our overseas businesses are in Asia where significant growth is expected in the future. In the event that an unexpected incident occurs in any of the overseas markets due to a change in political or economic conditions or legal or regulatory elements, disadvantageous taxes, or social disorder caused by terrorist attack, war, or the like, it is possible that our overseas operations and performance may be affected.

c) Impairment loss

When market values of the assets held by the Group decrease significantly, or business profitability deteriorates, an impairment loss in noncurrent assets may be recorded by applying impairment accounting, which would affect the Group's businesses and financial position.

d) Fundraising

The Group raises some of the funds used to acquire real estate through borrowings from financial institutions. If interest rates change, the Group's performance may be affected.

In addition, part of the borrowings have a financial restriction clause. Infringement on the clause may affect the business performance and financial position of the Group. For example, the borrowing interest rate will be raised, and/or the benefit of time will be forfeited, etc.

e) Business in the digital domain

The Group is actively expanding business in the digital domain, but there is the undeniable possibility of risks arising in the process of execution of this business due to a sudden change in the business environment, such as technical innovation and emergence of competitions, or an unforeseeable problem which materializes afterwards, and this may affect the Group's performance.

f) Dependency on the specific corporate manager

Chairman, CEO Masato Matsuura, one of the founders of Avex, has been playing the important role in formulating and determining Group management strategies and concluding contracts with important business partners and artists. In the event that Mr. Matsuura leaves the Group for any reason, the performance of the Group may be affected.

2. Corporate structure

The Group comprises a total of 26 companies, including Avex Inc., 19 consolidated subsidiaries, and 6 equity-method affiliates. The Music Business, Anime Business, Digital Business, Overseas Business, and other businesses are operated under the Group. The primary operations of each business segment and positioning of primary consolidated subsidiaries and their businesses are as follows.

| Business segment | Primary operations | Primary consolidated subsidiaries |
|-------------------|---|--|
| Music Business | Planning, production and sales of music content, digital distribution, music publishing, management of artists and talent, merchandising, fan club operation, concert and event planning, production and operation | Avex Entertainment Inc. Avex Management Inc. Avex Music Publishing Inc. Avex Travel Creative Inc. Avex AY Factory LLC. Avex Classics International Inc. |
| Anime Business | Planning, production and sales of video content, digital video distribution, and film distribution | Avex Pictures Inc. The Anime Times Company anchor Inc. |
| Digital Business | Planning, production, sales and distribution of digital content | Avex Digital Inc. Avex Broadcasting & Communications Inc. |
| Overseas Business | Planning, production and sales of entertainment content | Avex Asia Pte. Ltd. Avex China Inc. Avex Hong Kong Limited Avex USA Inc. Avex Taiwan Inc. Avex Shanghai Co., Ltd. |
| Other Businesses | Issuance, sales, and management of electronic value information of e-money, etc. and prepaid payment instruments, provision of electronic settlement systems | EntameCoin Inc. |

3. Management policies

(1) Basic management policy

The Group has established the corporate philosophy "Really! Mad + Pure" and aims to become a company that continues to provide surprises and sensation to the world by always striving to find new challenges through ideas that defy convention.

(2) Targeted management index

The Group targets operating income of 20 billion yen as the numerical target for the fiscal year ending March 2024, and it is making efforts to achieve the target.

(3) Medium- and long-term business strategy

The Group will enhance its businesses primarily in the music, anime, video and digital fields with the aim of becoming a future-oriented entertainment company. It will also commit itself to expanding the business and improving corporate value through the reinforcement of group-wide optimization in order to promote synergy between businesses and through positive endeavors to create new hits and businesses.

(4) Pending tasks

The Group intends to focus on the following six areas, which it regards as important management issues, in order to further improve its business performance and create sustainable corporate value based on its tag line (corporate philosophy) "Really! Mad + Pure."

a) Creation of hit content

The Group is aware that our biggest proposition is the creation of hit content as a content owner, while the increasingly diverse consumption behavior of users is anticipated. Through the establishment of an integrated system encompassing every process from discovery and training to the management of artists and talents, the Group will concentrate its management resources on the creation of hits and promote new initiatives for the creation of hit content in line with an increasingly diverse range of users' needs.

b) Creation of IP using new technology

The Group aims to create new intellectual property rights (IP) on a continuous basis in the changing market environment in line with advancing technology. Based on the concept of "Entertainment x Tech x Global," the synergy of entertainment and technology will be maximized to enhance the efforts for the creation of IP using new technology.

c) Evolution of business infrastructure

The Group recognizes the importance of developing its advantageous 360-degree business in entertainment into a more user-friendly one. The Group aims to improve customer satisfaction by working on the evolution of the business infrastructure for the improvement of convenience and the expansion of services including fan clubs, EC sites, sales of tickets and distribution services of music and videos.

d) Promotion of global deployment

The Group is aware of the importance of the pursuit of business opportunities not only in Japan but also overseas in order to win further market opportunities. In addition to artists and talents, and music and video content, the Group will proactively deploy a variety of IPs in the entertainment market in Asia including lives events, and it will invest in promising start-up companies mainly in Europe and the US with the aim of creating IPs that will be supported worldwide.

e) Strengthening human resource development

The Group recognizes that it is essential to strengthen human resource development in order to respond to the changing business environment and expansion of its operations and to achieve further growth. By promoting energetic human resources proactively, regardless of age, sex, and nationality, the Group will foster next-generation management. By promoting workstyle reform, it aims to be a company where each of its employees works with his/her own will and energy.

f) Fostering a corporate culture

The Group feels that it needs to foster a corporate culture that infinitely pursues the founding spirit, aimed at surprising and inspiring people around the world through entertainment. Under the tag line of "Really! Mad +

Pure," the Group will strengthen in-house communications to share the same values between the management and employees. It will understand the compliance policy as the criteria for all actions and judgments in conducting business activities, aiming to improve the provision of value to customers.

4. Basic Approach to the Selection of Accounting Standards

The Group's policy is to prepare its consolidated financial statements in accordance with Japanese accounting standards for the time being, to facilitate comparisons between periods and comparisons between companies.

The Group will address the issue of adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as appropriate, taking into consideration conditions both inside and outside of Japan.

5. Consolidated Financial Statements and Key Notes

(1) Consolidated Balance Sheets

| | | (Unit: million y |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| | As of March 31, 2018 | As of March 31, 2019 |
| (Assets) | | |
| Current assets | | |
| Cash and deposits | 28,184 | 22,832 |
| Notes and accounts receivable-trade | 19,963 | 17,863 |
| Merchandise and finished goods | 1,582 | 1,799 |
| Programs and works in progress | 3,676 | 3,924 |
| Raw materials and supplies | 420 | 390 |
| Advance payments-trade | 1,246 | 1,291 |
| Prepaid expenses | 1,579 | 1,435 |
| Advance royalty payments | 4,120 | 3,586 |
| Other current assets | 5,823 | 5,108 |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | (187) | (185) |
| Total current assets | 66,410 | 58,047 |
| Noncurrent assets | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | | |
| Buildings and structures, net | 15,792 | 16,473 |
| Land | 29,770 | 29,770 |
| Other property, plant and equipment, net | 1,409 | 1,403 |
| Total property, plant and equipment | 46,972 | 47,647 |
| Intangible assets | 5,117 | 4,729 |
| Investments and other assets | | |
| Investment securities | 7,085 | 8,509 |
| Long-term prepaid expenses | 490 | 45 |
| Deferred tax assets | 5,546 | 5,538 |
| Other investments and other assets | 1,564 | 1,322 |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | (299) | (31) |
| Total investments and other assets | 14,387 | 15,384 |
| Total noncurrent assets | 66,477 | 67,761 |
| Total assets | 132,887 | 125,808 |

| | | (Unit: million yes |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| | As of March 31, 2018 | As of March 31, 2019 |
| (Liabilities) | | |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Notes and accounts payable-trade | 1,716 | 1,412 |
| Short-term loans payable | 11,500 | 7,500 |
| Current portion of long-term loans payable | 3,058 | 3,058 |
| Accounts payable-other | 29,590 | 25,866 |
| Accrued royalties | 9,058 | 7,546 |
| Income taxes payable | 1,100 | 986 |
| Advances received | 3,899 | 6,102 |
| Provision for bonuses | 932 | 1,264 |
| Allowance for returned goods | 4,337 | 3,827 |
| Provision for point card certificates | 50 | 55 |
| Other current liabilities | 2,823 | 6,651 |
| Total current liabilities | 68,068 | 64,272 |
| Noncurrent liabilities | | |
| Long-term loans payable | 10,692 | 7,617 |
| Liabilities for retirement benefits | 540 | 568 |
| Other noncurrent liabilities | 1,124 | 1,293 |
| Total noncurrent liabilities | 12,359 | 9,480 |
| Total liabilities | 80,427 | 73,753 |
| Net assets) | | , |
| Shareholders' equity | | |
| Capital stock | 4,275 | 4,333 |
| Capital surplus | 5,045 | 5,051 |
| Retained earnings | 43,220 | 42,888 |
| Treasury stock | (3,798) | (3,565) |
| Total shareholders' equity | 48,742 | 48,708 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | | , |
| Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities | 33 | 120 |
| Deferred gains or losses on hedges | (0) | _ |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | 42 | (67) |
| Total of accumulated retirement benefits | (178) | (237) |
| Total of accumulated other comprehensive income | (102) | (183) |
| Subscription rights to shares | 775 | 513 |
| Non-controlling interests | 3,044 | 3,017 |
| Total net assets | 52,460 | 52,055 |
| Fotal liabilities and net assets | 132,887 | 125,808 |

(2) Consolidated Statements of Income and Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

(Consolidated statements of income)

| | Fiscal year ended March 31, 2018 | Fiscal year ended March 31, 2019 |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Net sales | 163,375 | 160,126 |
| Cost of sales | 114,967 | 113,820 |
| | | |
| Gross profit | 48,408 | 46,306 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 7,570 | 5.0.15 |
| Advertising expenses | 7,573 | 7,347 |
| Promotion expenses | 2,274 | 2,620 |
| Provision of allowance for doubtful accounts | (23) | (0 |
| Employee salaries and bonuses | 8,024 | 7,740 |
| Provision for bonus payments | 933 | 1,264 |
| Retirement benefit cost | 219 | 290 |
| Depreciation | 2,334 | 2,161 |
| Commission fee | 6,311 | 6,314 |
| Other selling, general and administrative expenses | 13,821 | 11,477 |
| Total selling, general and administrative expenses | 41,469 | 39,216 |
| Operating income | 6,939 | 7,089 |
| Non-operating income | | |
| Interest income | 11 | 15 |
| Dividend income | 9 | 13 |
| Exchange gain | _ | 119 |
| Gain on investments in partnership | 339 | - |
| Other non-operating income | 100 | 57 |
| Total non-operating income | 461 | 206 |
| Non-operating expenses | | |
| Interest expenses | 72 | 76 |
| Equity in losses of affiliates | 538 | 540 |
| Loss on investments in partnership | _ | 93 |
| Commission fee | 3 | 15 |
| Foreign exchange losses | 201 | - |
| Other non-operating expenses | 1 | 41 |
| Total non-operating expenses | 818 | 767 |
| Drdinary income | 6,582 | 6,529 |
| Extraordinary income | 0,502 | 0,527 |
| Gain on reversal of subscription rights to shares | 88 | 235 |
| Gain on transfer from business divestitures | 00 | 56 |
| Total extraordinary income | | 292 |

| | | (Unit: million ye |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Fiscal year ended March 31, 2018 | Fiscal year ended March 31, 2019 |
| Extraordinary loss | | |
| Impairment loss | _ | 496 |
| Loss on liquidation of business | _ | 783 |
| Loss on change in equity | _ | 97 |
| Loss on sales of investment securities | _ | 31 |
| Loss on valuation of investment securities | 17 | 10 |
| Loss on retirement of noncurrent assets | 28 | 8 |
| Reversal of foreign currency translation adjustment | 179 | 2 |
| Total extraordinary loss | 225 | 1,430 |
| ncome before income taxes | 6,445 | 5,390 |
| ncome taxes-current | 1,940 | 2,484 |
| income taxes-deferred | 1,218 | (4) |
| Total income and other taxes | 3,158 | 2,479 |
| Net income | 3,287 | 2,910 |
| Profit attributable to non-controlling interests | 685 | 555 |
| Profit attributable to owners of parent | 2,601 | 2,354 |

(Consolidated statements of comprehensive income)

| | | (Unit: million yen) |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Fiscal year ended March 31, 2018 | Fiscal year ended March 31, 2019 |
| Net income (loss) | 3,287 | 2,910 |
| Other comprehensive income | | |
| Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities | (32) | 101 |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | 232 | (60) |
| Adjustment for retirement benefits | (7) | (52) |
| Share of other comprehensive income of associates accounted for using equity method | 6 | (69) |
| Total other comprehensive income | 199 | (80) |
| Comprehensive income | 3,486 | 2,829 |
| (Comprehensive income attributable to) | | |
| Comprehensive income attributable to owners of parent | 2,801 | 2,274 |
| Comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling interests | 685 | 555 |

(3) Consolidated statements of changes in shareholders' equity

Fiscal year ended March 31, 2018

| | | | | | (Unit: million yen) | | | |
|--|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--|--|--|
| | | Shareholders' equity | | | | | | |
| | Capital stock | Capital surplus | Retained earnings | Treasury stock | Total shareholders' equity | | | |
| Balance at beginning of the fiscal year | 4,229 | 4,999 | 42,827 | (3,705) | 48,350 | | | |
| Changes of items during the period | | | | | | | | |
| Issuance of new shares | 45 | 45 | | | 91 | | | |
| Dividends from surplus | | | (2,156) | | (2,156) | | | |
| Profit (loss) attributable to owners of parent | | | 2,601 | | 2,601 | | | |
| Purchase of treasury stock | | | | (289) | (289) | | | |
| Disposal of treasury stock | | (51) | | 196 | 144 | | | |
| Transfer to capital surplus from retained earnings | | 51 | (51) | | _ | | | |
| Change of scope of equity method | | | | | _ | | | |
| Change in ownership interest of parent due to transactions with non-controlling interests | | | | | _ | | | |
| Net changes of items other than shareholders' equity | | | | | | | | |
| Total changes of items during the period | 45 | 45 | 393 | (93) | 391 | | | |
| Balance at end of the fiscal year | 4,275 | 5,045 | 43,220 | (3,798) | 48,742 | | | |

| | | Accumulated | l other compreher | sive income | | | | |
|--|--|--|---|---|---|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| | Valuation difference on available- for-sale securities | Deferred gains or losses on hedges | Foreign currency translation adjustments | Total of accumulated retirement benefits | Total of accumulated other comprehensive income | Subscription rights to shares | Non-controlling interests | Total net assets |
| Balance at beginning of the fiscal year | 48 | (0) | (175) | (174) | (301) | 760 | 3,039 | 51,849 |
| Changes of items during the period | | | | | | | | |
| Issuance of new shares | | | | | | | | 91 |
| Dividends from surplus | | | | | | | | (2,156) |
| Profit (loss) attributable to owners of parent | | | | | | | | 2,601 |
| Purchase of treasury stock | | | | | | | | (289) |
| Disposal of treasury stock | | | | | | | | 144 |
| Transfer to capital surplus from retained earnings | | | | | | | | _ |
| Change of scope of equity method | | | | | | | | _ |
| Change in ownership interest of parent due to transactions with non-controlling interests | | | | | | | | _ |
| Net changes of items other than shareholders' equity | (15) | (0) | 218 | (3) | 199 | 14 | 4 | 218 |
| Total changes of items during the period | (15) | (0) | 218 | (3) | 199 | 14 | 4 | 610 |
| Balance at end of the fiscal year | 33 | (0) | 42 | (178) | (102) | 775 | 3,044 | 52,460 |

Fiscal year ended March 31, 2019

⁽Unit: million yen)

| | Shareholders' equity | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--|
| | Capital stock | Capital surplus | Retained earnings | Treasury stock | Total shareholders' equity | |
| Balance at beginning of the fiscal year | 4,275 | 5,045 | 43,220 | (3,798) | 48,742 | |
| Changes of items during the period | | | | | | |
| Issuance of new shares | 58 | 58 | | | 116 | |
| Dividends from surplus | | | (2,164) | | (2,164) | |
| Profit (loss) attributable to owners of parent | | | 2,354 | | 2,354 | |
| Purchase of treasury stock | | | | (0) | (0) | |
| Disposal of treasury stock | | (37) | | 233 | 196 | |
| Transfer to capital surplus from retained earnings | | 37 | (37) | | _ | |
| Change of scope of equity method | | | (485) | | (485) | |
| Change in ownership interest of parent due to transactions with non-controlling interests | | (52) | | | (52) | |
| Net changes of items other than shareholders' equity | | | | | | |
| Total changes of items during the period | 58 | 6 | (332) | 233 | (34) | |
| Balance at end of the fiscal year | 4,333 | 5,051 | 42,888 | (3,565) | 48,708 | |

| | | Accumulated | l other comprehen | nsive income | | | Non-controlling interests | Total net assets |
|--|--|--|---|---|---|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| | Valuation difference on available- for-sale securities | Deferred gains or losses on hedges | Foreign currency translation adjustments | Total of accumulated retirement benefits | Total of accumulated other comprehensive income | Subscription rights to shares | | |
| Balance at beginning of the fiscal year | 33 | (0) | 42 | (178) | (102) | 775 | 3,044 | 52,460 |
| Changes of items during the period | | | | | | | | |
| Issuance of new shares | | | | | | | | 116 |
| Dividends from surplus | | | | | | | | (2,164) |
| Profit (loss) attributable to owners of parent | | | | | | | | 2,354 |
| Purchase of treasury stock | | | | | | | | (0) |
| Disposal of treasury stock | | | | | | | | 196 |
| Transfer to capital surplus from retained earnings | | | | | | | | _ |
| Change of scope of equity method | | | | | | | | (485) |
| Change in ownership interest of parent due to transactions with non-controlling interests | | | | | | | | (52) |
| Net changes of items other than shareholders' equity | 87 | 0 | (110) | (58) | (80) | (261) | (27) | (370) |
| Total changes of items during the period | 87 | 0 | (110) | (58) | (80) | (261) | (27) | (404) |
| Balance at end of the fiscal year | 120 | - | (67) | (237) | (183) | 513 | 3,017 | 52,055 |

(4) Consolidated statements of cash flows

| | | (Unit: million ye |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Fiscal year ended March 31, 2018 | Fiscal year ended March 31, 2019 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | | |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | 6,445 | 5,390 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 4,109 | 3,385 |
| Impairment loss | - | 496 |
| Loss on liquidation of business | - | 783 |
| Increase (decrease) in provision for bonuses | 207 | 331 |
| Increase (decrease) in allowance for returned goods | 9 | (510) |
| Net increase (decrease) in valuation reserve for inventory purchase commitments | (763) | - |
| Increase (decrease) in provision for loss on business liquidation | (126) | - |
| Increase (decrease) in provision for point card certificates | 4 | 5 |
| Increase (decrease) in net defined benefit liability | (782) | (55) |
| Interest and dividend income | (21) | (29) |
| Interest expenses | 72 | 76 |
| Loss (gain) on investments in partnership | (339) | 93 |
| Equity in (earnings) losses of affiliates | 538 | 540 |
| Gain on reversal of subscription rights to shares | (88) | (235) |
| Loss (gain) on valuation of investment securities | 17 | 10 |
| Share-based compensation expenses | 269 | 193 |
| Decrease (increase) in notes and accounts receivable-trade | 239 | 2,162 |
| Decrease (increase) in inventories | (187) | (431) |
| Decrease (increase) in advance payments | (80) | (64) |
| Decrease (increase) in advance royalty payments | (319) | 622 |
| Increase (decrease) in notes and accounts payable-trade | (489) | (367) |
| Increase (decrease) in accounts payable-other | 9,644 | (3,976) |
| Increase (decrease) in accrued royalties | 922 | (1,508) |
| Increase (decrease) in advances received | 1,165 | 2,203 |
| Other | (2,202) | 3,819 |
| Subtotal | 18,246 | 12,939 |
| Interest and dividends income received | 73 | 63 |
| Interest expenses paid | (75) | (72) |
| Income taxes refund | 62 | 1,676 |
| Income taxes paid | (4,877) | (3,602) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | 13,429 | 11.003 |

| | Fiscal year ended | (Unit: million ye Fiscal year ended |
|--|-------------------|--|
| | March 31, 2018 | March 31, 2019 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities | | |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | (9,376) | (1,881) |
| Purchase of intangible assets | (2,534) | (1,961) |
| Income from business divestiture | _ | 624 |
| Purchase of investment securities | (519) | (2,445) |
| Proceeds from sales of investment securities | _ | 305 |
| Payments of loans receivable | (900) | (700) |
| Payments for lease and guarantee deposits | (77) | (46) |
| Proceeds from collection of lease and guarantee deposit | 1,163 | 117 |
| Purchase of shares of subsidiaries resulting in change in scope of consolidation | (443) | (422) |
| Other-net | (231) | 27 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities | (12,919) | (6,381) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | | |
| Net increase (decrease) in short-term loans payable | 1,000 | (4,000) |
| Proceeds from long-term loans payable | 7,290 | _ |
| Repayment of long-term loans payable | (1,604) | (3,168) |
| Repayment of lease obligations | (92) | (50) |
| Proceeds from share issuance to non-controlling shareholders | _ | 50 |
| Purchase of treasury stock | (290) | (0) |
| Proceeds from disposal of treasury stock | 48 | 81 |
| Payments from changes in ownership interests in subsidiaries that do not result in change in scope of consolidation | _ | (60) |
| Cash dividends paid | (2,158) | (2,166) |
| Dividends paid to non-controlling interests | (715) | (700) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | 3,476 | (10,014) |
| Effect of exchange rate change on cash and cash equivalents | (101) | 41 |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 3,885 | (5,351) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 24,298 | 28,184 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | 28,184 | 22,832 |