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Q3 Financial Results Briefing for the Fiscal Year Ending February 2023

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### Presentation

Tenbo: Hello, everyone. My name is Tenbo from Riso Kyoiku Co., Ltd. It's a pleasure to meet you all.

Kume: My name is Kume from Riso Kyoiku. It's a pleasure to meet you all.

Tenbo: It's now time for us to start the Q3 financial results briefing for the fiscal year ending February 2023.

As part of our measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, we have again decided to hold our financial results briefing online. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding.

**Kume**: Today, just like the usual process, I will explain the Q3 results for the fiscal year ending February 2023, the results and future outlook, the background, shareholder return policy, and future prospects, followed by a question-and-answer session for questions sent to us through the Q&A function. Please feel free to submit questions through Q&A, even during the presentation.

President Tenbo will now explain the Q3 results for the current fiscal year ending February 2023.

President Tenbo, please begin.

**Tenbo**: I will now explain the Q3 results for the fiscal year ending February 2023.

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### (1) 2023年2月期第3四半期実績(3月~11月)

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2022年2月期 第3四半期	22,064	+4,177	2,074	+1,924	2,079	+1,740	1,314	+1,273
2023年2月期 第3四半期	23,245	+1,181	1,624	△450	1,660	△419	1,022	△292

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Net sales increased by JPY1.181 billion compared to the previous period at JPY23.245 billion. Operating income decreased by JPY450 million at JPY1.624 billion, ordinary income decreased by JPY419 million at JPY1.66 billion, and current net income decreased by JPY292 million at JPY1.022 billion.

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(2) 実績の背景について

	2022年11月末生徒数		
		2021年11月比	2020年11月比
ネリソー教育グリレープ	27,134人	0.1%	+6.0%

(売上高)

 ・学習塾事業、学校内個別指導事業および人格情操合宿教育事業が 前期を上回り、前年同期比5.4%増で推移

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⇒費用の増加により前年同期と比較して利益が減少

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I will now explain the background of our results.

At the end of November 2022, the total number of students enrolled in the entire group was 27,134, an increase of 0.1% compared to the previous year, which is an increase of 6% compared to two years ago.

Net sales for Q3 of the current fiscal year increased 5.4% YoY as the tutoring school business, the in-school individual tutoring business, and the character-emotional camp education business increased from the previous year.

Income decreased YoY due to an increase in personnel expenses resulting from base salary increases for employees, workers, and teachers to acquire talented human resources and due to an increase in advertising expenses for hiring in H1. Also, a sharp rise in various prices, including utility costs due to soaring resource and crude oil prices arising from the global rise in energy demand, along with the weak yen could have resulted in the decrease.

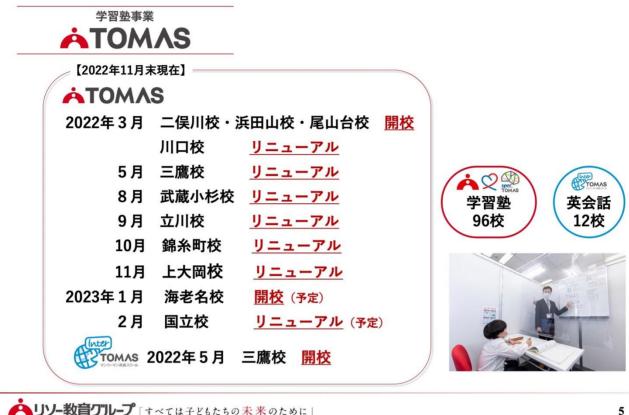
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Regarding the status for each segment, we had the TOMAS Futamatagawa, Hamadayama, and Oyamadai schools opening in March 2022 and the Kawaguchi school renovation for our tutoring school business. We renovated the TOMAS Mitaka school and opened the new Inter TOMAS Mitaka school in May. We renovated the TOMAS Musashi-Kosugi school in August, the TOMAS Tachikawa school in September, the TOMAS Kinshicho school in October, and the TOMAS Kamiooka school in November.

As of the end of November 2022, there were 96 tutoring schools and 12 English conversation schools.

As for the future, we plan to open the TOMAS Ebina school this month, January 2023, and renew the TOMAS Kunitachi school in February.

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Next is Meimonkai, a private tutoring dispatch business.

In April 2022, the Meimonkai Sannomiya Ekimae school was renovated, whereas the Meimonkai Gokiso school opened and the Meimonkai Tsukuba Ekimae school was renewed in October.

Under the new brand "MEDIC Meimonkai", the Osaka main office school opened in March and the Kobe school in April, bringing the total to 36 Meimonkai schools, 12 TOMEIKAI schools, and two MEDIC Meimonkai schools as of the end of November 2022.

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Next is Shingakai, an early childhood education business.

In April 2022, Shingakai and Konami Sports started a new brand, "Konami Sports Shinga's Academy", with a school opening in Shinagawa.

In August, Shinga's Club Nursery and Shinga's Club School Children's Harumi Triton school opened, bringing the total number of Shingakai classrooms to 24, Shinga's Club Nursery to 8, and Shinga's Club School Children to 19 as of the end of November 2022.

As for the future, we plan to renovate Shingakai Futakotamagawa school in March 2023 in the next fiscal year and open Shinga's Club School Children's Futakotamagawa school in April.

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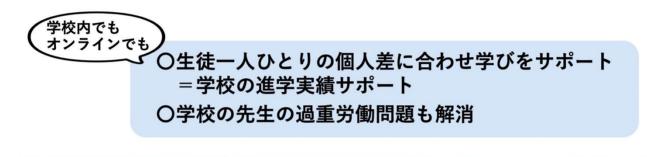
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- ・TOMASのノウハウでの学校内完全1対1個別指導
- ・いつでも質問できる自習システム
- ・インターネット教材サポート型個別指導・AI教材型個別指導
- ・2022年11月末時点<u>導入契約校数110校・稼働校数84校</u>



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For the School TOMAS in-school individual tutoring business, in addition to the conventional services, such as complete in-school one-on-one tutoring and a self-study system that allows students to ask questions at any time, we have started new services, such as online tutoring and AI material-based individual tutoring.

As of the end of November 2022, we had 110 schools under contract with 84 of them in operation.

School TOMAS has been recognized not only as a way to support schools' academic performance, but also as a solution to the issue of long working hours for school teachers. And we expect a further increase in inquiries in the future.

In addition, we anticipate an increase in future revenues from the yearly expansion of grade levels of schools that have already introduced the system.

Next, our vice president, Kume, will explain the dividend for the fiscal year ending February 2023.

Vice President Kume, please begin.

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・2022年2月期の配当をベースに・経営環境を勘案し検討

2021年2月期	2022年2月期	2023年 2 月期
配当(実績)	配当(実績)	配当(予想)
1株あたり9.5円	1株あたり16円	1株あたり <mark>16円</mark>

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**Kume**: As mentioned every time, we consider shareholder returns as one of our most important management subjects. This policy has not changed.

As previously announced, we plan to pay a dividend of JPY16 per share for the current fiscal year based on the dividend for the fiscal year ending February 2022. This has not changed.

We will continue our efforts to strengthen returns to shareholders and increase corporate value.

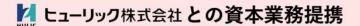
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⇒<u>当社の成長拡大へ</u>

**Tenbo**: Next, I would like to explain our future prospects for business alliances with other industries. This is something we have been mentioning every time throughout this fiscal year, and I will explain briefly.

First, I will describe the strengthening of our capital and business alliance with Hulic Co., Ltd.

We finalized a capital and business alliance with the real estate developer Hulic Co., Ltd. in 2020. The alliance was further strengthened in November 2021 when the company became our largest shareholder through a third-party allocation.

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As for the business alliance between Shingakai and Konami Sports Co., Ltd., we started "Konami Sports Shinga's Academy" as a new brand through the alliance.

Konami Sports Shinga's Academy is a new one-stop type brand for schoolchildren, which will be actively expanded to facilities owned by Konami Sports throughout Japan.

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### 「コナミスポーツ伸芽'Sアカデミー」の進捗状況、今後の展開

2022年4月 品川校(第1号校)をコナミスポーツ本店へ<u>開校</u>おかげさまで満員御礼

2023年4月 西宮校(第2号校)を コナミスポーツ本店西宮アネックスへ<u>開校予定</u> その他、大阪エリア1校、神戸エリア1校を開校予定

### 今後、上記4校を含め約20校を開校予定



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On April 1 of last year, we opened our first school building, the Shinagawa school in the Konami Sports main branch. This has been very well received, and we are planning to expand and increase the floor space.

The second school is scheduled to open in April this year at the Nishinomiya Annex of Konami Sports' main branch as the Nishinomiya school, along with one each in the Osaka and Kobe areas.

Including these four schools, we plan to open approximately 20 schools in the future.

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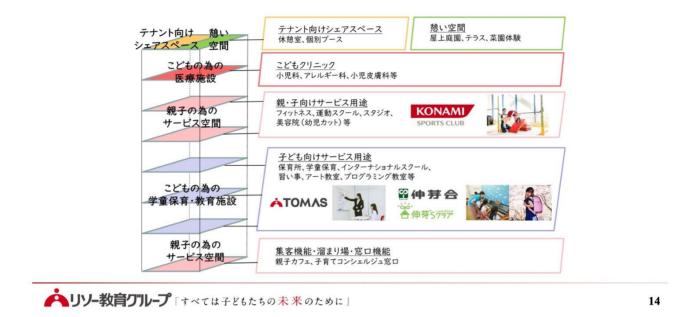
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In addition to the alliances with Hulic and Konami Sports, our three companies have formed a business alliance and are currently developing Kodomo Depart, a building specializing in education. We will develop each of our brands through Kodomo Depart.

The same building will also house various children's service tenants, including Konami Sport's children's gym, a children's clinic, and a café. We expect that our enclosure strategy will progress more smoothly as we will be able to provide an environment where children can easily attend.

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It was announced last April that Hulic was selected as the project proponent for Kodomo Depart as part of the Urban Regeneration Step Up Project implemented by Shibuya Ward.

We are planning to develop Kodomo Depart within MITAKE Link Park, a building that is planned to be developed in the area. Shingakai, Shinga's Club Nursery, Shinga's Club School Children, and other schools are scheduled to open.

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Construction is scheduled to be completed in 2026, and a total of six other redevelopment or reconstruction projects are underway, with plans to expand to 20 buildings in the Tokyo metropolitan area by 2029.

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Next, I would like to explain our business alliance with Kids Smile Holdings.

Although Shingakai has had a business alliance with Kids Smile Project inc. since 2015, we announced last March a business alliance among four companies, including the parent companies of these two companies, Riso Kyoiku and Kids Smile Holdings, to implement a more comprehensive alliance relationship.

Shingakai and Kids Smile Project will deploy executives to each other and develop original educational programs and business schemes to be established through this business alliance to be implemented at nursery schools, certified kindergartens, and other facilities nationwide.

Also, with approximately 4,000 members of the Kids Smile Project, as well as members attending nationwide nurseries and certified kindergartens, we are introducing services to enroll in Shingakai, TOMAS, Meimonkai, and others to a customer base that wishes to take entrance exams for elementary and junior high schools.

In addition to this, we will acquire talented human resources by establishing a hiring system and training system aimed at acquiring talented nursery staff and strengthening our content, brand, and ability to attract customers, thereby laying the foundation for our future growth strategy.

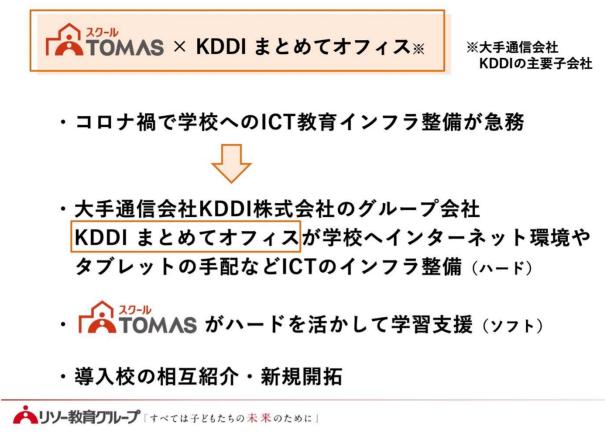
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Next, I would like to explain the business alliance between School TOMAS and KDDI Matomete Office.

KDDI Matomete Office provides schools with hardware, such as an Internet environment and tablet arrangements. School TOMAS has the role of utilizing its hardware to provide learning support with software. The two companies will form a business alliance to develop the infrastructure for ICT education for public education.

School TOMAS services are offered to schools introducing KDDI Matomete Office's services. We don't just promote a mutual introduction of KDDI Matomete Office's services to schools introducing School TOMAS. Each company intends to expand expansion to new schools.

We believe that this partnership will continue to contribute to an increase in the number of schools introducing School TOMAS.

For my final explanation, the Common Test for University Admissions is also coming up this weekend. Junior high school entrance exams have also started in Saitama. The time has come for the actual exam.

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) has announced the results of a survey on children's learning expenses, indicating that expenses on cram schools for elementary and junior high school students have reached a record high.

Due especially to the COVID-19 pandemic, an increasing number of families are aiming to enroll in private schools that offer generous ICT-based learning support. I think it is also a sign that people are becoming more aware of the entrance examinations.

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We remain committed to providing genuine educational services while still emphasizing one-on-one tutoring with our own infection prevention measures in place.

Thank you very much for listening.

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### **Question & Answer**

Kume [M]: We will now start our question-and-answer session.

Please go ahead.

Tenbo [A]: There are a few questions we have received in advance, so I will answer them first.

We received a question regarding a topic including the external environment. When he mentioned the external environment, I think he was referring to the external environment of the cram school industry.

Other companies in the same industry made their announcements around the same time but just before us. And the situation is similar. The situation seems to be continuing with increased revenues and decreased income.

I have had opportunities to talk with other managers in the cram school industry, and they all say that the number of inquiries and enrollments has dropped this fiscal year compared to the previous year.

I think that the slightly distorted environment is possibly due to the COVID-19 pandemic, or that the previous fiscal year was quite a bubble as a reaction to the low membership from two years ago. However, it is pointless to discuss such an environment, so we are determined to do our best by putting more effort into our services.

And now, the next question. Tokyo Metropolitan Goverment are planning to start an in-school cram school in Tokyo. Is it feasible for municipalities and your School TOMAS to get involved?

There was an article in the newspaper the other day regarding the Tokyo Metropolitan Government's plan to start individual tutoring or cram schools within schools.

We used to do this before at two metropolitan high schools. Of course, supplementary cram schools are fine. But for municipalities, bidding processes are inevitable, and they tend to create a situation where the cheapest bidder enters the market and wins.

In this case, I think it may be difficult for us to provide our services as they may not be suitable. As I am aware that various circumstances may change, I am always concerned about it.

Let's move on to the next question.

Kume [A]: I will answer this one.

The question is regarding how much increase in personnel, advertising, and other expenses we should expect this fiscal year. How should we consider this cost for the next fiscal year?

I believe that a 5% to 10% price increase would be acceptable given the strength of our brand, but the person is asking about our thoughts on our pricing strategy.

First of all, the increase in personnel expenses for this fiscal year is attributed to the increase in the number of employees, an increase to the base salary to some extent, and the increase in personnel expenses for teachers. Some restaurants have started accepting part-time student workers, and there is some competition within the industry, resulting in an inevitable increase in labor costs. Other expenses, such as utilities, have also increased in price.

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Our company is involved in cram schools, so we consume electricity late into the night. There is no way we can change this, and this fully affects these costs.

Roughly speaking, personnel expenses increased range from JPY350 million to JPY400 million. Then there are the so-called utilities and utility costs, which account for slightly more than JPY100 million. Advertising costs were slightly less than JPY100 million, which means that there was a cost increase from JPY500 million to JPY550 million compared to the previous fiscal year.

I am sure the president will talk about this late in the next fiscal year. We are considering a 5% to 10% price increase as a reply to the question.

**Tenbo** [A]: That's right. We have also received a question regarding sharing details of the price increase.

For the next fiscal year, we are considering a price increase in course fees for TOMAS, Meimonkai, and Shingakai. As the Vice President just mentioned, we are considering the range of 5% to 10%. We have already decided on this and are presenting it to everyone as we prepare contracts for the next fiscal year.

That is all for my explanation.

Do you have future prospects for early childhood education? We received a question that shows interest in our future prospects for the early childhood education business.

Let's see. There is a tendency where demand for entrance exams gradually shifts toward younger ages. The situation has various uncertainties, and the demand for entrance exams gradually shifts toward younger ages.

Therefore, although some entrance exams are limited to the Tokyo metropolitan area, the number of kids who take entrance exams for elementary schools and kindergartens is increasing rapidly. In this sense, I believe there will be a trend in specializing in early childhood education and that the demand will increase in the future.

We hope to further expand our business by firmly capturing the demand of the students at Shingakai.

We received other questions, such as any other strategies besides Kodomo Depart with Hulic or possibilities on further strengthening of capital ties.

Kume [A]: It's hard to answer regarding capital enhancement. As we have currently announced, Hulic is the largest shareholder with 20%. And Sundai Preparatory School owns 7%, whereas Mr. Iwasa of our company owns 10%, along with our company's stock. They are major shareholders in many of those areas.

Hulic may have their own ideas about this, and although it is not up to us to express our thoughts, I think we should strengthen our relationship as our policy. Please understand that this was a long time ago. Therefore, it is a bit difficult to offer further details.

Aside from Kodomo Depart, we are currently receiving various proposals, and we will do what is possible. For example, we have received property offers one after another that are not related to Kodomo Depart. We have also received various partnership proposals related to our education business. So, we believe there will obviously be other relationships in the future besides Kodomo Depart.

Tenbo [A]: The location of the property is very nice, so we are really grateful for the opportunity to acquire such a location.

Inflation, teacher hiring, competitive pricing strategy. Since I have already answered the question about the pricing strategy, and as I mentioned about the increase in labor costs for the teacher hiring competition,

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teachers are the lifeblood of our company and are also our products. Therefore, we would like to put more effort into hiring and training.

In terms of hiring, although we continue to offer the highest hourly wage in the individual tutoring industry, we hope to further differentiate ourselves by offering more benefits, job-hunting support, and other related areas.

We have also established a company specializing in hiring called Kokokara Teachers, which is gradually gaining momentum, and we hope to put more effort into hiring teachers.

Kume [M]: I hope that explains everything. Is there anything else?

I would now like to conclude our question-and-answer session.

**Tenbo [M]**: Thank you for all your questions. If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact the corporate planning department at any time.

This may have been a bit short, but I will now conclude the Q3 financial results briefing for the fiscal year ending February 2023. Thank you very much for your time today.

Kume [M]: Thank you very much.

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