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Isamu Nohara President & CEO

Presentation

Nohara: Hello, everyone. I am Isamu Nohara, President & CEO of Watahan & Co., Ltd. I will now explain our financial results for the fiscal year ended March 2023.

Thank you for your attention.

本日のご説明内容



Today's presentation will begin with the financial results for the previous fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, followed by the forecast for the current fiscal year ending March 31, 2024, and finally, the new medium-term management plan.

経営方針



地域に寄り添い 地域と共に新しい価値を創造する



I will now provide an overview of our financial results for the fiscal year ended March 2023.

In this fiscal year, we have also operated under the management policy: being close to the community and creating new value together with the community.

2023年3月期 実績



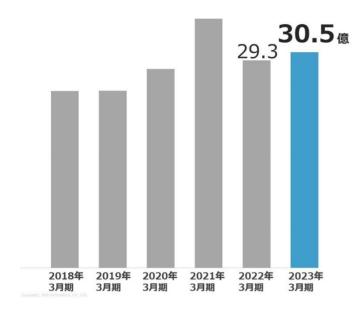
As a result, sales for the previous financial year ended March 31, 2023, were JPY134.2 billion, an increase of 17.3% compared to the previous year.

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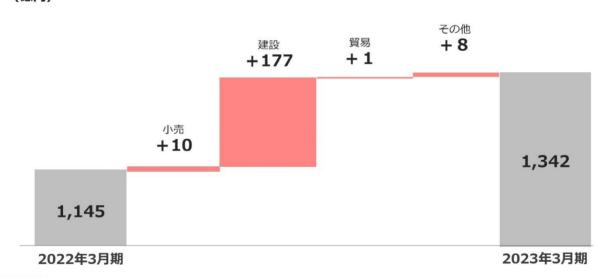
経常利益

4.1%增

Operating income increased by 4.1% to JPY3.05 billion.

セグメント別 売上(前年同期比)

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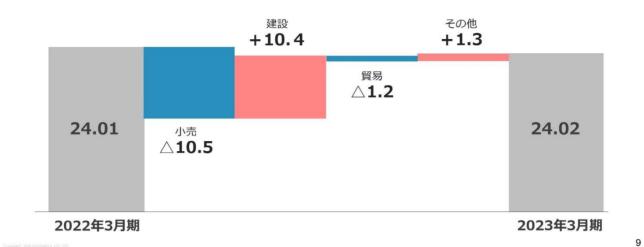


As for sales by segment, retail, trading, and other businesses were at the same level as in the same period of the previous year, while the construction business was up JPY17.7 billion, a significant growth.

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セグメント別 営業利益(前年同期比)

(億円)



In terms of profit, the retail business posted a decrease of JPY1.05 billion due to heavy investment, while the construction business posted an increase of JPY1.04 billion. In addition, the trading business was a negative JPY120 million, while other business ended the year with a positive JPY130 million, which was the same level as in the previous year.



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- 3 オリジナル商品の開発推進

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新規出店・店舗改装・新業態の開発を継続して推進



2月~ 客層に合わせた改装を実施 より利便性の高い店舗へ

Next are the details of performance by segment.

Firstly, in the retail business, our policy for the full year is to continue to promote new store openings, store renovations, and the development of new business models, as well as to expand our distribution network and pursue the development of our original products. Last year, we opened Watahan Super Center Ueda Store in August and Watahan Super Center Gondo Store in September.

新規出店・店舗改装・新業態の開発を継続して推進



6店舗の大規模改装を実施

In the six months since its opening, these stores have already undergone remodeling in February to meet customers' needs, making them even more convenient.

新規出店・店舗改装・新業態の開発を継続して推進



導入10店舗に拡大

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In addition, major remodeling of six stores has been carried out, and pharmaceutical sales areas have been introduced successively in existing stores, with those introduced already expanded to 10 stores.

仕入拠点の拡大



新たに京都 舞鶴漁港を開拓

In the area of fresh fish, which we have been focusing on, we have further expanded our procurement bases at the newly developed Maizuru Fishing Port in Kyoto.

オリジナル商品の開発推進



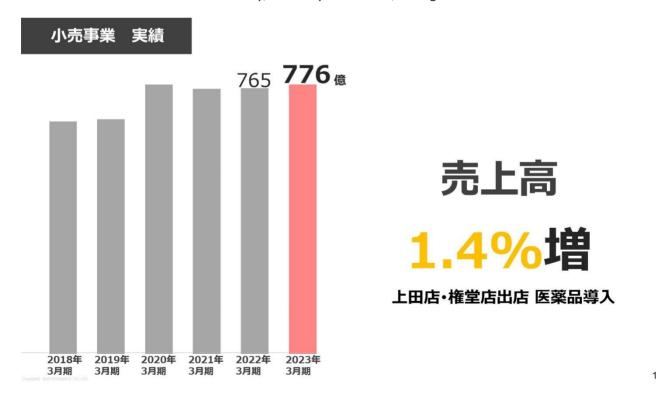
In promoting the development of our original products, the ratio of private-label products, which was around 5% two years ago, has already risen to over 11% last month.

2023年3月期月次推移



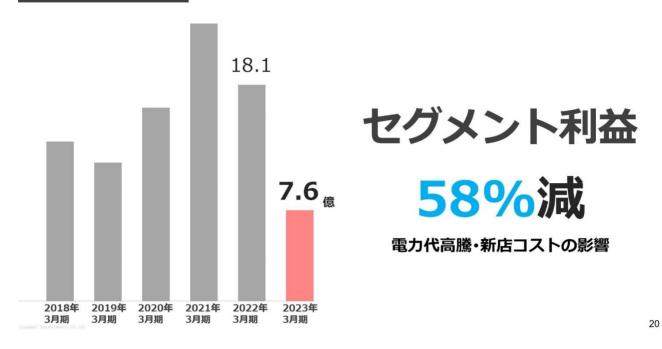
This is the monthly trend for the previous fiscal year.

Excluding the impact of a reactionary drop in demand in May from the stay-at-home measure and seasonal factors such as warm weather in January, February and March, the figure remained stable at above 100%.



As a result, sales in the retail business amounted to JPY77.6 billion, up 1.4% from the previous year. This situation represents the effect of two store openings, Ueda and Gondo stores, and the introduction of pharmaceutical sales areas in existing stores.

小売事業 実績



However, segment income, on the contrary, was JPY760 million, down 58% YoY, due to electricity cost hikes and the initial costs of opening these two new stores.

建設事業



通期の施策

- 1 木材の加工・流通網の構築
- 2 木を使った商品開発の推進
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Let me move onto the construction business.

In the construction business, we ended our last fiscal year with the following policies: the construction of a wood processing and distribution network, the promotion of product development made from wood, and the further acceleration of factory automation in the steel frame field.

木材の加工・流通網の構築



Our policy is to process and distribute locally produced lumber and this is an ongoing process.

木を使った商品開発の推進



募集開始から3ヶ月で加盟店数100社突破

In terms of product development made from wood, the Group's Science Home Co., Ltd. and Yume House Co., Ltd. have collaborated to launch a new brand, cotton1/2, as a housing brand finished in the shinkabe style and using natural solid wood.

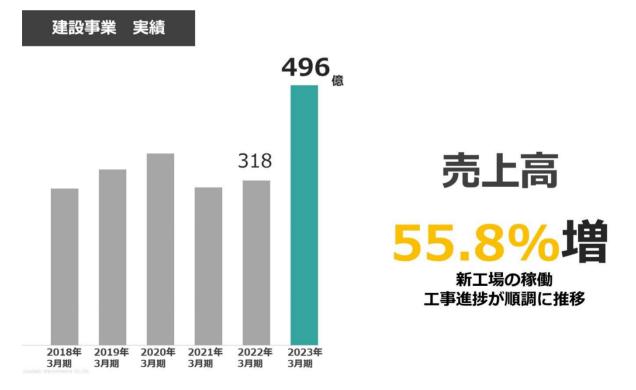
This new brand has surpassed 100 franchisees within three months after recruiting. When Science Home and Yume House started recruiting for similar projects in the past, it took them three to five years to reach that scale, so reaching 100 companies in three months is a very smooth start-up for the project.

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鉄骨分野のFA化をさらに加速

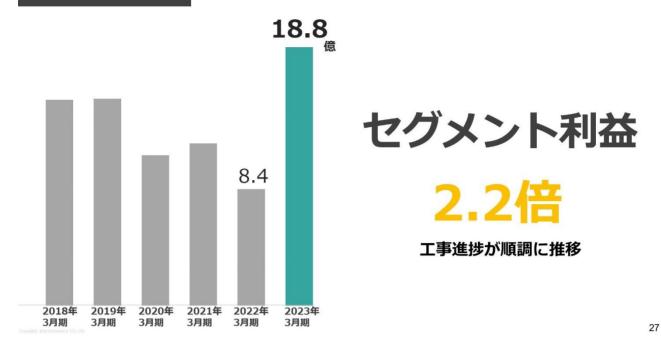


In addition, thanks to the further acceleration of factory automation in the steel frame field and increased processing capacity, projects are becoming more and more large-scale.



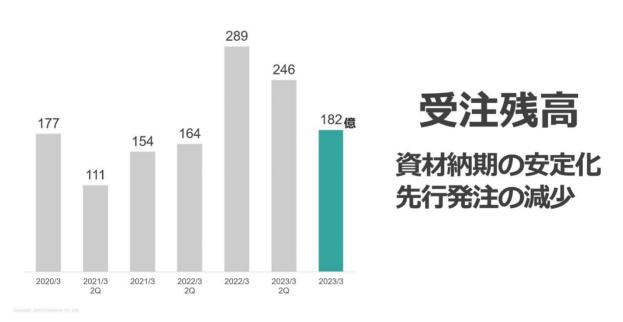
As a result, sales in the previous fiscal year rose 55.8% YoY to JPY49.6 billion. This is the result of the large-scale projects associated with new plant starting operations, as mentioned earlier, and the steady progress of construction work.

建設事業 実績



As a result, segment profit grew significantly by 2.2 times.

建設事業 受注残高推移



Order backlog is stable at JPY18.2 billion due to stable delivery times of materials and a decrease in pre-orders, leading us to a stable order backlog.



- 1 食品分野への進出
- 2 肥料・飼料分野の拡大

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Next is the trading business.

In the trading business, we set out measures to expand into the food field and then into the fertilizer and feed fields in the current financial year.

食品分野への進出

カサナチュラル社と資本業務提携



南米での天然原料の新規開拓を加速 店舗で取扱う食品の拡大

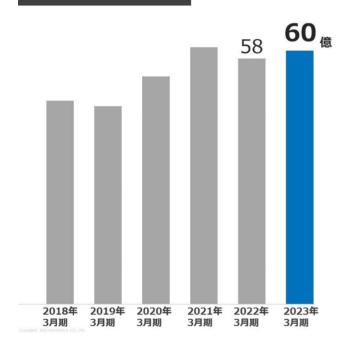
To further accelerate the development of new natural raw materials in South America, we have formed a capital and business alliance with Casa Natural Corporation, which has strengths in food procurement in South America, and thus we are expanding the range of food products in our shops.

肥料・飼料分野の拡大



We are also expanding our imports of natural fertilizers and feeds.

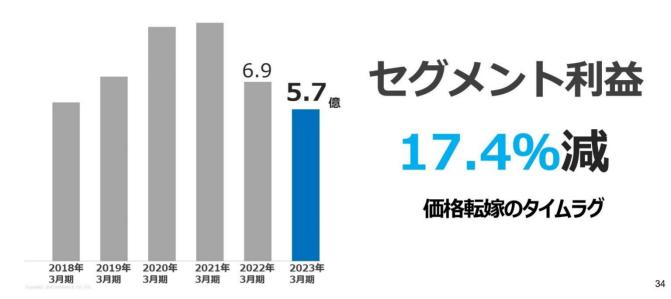




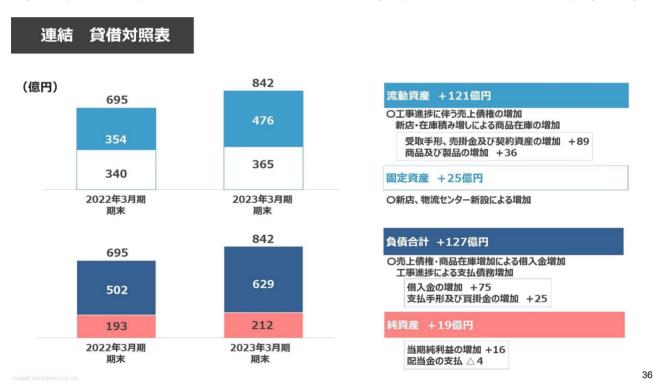
売上高 3.2%増

As a result, sales amounted to JPY6 billion, up 3.2% YoY.

貿易事業 実績



Segment profits fell by 17.4% to JPY570 million due to time lag in price shifts, which has been progressing.



Finally, I will present the consolidated financial statements.

Current assets increased by JPY12.1 billion and total liabilities were plus JPY12.7 billion, which was due to an increase in notes and accounts receivables from progress in the construction business and an increase in inventories for the new stores in the retail business, resulting in an increase in total assets.

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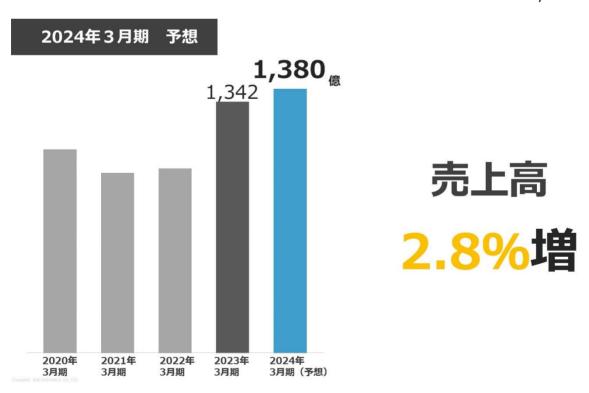
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建設大型物件の売上債権の期跨ぎにより営業CFがマイナス新店の投資を借入金で調達



As for cash flow, operating cash flow was negative, but this was due to a negative cash flow from receivables from large construction projects, which is expected to be eliminated in Q1.

Cash flow from investments has increased as investments in new stores were financed by borrowings.



Next, I would like to discuss the performance forecast summary for the fiscal year ending March 2024.

For the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024, we project net sales of JPY138 billion, up 2.8% YoY.

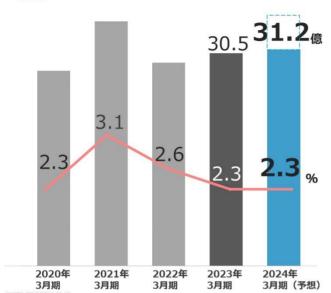
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2024年3月期 予想

5億円規模の人的資本投資

事業基盤を整える年に



経常利益

2.0%增

5億円規模の人的資本投資 50億円規模の設備投資

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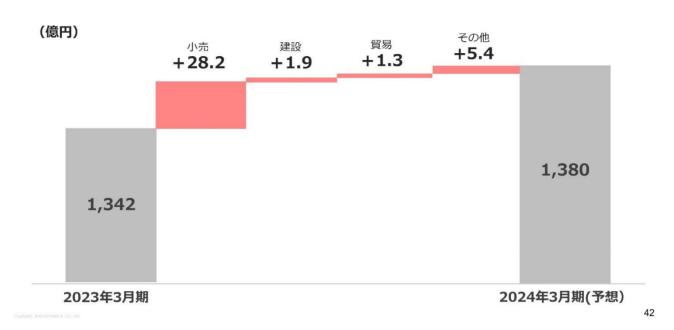
Ordinary income is projected to increase by 2% to JPY3.12 billion. This is because we plan to make this year the year to build a foundation for our business, and we will be investing in human resources amounting to JPY500 million and in capital investment totaling JPY5 billion.

5億円規模の人的資本投資



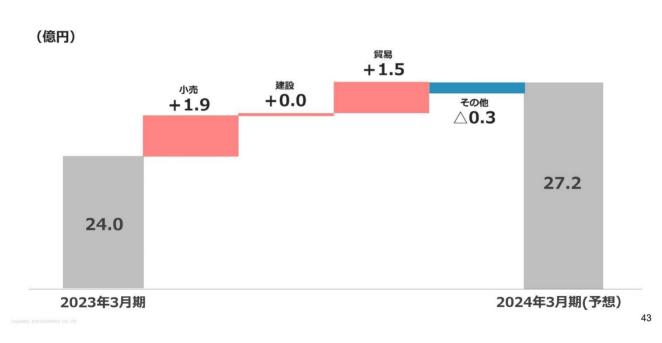
We intend to invest JPY500 million as human capital investment for raising base pay and salaries, granting 100 percent incentives for an employee stock ownership plan, conducting training programs and improving the work environment.

セグメント別 売上増減要因



By segment, the retail business will see a significant increase in sales, while construction, trading, and other businesses will be at the same level as in the previous year.





In terms of profits, the retail and trading businesses are expected to increase compared to the previous year, while construction and other businesses are planned to remain at the same level as the previous year.



通期の施策

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- 2 流通網の拡大
- 3 オリジナル商品開発 SPA化の加速

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Now, let me explain the forecast by segment, starting with the retail business.

The full-year measures for the retail business are the same as last year, including continued promotion of store remodeling and development of new types of business, expansion of the distribution network and development of our original products with the shift to SPAs.

店舗改装・新業態の開発を継続して推進

ペット×ドラッグ「綿半ウェルネスライフガーデン」開発



6月末『ウェルネスライフ 佐久中央店』オープン予定

In the current financial year, the first step is to develop a new pet and drug store, Watahan Wellness Life Garden. This is the process of evolving the existing Watahan Drug Saku Chuo store into a new business model, which is scheduled to open at the end of June.

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店舗改装・新業態の開発を継続して推進



5月 綿半スーパーセンター権堂店内に開設

In dispensing pharmacies, Watapy Pharmacy was already introduced in May at the Watahan Super Center Gondo store, which is the first store of Watahan Home-Aid Co., Ltd.

流通網の拡大



Also, later this year, Iida Distribution Center is to be fully operational in order to expand our distribution network.

オリジナル商品開発 SPA化の加速

オリジナル商品の開発推進			
変遷	SKU	開発商品	売上構成比
2024/3 目標	14,000 sku		15.0%
2023/3	7,500 ѕки	IOS UR.	8.8%
2022/3	6,500 sки	4 元	6.5%
2021/3	5,500 _{sku}		5.5%
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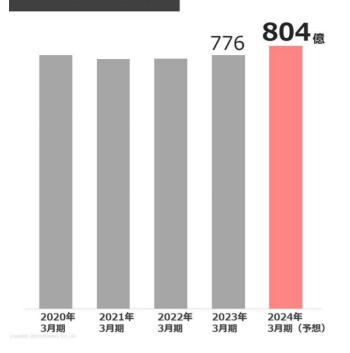
Our original products have already accounted for more than 11% of our sales this year, as mentioned earlier, and we plan to further increase this to 15% in the current fiscal year, almost double the average of 8.8% in the previous fiscal year.

オリジナル商品開発 SPA化の加速



In this context, we plan to produce and sell fresh flowers and expand our own farm as a means to develop original products.

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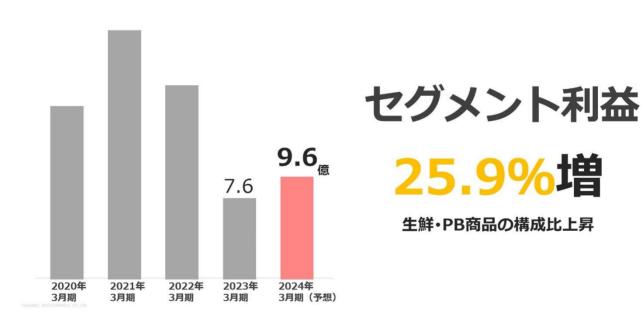
3.6%增

既存店売上高103% 新店の通期寄与

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As a result, net sales in the retail business are planned to increase by 3.6% to JPY80.4 billion. This figure is projected by adding an inflation rate of 3% to the same-store sales.

小売事業 予想



Segment income is also expected to increase by 25.9% to JPY960 million.

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- 2 木を使った商品開発の推進
- 3 鉄骨分野の海外ネットワーク構築

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In the construction business, we will build a wood processing and distribution network, promote the development of products made from wood, and also build an overseas network in the steel frame field.

木材の加工・流通網の構築



We would like to continue the processing and distribution of locally produced lumber as we did in the previous fiscal year.

木を使った商品開発の推進



In addition, we have recently started selling our own product, PREST WOOD, a system for wooden building, this fiscal year.

木を使った商品開発の推進

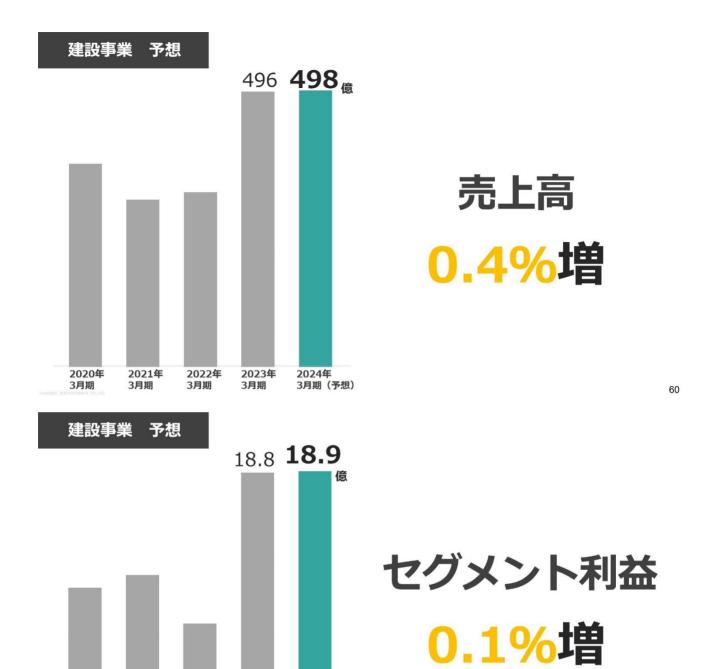


Also, to promote the development of products made from wood, the Group's Watahan Solutions Co., Ltd. and Watahan Ringyo Co., Ltd. have begun jointly developing non-residential wooden buildings.

鉄骨分野の海外ネットワーク構築

In building an overseas network in the steel frame field, the Company is working with overseas fabricators to handle large-scale projects. First, in order to increase design capacity, we plan to build a CAD center in Vietnam in addition to the existing CAD centers in Myanmar and Dalian.

We will also deepen our cooperation with overseas fabricators to meet the increased demand for steel frames and large-scale projects during the previous fiscal year.



As a result, we plan a 0.4% increase in sales to JPY49.8 billion, a figure that exceeds the previous financial year, even if we exclude the large projects of the previous year's car parks, which made a significant contribution to sales. Segment income is also projected to be JPY1.89 billion, up 0.1%, exceeding the previous year's figure.

2020年

2021年

2022年

2023年

2024年 3月期(予想)



- 1 食品分野への進出
- 2 肥料・飼料分野の拡大

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The trading business is continuing to expand into the food field and into the fertilizer and feed fields.

食品分野への進出

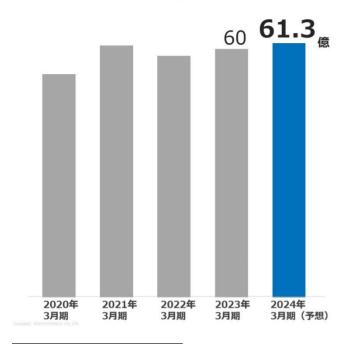


肥料・飼料分野の拡大



We will further promote the expansion of the food sector with Casa Natural Corporation, with which we have signed a contract this year, to develop new natural raw materials, and we also plan to promote the sixth industrialization policy with our retail business as well as with direct procurement from overseas in the meat sector.

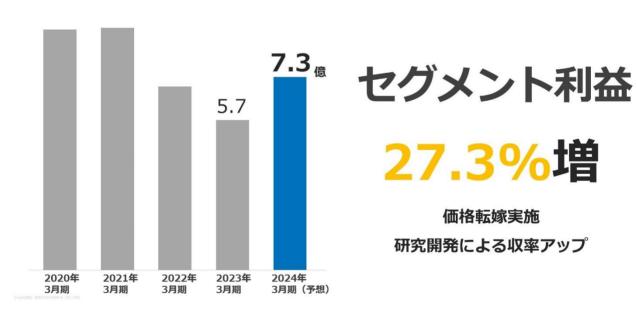
貿易事業 予想



売上高 2.3%増

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貿易事業 予想



As a result, in the trading business, net sales are expected to increase by 2.3% to JPY6.13 billion, and segment income is expected to increase by 27.3% to JPY0.73 billion, reflecting the effect of price shifts as well as these measures.



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I would like to explain the new medium-term management plan.

Our group mission is to make a positive contribution to society through three pillars: goodwill, community, and environment.

暖簾



We will continue to create new value, firstly by the continuation of trust and confidence, and then by the spirit of gassai, incorporating many different industries and carrying out mergers and acquisitions.

地域



環境



We will also focus on the development of local communities and the creation of a recycling-oriented society.

新中期経営計画

地域に寄り添い 地域と共に新しい価値を創造する



As a result, our new medium-term plan is expected to result in JPY150 billion in net sales in the year ending March 2027, and JPY4.5 billion in ordinary income, with a 3% target for the ordinary income margin, although the target value would be extended by one year.

This concludes my explanation of the financial results for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023.

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