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Needs Well Inc.

Financial Results for the First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2022 (October 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021)

February 10, 2022





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1.1) Financial highlights 1





Double-digit sales growth owing to effects of business alliances with various companies

Expanded sales channels and received new orders for regional banks, credit cards, and payment services



Ordinary profit and net profit strongly increased by about 40% year on year

Net sales

1,562 million JPY

YoY + 15.9 %

Ordinary profit

181 million JPY

YoY +39.1% 11.6%

Ordinary profit margin

Net profit

125 million IPY

YoY +40.1 %

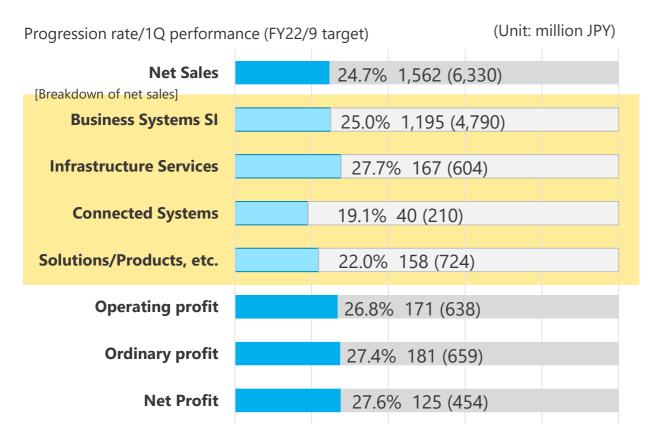
Net profit ratio

1.2) Performance progression rate



Business Systems SI successfully developed new businesses for the financial sector

With the Revised Preservation of Electronic Records Act, DX, and telework as keywords, sales of Solutions/Products, etc., continued to expand



Business Systems SI

In addition to expansion in insurance and telecommunications, new orders were acquired for credit cards, payment services, and regional banks that became new clients.

Infrastructure Services

Sales were strong due to coordination between Business System SI and Solutions/Products, etc., for total orders.

Connected Systems

Affected by the spread of COVID-19, orders for the manufacturing industry decreased.

Solutions/Products, etc.

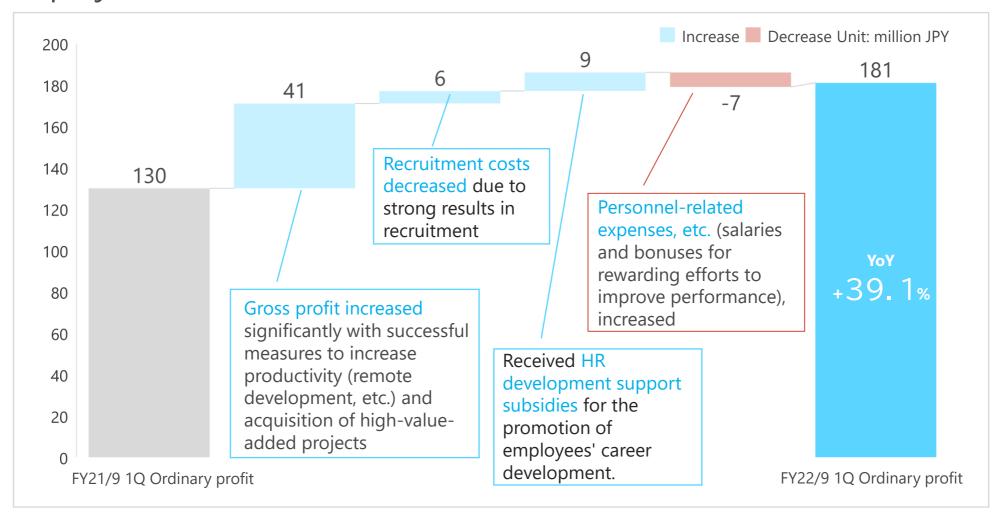
Unique solutions for expense management cloud, Speed EA, Invoice PA, and RPA remained strong. Focused on IT re-engineering for supporting corporate DX and Work AI, an industry-specific AI solution.

Performance achievement rates are calculated based on figures after the upward revision of results. [Reference] Dec. 10, 2021, "Notice on Upward Revision of Results Forecast"

1.3) Ordinary profit analysis



Ordinary profit increased 39.1% year on year due to improved productivity and acquisition of high-value-added projects



1.4) Profit & loss statement



Ordinary profit ratio was 11.6% (Up 1.9 pts YoY)

	FY2021/9 1Q Financial Results		FY2022/9 1Q Financial Results		
Unit: million JPY	Result	Net Sales	Result	Net Sales	Year-on-year
Net sales	1,348	-	1,562	-	115.9%
Business Systems SI	1,051	77.9%	1,195	76.5%	113.8%
Infrastructure Services	143	10.7%	167	10.7%	116.5%
Connected Systems	51	3.8%	40	2.6%	78.4%
Solutions/Products, etc.	102	7.6%	158	10.2%	155.5%
Gross profit	331	24.6%	373	23.9%	112.6%
SG&A expenses	195	14.5%	202	13.0%	103.5%
Operating profit	136	10.1%	171	10.9%	125.6%
Non-operating profit	0	0.0%	10	0.7%	1547.1%
Non-operating expenses	6	0.5%	0	0.0%	2.8%
Ordinary profit	130	9.7%	181	11.6%	139.1%
Net profit	89	6.6%	125	8.0%	140.1%

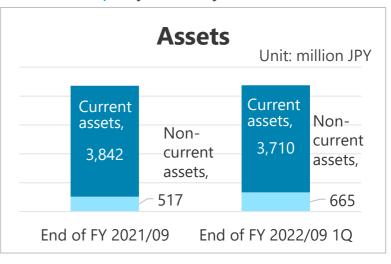
1.5) Balance sheet

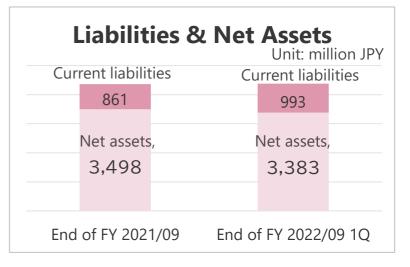


	*Selection of significant entries only	FY2021/9 1Q	FY202	2/9 1Q
Unit	: million JPY	Result	Result	Year-on-year
	Cash and deposits Accounts receivable Accounts receivable - trade and contract assets Prepaid expenses	2,868 938 0 25	2,669 0 1,001 39	-199 -938 1,001 13
	Other	9	0	-8
	Total current assets	3,842	3,710	-131
Assets	Buildings, net Software	31 82	31 74	0 -7
S	Investment securities Shares of subsidiaries and associates Defferred tax assets	114 0 118	202 45 122	87 45
	Leasehold and guarantee deposits Insurance funds	83 76	83 76	3 0 0
	Other	9	29	20
	Total non-current assets	517	665	147
Tota	al assets	4,360	4,376	16
<u></u>	Accounts payable - trade Accounts payable - others Accrued corporate tax, etc.	143 149 124	346 194 63	203 44 -60
Liabilities	Accrued consumption taxes Deposits received	91 41	101 124	9 83
ies	Provision for bonuses Other	302 8	158	-144 -3
	Total current liabilities Total non-current liabilities	861 0	993 0	131
Tota	al liabilities	861	993	131
Equity	Share capital Legal capital surplus	907 763	908 764	0
ţ	Retained earnings brought forward Treasury shares	1,807	1,699 0	-108 0
Tak	Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	20	11	-8 115
	al net assets al liabilities and net assets	3,498 4,360	3,383 4,376	-115 16

Equity ratio at 77.3%

Remained at a high level despite being down 2.9 pts year on year







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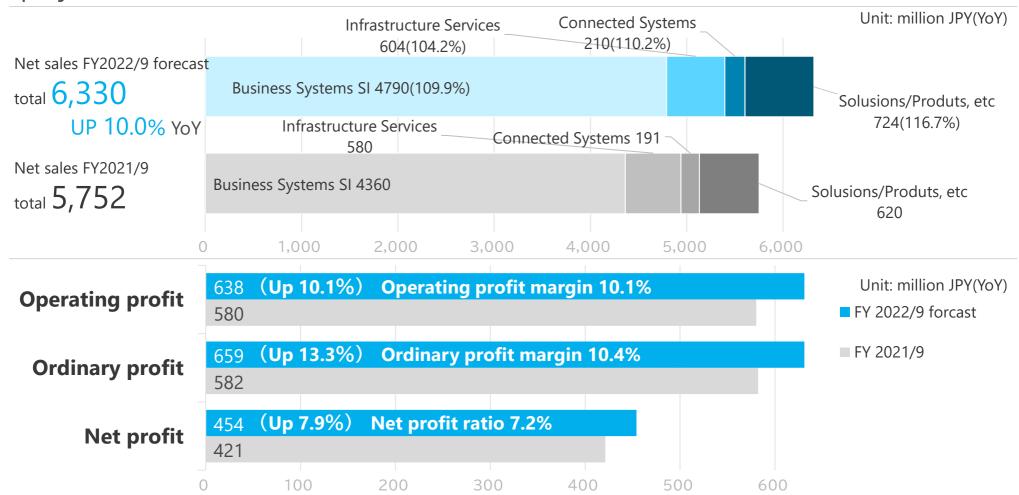
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2.1) Results forecast



Forecast of increase in revenue for 2 consecutive fiscal years & increase in profit for 11 consecutive fiscal years with increased productivity from rapidly developing the competency of new graduate employees and the acquisition of high-value-added projects



Performance achievement rates are calculated based on figures after the upward revision of results. Needs Well plans to re-examine the results forecast for FY2022/9 at the end of FY2022/9 2Q. In the event of any changes to the results forecast, the Company will announce them promptly.

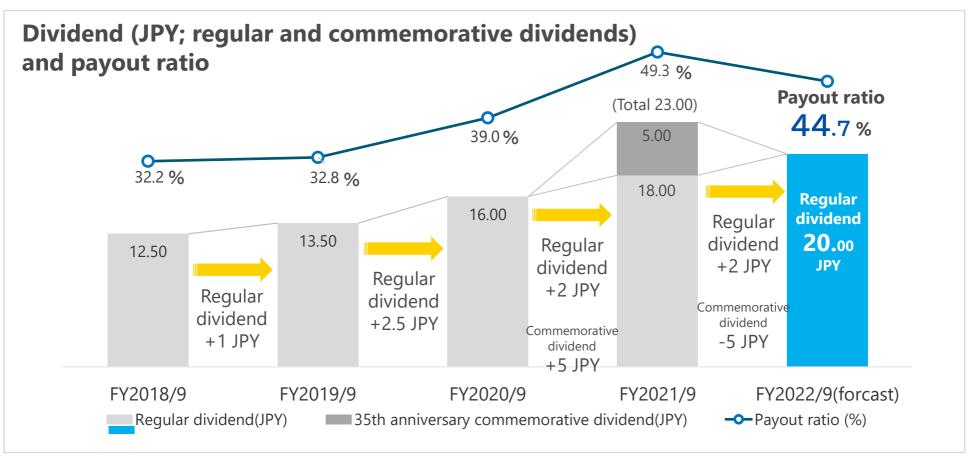
2.2) Dividends and shareholder returns



FY22/9 forecast Dividend per share: 20.00 JPY/share

2 JPY increase in regular dividend

Dividend increase for 4 consecutive fiscal years



^{*} The Company plans to pay a commemorative dividend of 5.00 JPY in addition to a regular dividend of 18.00 JPY in commemoration of the Company's 35th anniversary for the fiscal year 2021/9.

^{*} Needs Well conducted stock splits on April 1, 2018 at a ratio of 2 shares per share, and on January 1, 2019 at a ratio of 2 shares per share. Past annual dividends per share have been retrospectively adjusted based on these stock splits.



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3.1) Management philosophy



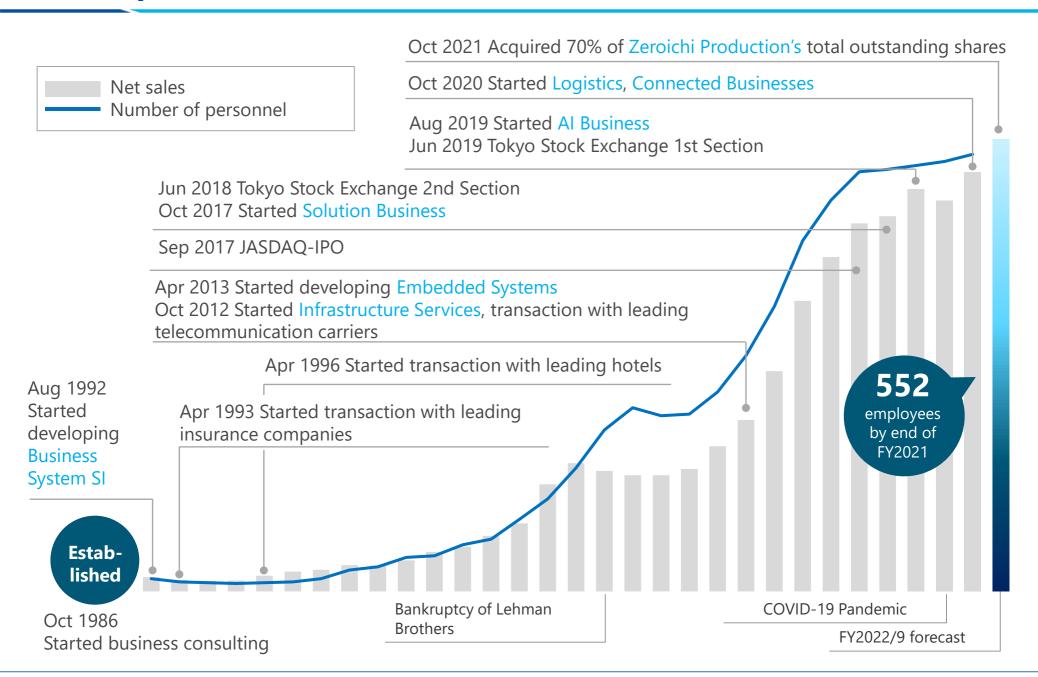
Management philosophy

Contributing Broadly to the Economy and Society



3.2) Growth track





3.3) Medium-Term Basic Policy



Breaking away from the dispatch business, becoming a true system integrator

3.4) Our three strengths



Capacity for financial system development

Financial sector accounts for 50% of net sales in main service line, Business Systems SI.

Particularly advanced in life insurance and accident insurance sectors.

Strong performance record in developing systems for banks, credit cards, and securities.

Proficiency in direct sales to end users

High level of direct transactions with end users such as life insurance companies, leading hotels, telecommunications carriers, etc., composing over 50% of sales.

Proficiency in

financial system development

Capacity for

Our three strengths

direct sales to

end users

Ability to provide solutions

Ability to provide solutions

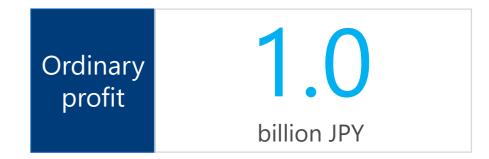
Provides solution services optimized for each customer's business objectives through 5G, Al, RPA, remote work, etc.

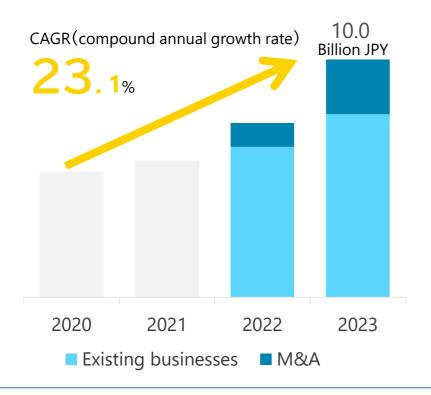
3.5) 1 Performance targets

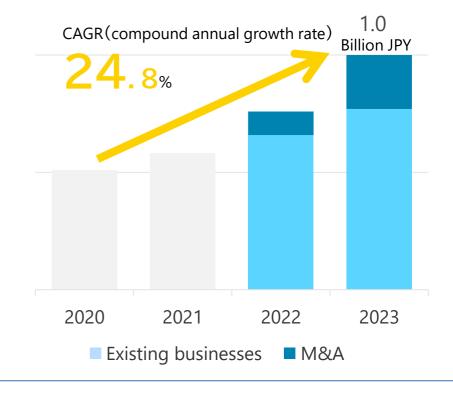


FY2023/9









3.5) 2 Promotion policies: Sales growth



Market scale (our forecast)

Logistics IoT software solutions market (WMS, etc.)

2023

103.0 bil. JPY



80.0 bil. JPY

Smart cities market

2023 **1,200.0** bil. JPY



680.0 bil. JPY

Al's major markets*

2023

64.0 bil. JPY



32.0 bil. JPY 2020

Logistics Business

Logistics industry is facing a serious labor shortage as the selection of diversifying needs continues to increase. There is urgent demand for immediate investment in streamlining, improving quality, and reducing environmental burden through the use of Al, IoT, etc.

Connected Business

Proceed to engage in connected technologies to enrich lives, such as smart cities which utilize IoT and AI to make the entire neighborhood more efficient and convenient, etc.

Solutions Business

Demand for investment is high due to structural reform for DX.

Introduce unique and differentiated products with integration functions that utilize AI and RPA.

M&A

Expand the scale of existing technologies and strengthen/introduce new technologies. Focus on logistics, connected functionality, AI, IoT, web, etc.

Al's major markets: Image recognition, speech recognition, speech synthesis, language analysis, search and retrieval, translation

Unit: billion JPY

+1.2

+0.3

+0.9

+2.3

Existing businesses billion JPY

FY2023/9

Sales growth

+4.7

billion JPY

[Breakdown]

 Existing businesses

2.4 bil. JPY

• M&A

M&A

2.3 bil. JPY

5.3 billion JPY

FY2020/9

3.6) Growth strategy



- 1 Promote improvement of corporate value
 - Expand Logistics Businesses

Focus points

- 3 Expand Al Business
- 4 Expand nearshore development
- 5 Establish business foundation
- 6 Expand Solutions Business
- 7 Increase direct sales to end users





Promote our management philosophy of "Contributing Broadly to the Economy and Society" through improvement of the NeedsWell Value

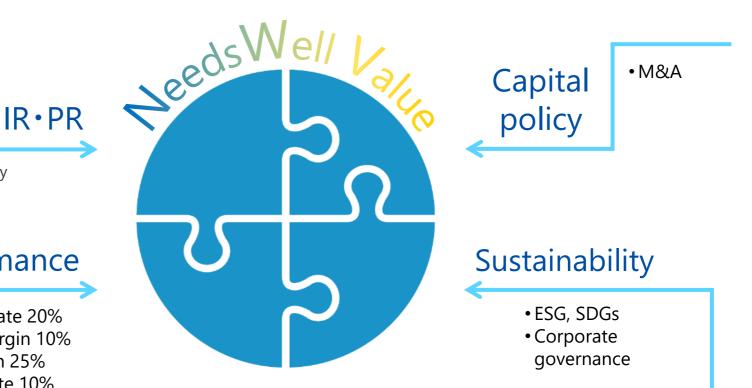


- Individual investors
- Media
- Promotes CI, VI

CI: Corporate Identity VI: Visual Identity

Performance

- Net sales growth rate 20%
- Ordinary profit margin 10%
- Gross profit margin 25%
- SG&A expenses rate 10%
- Net sales 10.0 billion JPY (FY2023/9)
- Liquidity market capitalization 10.0 billion JPY (FY2022/9)
- EPS 60 JPY, PER 30
- M&A





3.6) 1 Promote improvement of corporate value ii

Needs Well has chosen to be included in the Prime Market for the Tokyo Stock Exchange market restructuring in April 2022

Needs Well aims to satisfy all listing criteria by the end of September 2023 by improving corporate value based on our "Plan for Compliance with Listing Criteria."

Increase market capitalization by improving corporate value **Listing criteria** Status of (Prime Market) compliance i. Improve management index values through expanding performance Market capitalization of tradable X **Quantitative** shares approach ii. Improve ratio of tradable shares by capital policy Number of shareholders Number of tradable shares iii. Increase understanding and recognition by strengthening IR/PR **Qualitative** Ratio of tradable shares approach iv. Enhancing social value through sustainable management Average daily trading value



3.6) 1 Promote improvement of corporate value iii

Resolved to acquire treasury shares

(Board of Directors meeting held on February 10, 2022)

Needs Well believes that its current stock price is undervalued considering its profit levels and will purchase treasury shares for the following purposes:

- Improvement of stock price and EPS
- Execution of flexible capital policies in response to changes in the business environment

Total number of shares issued (excluding treasury shares): 10,167,768 shares

	1	Class of shares to be purchased	Common stock
2	Total number of shares to be purchased	340,000 shares	
		Ratio to total number of shares issued (excluding treasury stock) 3.3%	
	3	Total amount to be delivered in exchange for the purchase	Up to 200,000,000 Yen
	4	Purchase period	From February 14, 2022 to August 12, 2022
	5	Purchase method	Market purchase on the Tokyo Stock Exchange
Reference: Status of treasury share holdings as of January 31, 2022			

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Number of treasury shares: 232 shares

3.6) 1 Promote improvement of corporate value iv



Proactively pursue M&A, capital and business alliances, and the development of collaborative relationships

Expanding sales channels, orders, products, and engineers for further growth

Capital and business alliance

ITFOR Inc.

Utilize engineers from both companies to secure personnel for development projects. Develop new customers.

Collaboration

Logi Revo Co., Ltd. Office FA.com Co., Ltd.

Propose new logistics business offering comprehensive services ranging from WMS installation to automated warehouses and operation / maintenance.

Capital and business alliance

Canon IT Solutions Inc.

Expand development projects, support orders, and train engineers using a low-code development tool WebPerformer.

Share acquisition

Zeroichi Production Co., Ltd.

Acquired 70% of Zeroichi Production's outstanding shares to expand the trading base in contract development for the construction sector and the MVNO business.



2020.

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Core partner

Meiji Yasuda Life Insurance Company Meiji Yasuda System Technology Limited

Build strong partnerships over the future and maintain development engineers for a long-term.

Capital and business alliance

2021

Souken-sys Inc.

Receive the supply of development personnel and strengthen orders for development projects in the areas that Souken-sys specializes in.

Business alliance

CONEXIO Corporation

Develop two-stop business through collaboration with different industries. Aim to expand the customer base.

Business alliance

Ascentech K.K.

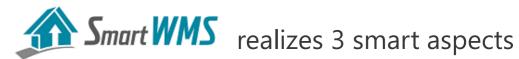
Provide solutions for building telework environments quickly and at low cost through mutual cooperation.

3.6) 2 Expand Logistics Businesses



With the growing needs of an Internet-based society, IT resolves issues in logistics warehouses facing labor shortages

Warehouse Management System



Manpower-saving, paperless system

- Improvement of operations at worksites with the use of handy terminals
- Elimination of paper from a series of tasks in warehouses
- Work with robots

Visualization of issues

- Productivity improvement with advanced analytical functions
- Optimization of staffing in warehouses
- Improve the loading rate of delivery vehicles



Easy-to-operate system

- Uniform operability to prevent input errors
- Search items can be freely set by each person in charge

Quickly accommodate requests ranging from WMS installation to automated warehouses and operation / maintenance in collaboration with Logi Revo Co., Ltd. and Office FA.com Co., Ltd.



3.6) 3 Expand Al Business



Expand AI Business by expanding the Work AI lineup

* Work AI is a general term for industry-specific AI solutions developed to support corporate DX by utilizing know-how in integration for AI, RPA, etc.



	Al Remote Education			
Speak Analyzer powered by UpSignter	Quantitative visualization of business talks with numerical values and graphs. Al comparison of information with top performing models to provide feedback on points needing improvement.			
Demonstration test	Al automation of rough estimation of parts and materials			
in progress	Aiming at the automation and accuracy improvement of rough estimation of parts and materials in the construction industry.			



3.6) 4 Expand nearshore development



Nagasaki Development Center aims to maintain 100 employees in FY2024/9

Utilize nearshore bases to acquire highly competent personnel and provide solutions for labor shortages

Nearshore utilization

- Expand nearshore development system by accepting orders for out-of-office projects
- Promote transition from dispatch and residential styles while standardizing nearshore development

Personnel acquisition

 Recruiting and training highly competent engineers who seek local employment

Recruiting from local universities

Recruiting U-turn and I-turn personnel



3.6) 5 Establish business foundation



Establishing a business foundation for stable development into the future as a listed company

Business Systems SI

- Expand into the financial sector by accumulating business knowledge and training highly-skilled engineers
- New development into the logistics sector

Infrastructure Services

 Coordinate with Business Systems SI for total orders

Connected Systems

 Strengthen connected technology in addition to specialization in automobiles and medical equipment >>> Service line composition

Service lines that establish the business foundation

Business Systems

Infrastructure Services

Connected Systems

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Service line that accelerates business expansion and increases added value

Solutions/Products, etc.

3.6) 6 Expand Solutions Business



Expanding the Solutions Business to accelerate business expansion and increase added value

Net sales composition ratio target 15.0% in FY2023/9 (FY2021/9 results: 10.8%)

Expansion strategy

Provide DX centered on



solutions from Needs Well

Coordinating peripheral systems based on ERP

- Improve productivity by introducing electronic contracts and approvals
- Paperless accounting department in preparation for the Revised Preservation of Electronic Records Act
- Improve productivity by making general affairs and year-end tax adjustment work paperless
- Build a secure telework environment
- Improve business efficiency by centralizing user authentication for multiple systems







Plan to provide collaboration solutions combining RPA tools and business chat tools (2022)

Receive user inquiries through AI chat bots and deploy RPA to handle processes and actions requested by users

3.6) 7 Increase direct sales to end users



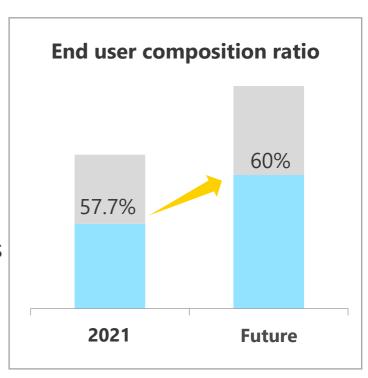
Stabilize orders and improve profitability, maintain and expand end user direct sales ratio to over 50%

Maintain and expand existing users

- Secure repeat customers
- Train highly skilled engineers and expand the scope of expertise sectors
- Cultivate new sectors of expertise

Cultivate new users

- Horizontal expansion by introducing Needs Well's development results and business know-how to new companies that are similar to existing users
- Develop with various solution products



Develop new users by expanding solutions business

Focus on Solution Business with a high ratio of sales to end users

3.6) 1 Initiatives directly linked to business



Aim for sustainable management through business strategies that incorporate the perspectives of SDGs, ESG, and CSR

Nearshore Development Promotion: Nagasaki Development Center to maintain 100 employees by 2024

Promote development by committing to QCD (quality, cost, and delivery) through remote development system that utilizes nearshore bases.



Aim to maintain 100 employees at the Nagasaki Development Center by 2024 and contribute to prosperous urban development through the development of an industrial foundation, technological innovation, and creating employment opportunities by utilizing highly competent local human resources.



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATIO AND INFRASTRUCTUR

Development of new solutions to assist DX

Assist client companies in realizing and promoting DX to overcome the "2025 Digital Cliff" by building platforms using AI technology, providing systems, analyzing data, saving labor through RPA integration, etc. Contribute to building the industrial foundation of a digital society.

Collaboration with partner companies

Promote partnerships with contractors and suppliers and aim to establish a structure for continuing to develop together over a long period of time.



3.6) 2 Initiatives supported by systems and activities



Work style reform & personnel development

- Promote a healthy work-life balance by incentive dates for paid leave, Premium Friday (leaving work early on the last Friday of the month), reducing overtime work, etc.
- Expand selection of employees eligible for remote work
- System for encouraging skill improvement and motivation

Increase ratio of female employees and managers

Target female manager ratio: 30%, target female employee ratio: 30%









Al education for students

Arrange AI programming experiences and 5 day/3 week internships for students Conduct programming classes on apps for submitting electronic applications and creating interactive AI chatbots, WinActor (RPA) to improve efficiency of school operations, taste data analysis, etc. (2020 and 2021)



Donate to assistance programs for repaying student loans

Contribute to projects by Nagasaki Prefecture for assisting young adults in the repayment of their student loans

Develop leaders who will establish themselves and play central roles in the local community



Support for V-Varen Nagasaki of the Soccer J League

Concluded a sponsorship agreement to support the promotion of sports culture and revitalization of the local community

Please view the following link for other initiatives and more information: https://www.needswell.com/ir/sdgs





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4.1) Company profile



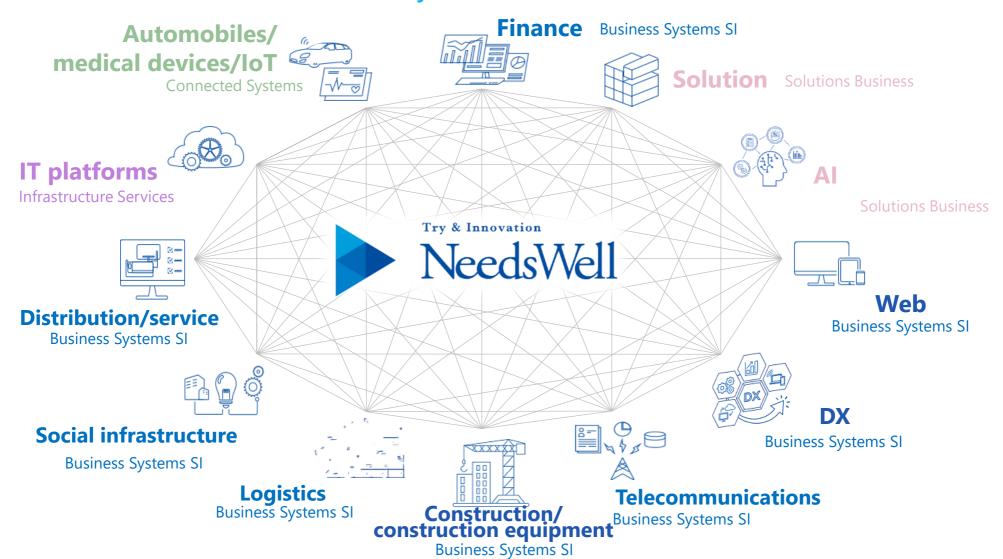
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			As of September, 2021	
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Contact	TEL: +81-3-6265-6763 FAX: +81-3-6265-6764 URL: https://www.needswell.com			
Representative	President and CEO Kozo Funatsu			
Established	October 1, 1986	Stock Listing	Tokyo Stock Exchange, 1st Section (3992)	
Paid-in Capital	907 million JPY	Net sales	5,752 million JPY	
Number of Employees	552			
Qualification	Worker dispatch business ISO27001 (ISMS) Certified Privacy mark ISO9001 (QMS) Certified			
Board of Directors As of February,2022	President and CEO Executive Director	nohara uoka ra awa E I ue E I	Audit & Supervisory Board Member Kazuhiko Kato Audit & Supervisory Board Member Kotaro Niwa Audit & Supervisory Board Member Shigeru Sato E : External officer I : Independent officer	

4.2) Business fields

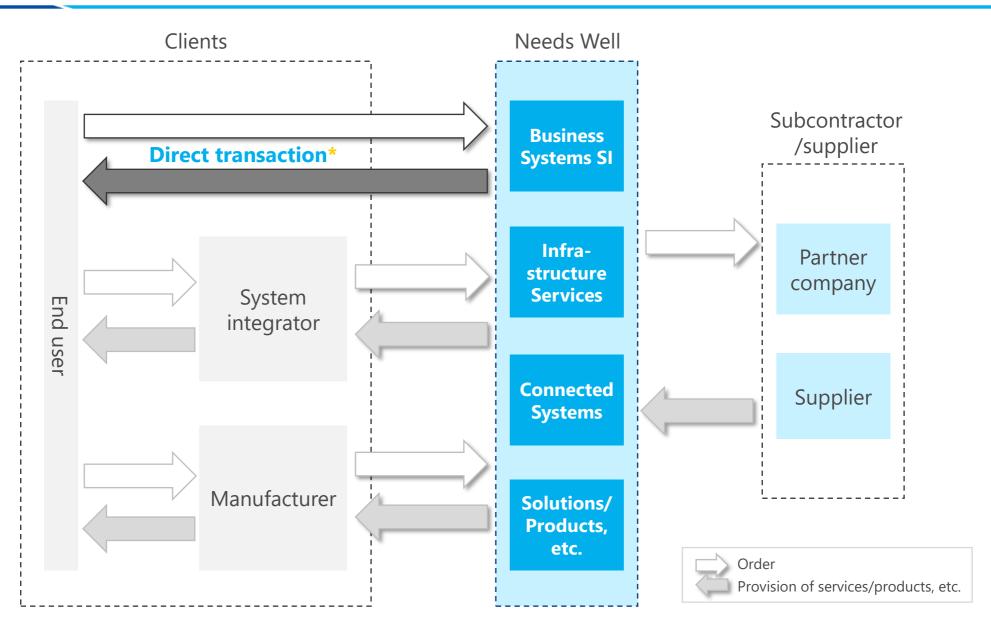


Needs Well provides total IT services through four services focused on Business Systems SI for finance.



4.3) Business system diagram

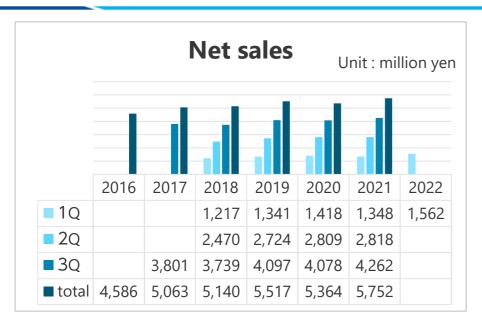




^{*} High level of direct transactions with end users (approx. 57.7% of all sales)

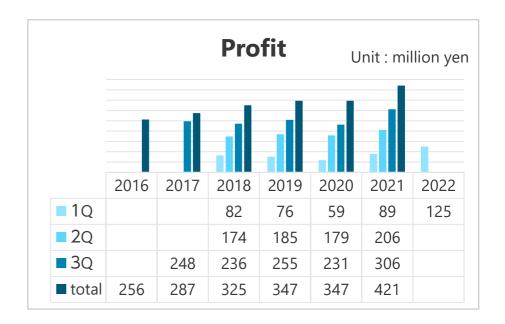
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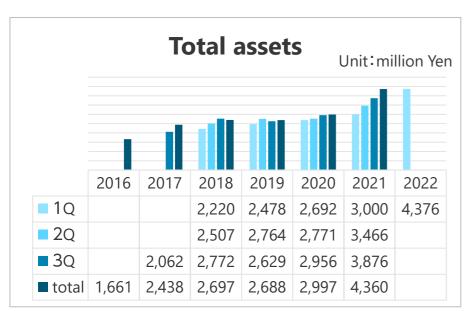


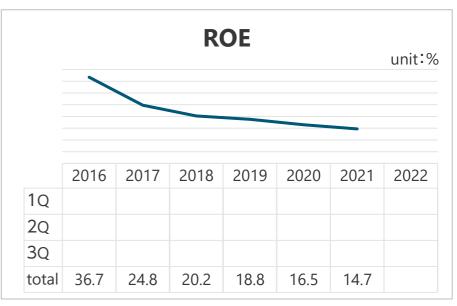
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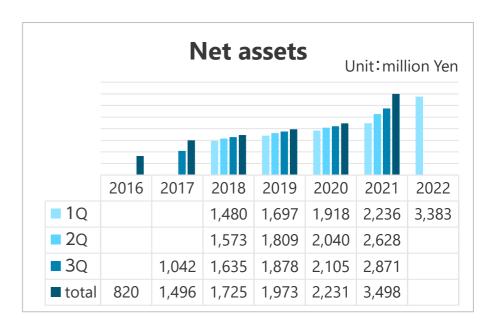


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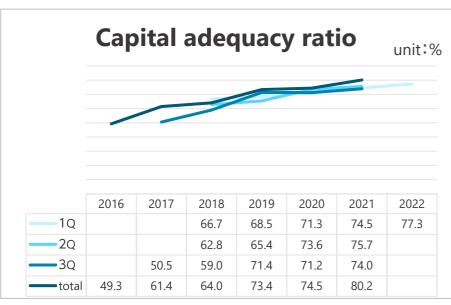


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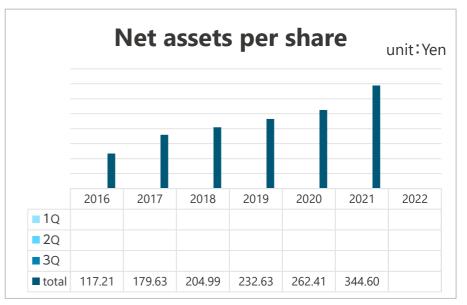


4.4) Business results 3





^{* 2}Q is total of 1Q and 2Q



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^{* 3}Q is total of 1Q to 3Q





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