

Financial Results for the First Quarter of the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2026

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In parts of these materials, "Domestic Working Business" and "Overseas Working Business" are abbreviated as "Domestic W" and "Overseas W," respectively.



Q1 FY2026 Results

Q1 FY2026 Financial Highlights (Consolidated)

Consolidated

- Revenue increased only slightly as steady growth in the construction management engineer domain in the Domestic Working Business was partially offset by the negative forex impact (-¥1.11 billion) in the Overseas Working Business.
- Operating profit increased as the significantly increased profit in the Domestic Working Business, which was mainly driven by the increase in gross profit in the construction management engineer domain, vastly outweighed the reduced profit margin in the Overseas Working Business, which was the result of the absence of government subsidy income.

(Billions of yen)

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35.20

(vs Q1 FY2025 +0.4%)

Operating profit

0.39
(Normalized operating profit*1
¥0.38 billion)

(vs Q1 FY2025 +122.7%)

EBITDA *2

0.88

(vs Q1 FY2025 +29.5%)

^{*2} EBITDA: Operating profit + depreciation and amortization + impairment losses



^{*1} Normalized operating profit: Operating profit excluding temporary gains/losses (impairment losses and government subsidy income in "Overseas Working Business," and gain on sale of real estate in "Others") that were included in the corresponding previous period

Q1 FY2026 Financial Highlights (Segment Performance)

Domestic Working Business

- Revenue increased 3.5% due to expansion of the construction management engineer domain.
- Segment profit increased significantly by 144.8%, despite a plan with upfront investment due to active hiring and promotional activities. The strong performance was driven by higher gross profit resulting from a strategic focus on the construction management engineer domain, permanent employee staffing and foreign talent management services, as well as improved SG&A efficiency.

 (Billions of yen)

Revenue
21.18
(vs Q1 FY2025 +3.5%)

Segment profit

0.58

(vs Q1 FY2025 +144.8%)

Overseas Working Business

- Although the market continued to be difficult in Singapore and Australia in the permanent placement services, there were signs of recovery in demand for temporary staffing services from the Australian state governments and financial institutions. However, revenue declined by 3.7% due to a stronger yen compared to the same period of the previous fiscal year.
- Segment profit decreased, due to the impact of the government grant income included in the same period of the previous fiscal year. Normalized segment profit*1 increased by 50.9% due to a decrease in SG&A expenses through cost control measures.

 (Billions of yen)

Revenue

14.00

(vs Q1 FY2025 -3.7%)

Segment profit

0.47

(vs Q1 FY2025 -17.9%) (Normalized segment profit: vs Q1 FY2025 +50.9%)



^{*1} Normalized segment profit: Segment profit excluding temporary gains/losses (impairment losses and government subsidy income) in the same period of the previous fiscal year

FY2026 Results

• Q1 of the final year of the Medium-term Management Plan marked a smooth start.

(Billions of yen)	Q1 FY2025	Q1 FY2026	Vs. Q1 FY2025 (Change)	Vs. Q1 FY2025 (% change)
Revenue	35.05	35.20	+0.15	+0.4 %
Gross profit	7.26	7.39	+0.13	+1.9 %
Gross margin)	(20.7 %)	(21.0 %)	(+0.3 pt)	
Operating profit	0.17	0.39	+0.21	+122.7 %
Operating margin)	(0.5 %)	(1.1 %)	(+0.6. pt)	
Profit attributable to owners of parent	0.06	0.28	+0.21	+303.9 %
【KPI】	FY2025	Q1 FY2026	FY2026 (Plan)	Vs. Plan
Number of hires/year (construction management engineer domain)	1,704	814	1,500	54.3 %
Retention rate (construction management engineer domain)	68.4 %	71.4 %	71.5 %	-0.1 pt
Increase in number of workers on assignment for permanent employee staffing (Domestic W [excluding the construction management engineer domain])	3,450 (Vs. end of previous	3,778 us fiscal year : +328)	3,500	107.9 %
Increase in number of foreign talent supported through the Foreign Talent Management Services (Domestic W)	3,142 (Vs. end of previous	3,550 us fiscal year : +408)	3,500	101.4 %



Number of Employees: 8,829 (Vs.as end of previous fiscal year +900)

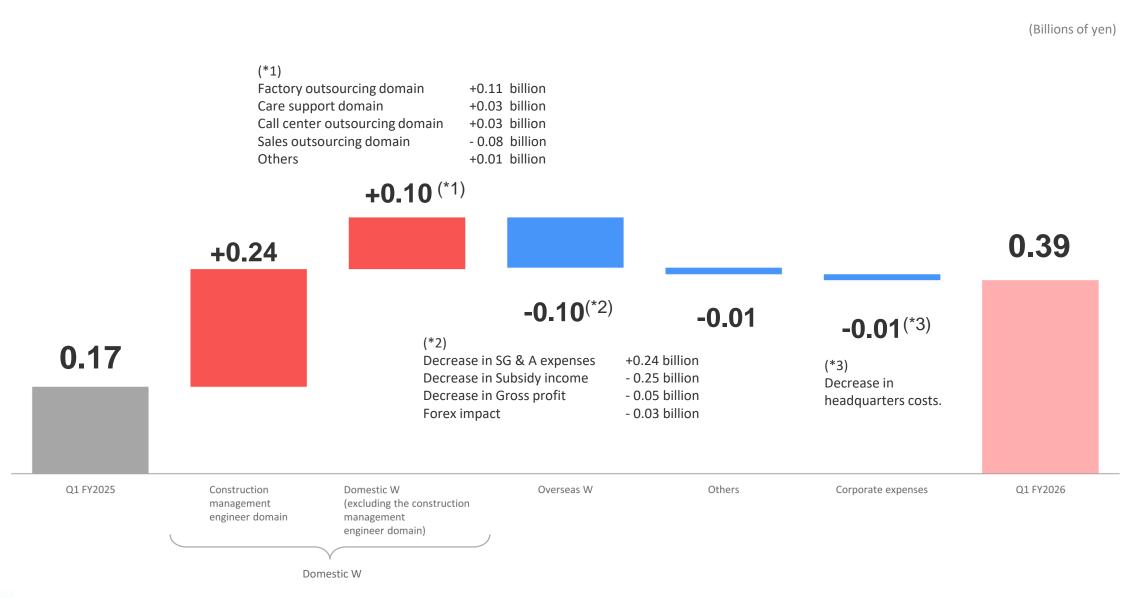
Q1 FY2026 Revenue (Breakdown of Year-on-Year Changes)

(Billions of yen)





FY2026 Operating Profit (Breakdown of Year-on-Year Changes)



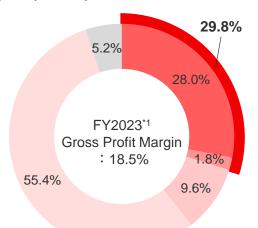


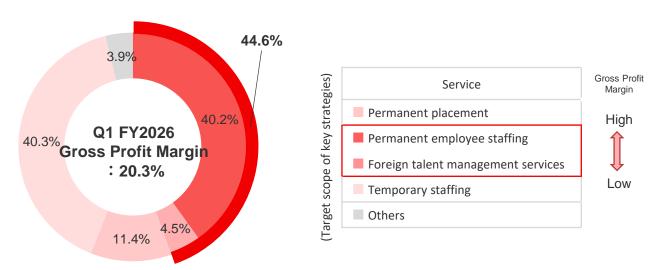
Domestic Working Business

- The Domestic Working Business achieved increases in both revenue and profit, driven by the steady expansion of the construction management engineer domain.
- As a result of the strategic initiatives under the Medium-term Management Plan, the gross profit contribution from key strategic areas (permanent employee staffing and outsourcing, and Foreign Talent Management Services) steadily expanded to 44.6%. Consequently, the overall gross profit margin also improved by 1.8pt.

21.18 -Revenue and segment profit (Billions of yen)-20.46 20.18 6.8% Revenue Vs. Q1 FY2025 Q1 FY2026 Q1 FY2025 Segment profit % change 1.36 Segment profit (normalized basis) 21.18 20.46 +3.5% Revenue 2.8% Segment profit 0.58 to net sales 0.47 1.2% 0.23 Segment profit 0.58 +144.8% 0.23 Q1 Q1 Q1 FY2024 FY2025 FY2026

- Change in share of gross profit by service -



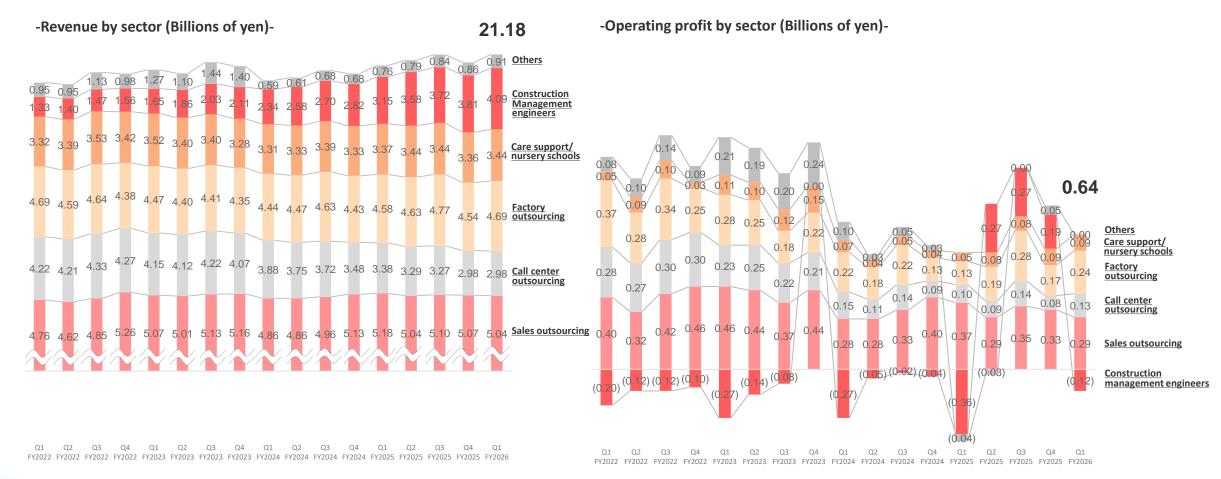




^{*1} Figures for FY2023 (full year) are calculated excluding the figures for subsidiaries that were excluded from consolidation by the end of the previous fiscal year.

Domestic Working Business (Revenue and operating profit by sector)

- The construction management engineer domain saw steady growth. The loss for Q1 was reduced driven by an increase in gross profit.
- The other domains excluding the sales outsourcing domain saw increased profit mainly due to higher gross profit and improved SG&A efficiency.
- Brand promotion of ¥0.14 billion was conducted in Q1.





Medium-Term Management Plan (WILL-being 2026) Progress of KPI

• Q1 marked a steady start overall, except for the retention rate in the construction management engineer domain.

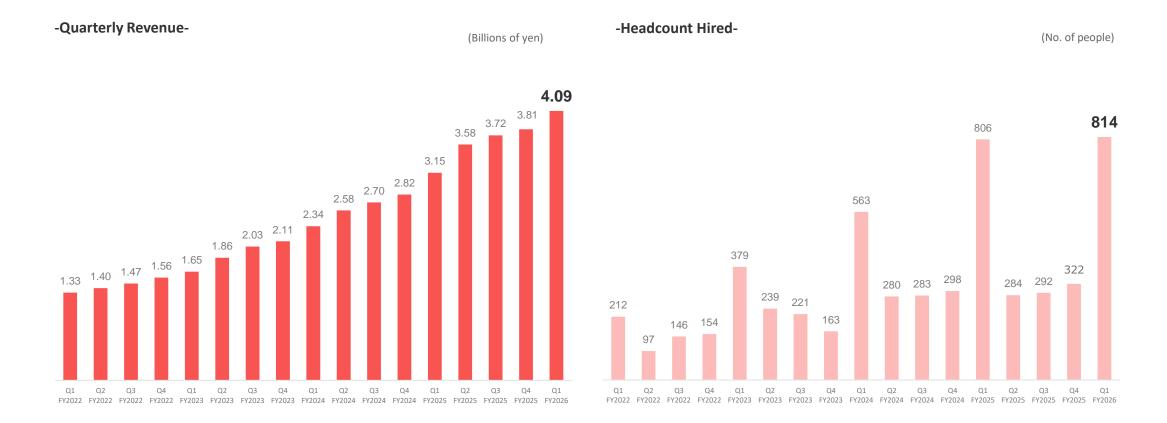
Key strategies		KPI	Plan	Results	Vs. Plan	Evaluation	
Strategy monetization in the construction management engineer domain manage	Strategy	Realizing further growth and	Number of hires/year	1,500	814	54.3 %	Good
	monetization in the construction management engineer domain	Retention rate	71.5 %	71.4 %	-0.1 pt	Unsatisfactory	
	Strategy	Renewed growth in Domestic W (excluding the construction management engineer domain)	Number of workers on assignment for permanent employee staffing	3,500 (Vs. end of previous fiscal year:	3,778 + 328)	107.9 %	Good
			Number of foreign talent supported through the Foreign Talent Management Services	3,500 (Vs. end of previous fiscal year:	3,550 + 408)	101.4 %	Good



Medium-Term Management Plan (WILL-being 2026) Strategy I (Domestic W) Realize further growth and monetization in the construction management engineer business (Progress in the Construction Management Engineer Temporary Staffing Business (1)

- Revenue increased by 30% compared to Q1 FY2025. Quarterly revenue has continued to reach record highs, driven by an increase in the number of workers on assignment and the unit price of contracts.
- Headcount hired reached a record high of 814, driven by increased hiring of inexperienced and foreign workers, supported by accumulated hiring know-how and partnerships with external agents.

 (Includes new graduate recruitment: 418 (previous fiscal year: 453))

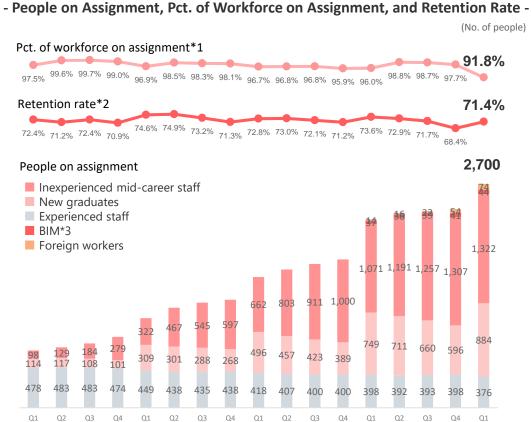




Medium-Term Management Plan (WILL-being 2026) Strategy I (Domestic W) Realize further growth and monetization in the construction management engineer business Progress in the Construction Management Engineer Temporary Staffing Business 2

- The average unit price of contracts for new graduates and inexperienced staff increased by approximately 5% compared to Q1 FY2025 due to price negotiations with customers. The unit price of new contracts is also steadily improving.
- Although the percentage of workforce on assignment fell to the low 90% range due to an increase in standby personnel, the number of workers on assignment achieved 120% compared to Q1 FY2025. We will continue to work on improving the retention rate.





^{*1:} Percentage of workforce on assignment in Q1 is for the month of June only, after excluding impact of training for new graduates.



^{*2: (}Total workforce divided by the sum of the workforce one year earlier and people hired during the past year) / 100

^{*3:} BIM: Building Information Modeling system engineer

Medium-Term Management Plan (WILL-being 2026) Strategy II Renewed growth in Domestic W (excluding the construction management engineer domain) Progress of Permanent Employee Staffing

• The number of workers on assignment for permanent employee staffing reached a record high due to an increase in the number of new employees, including new graduates.

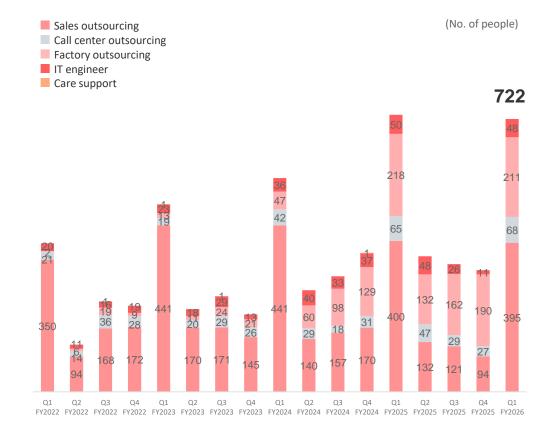
FY2026

• Although the number of permanent employee staffing hires had been on a declining trend, it has generally turned to an increase in each domain, even when excluding new graduate hires. (Number of new graduates hired: sales: 249, call center: 28, factory: 25, IT: 16)

- Number of workers on assignment for permanent employee staffing -(No. of people) Sales outsourcing Call center outsourcing 3,778 Factory outsourcing IT engineer 3,500 Care support 33,860

FY2022 FY2022 FY2022 FY2023 FY2023 FY2023 FY2023 FY2024 FY2024 FY2024 FY2024 FY2025 FY2025 FY2025 FY2025 FY2025

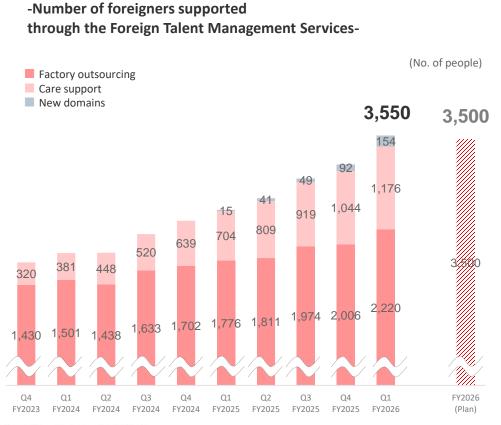
- Number of permanent employee staffing hires -



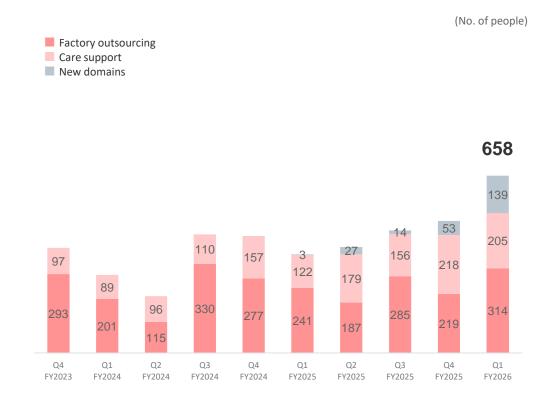


Medium-Term Management Plan (WILL-being 2026) Strategy II Renewed growth in Domestic W (excluding the construction management engineer domain)

- Progress of Foreigners Supported Through the Foreign Talent Management Services
 - The number of foreigners supported through the foreign talent management services reached a record high due to an increase in the number of new employees in each domain.
 - The number of new foreigners supported through the foreign talent management services showed steady progress due to an increase in new orders and orders confirmed as a result of strengthening the sales structure
 - Going forward, we will continue striving to increase the number of customers and orders by focusing on acquiring new clients in the
 industrial product manufacturing sector and expanding existing relationships in the food manufacturing sector within the factory
 outsourcing domain. In addition, we will focus on developing new clients in the care business support domain and other new domains.



-Number of new foreigners supported through the Foreign Talent Management Services-





Domestic Working Business (Brand Promotions)

- To improve awareness of the WILLOF brand, we continued to run terrestrial TV commercials featuring celebrities in 18 prefectures. We also implemented internet advertising on platforms such as YouTube.
- Compared with FY2023 before the promotion, all of recognition rate, the number of branded search and rate of intention to use have vastly increased.

Expected effects of the promotions

Increased brand recognition



Increased search gueries for **WILLOF**



Increased hiring through our own media















Promotion results (comparison between FY2023 and post-promotion outcomes as of June 2025 (percentage change))

Recognition rate of WILLOF*1

Number of branded searches for "WILLOF" (monthly)

Rate of intention to use WILLOF*2

Commercial introduction website: https://willof.jp/shigoto_update/



^{*1} Aided recall rate of men and women aged 20 to 59 in the broadcasting regions

^{*2} Men and women aged 20 to 59 in the broadcasting regions who have an intention to change their job

Overseas Working Business

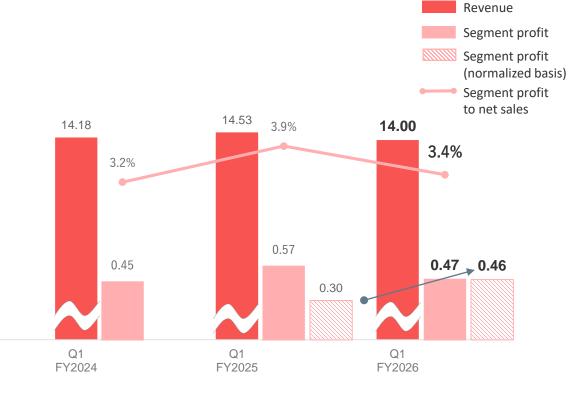
- Although revenue declined due to the negative impact of yen appreciation, it increased on a local currency basis. (Effect of foreign exchange: revenue -¥1.11 billion, segment profit -¥0.03 billion)
- Segment profit declined due to the absence of government subsidy income, which was included in the same period of the previous fiscal year.
- Normalized segment profit*1 increased by 50.9% despite reduced gross profit and negative effect of foreign exchange, thanks to cost control
 measures.

-Revenue and segment profit (Billions of yen)-

	Q1 FY2026	Q1 FY2025	Vs. Q1 FY2025 % change	
Revenue	14.00	14.53	-3.7%	
Segment profit	0.47	0.57	-17.9%	
Segment profit*1 (normalized basis)	0.46	0.30	+50.9%	

-Forex sensitivity*2-

	FY2026	Q1 FY2026	Q1 FY2025	Change for ¥1 difference/y		
	Plan	Results	Results	Revenue	Profit	
AUD	¥91	¥93	¥103	¥387 million	¥13 million	
SGD	¥104	¥111	¥115	¥160 million	¥5 million	



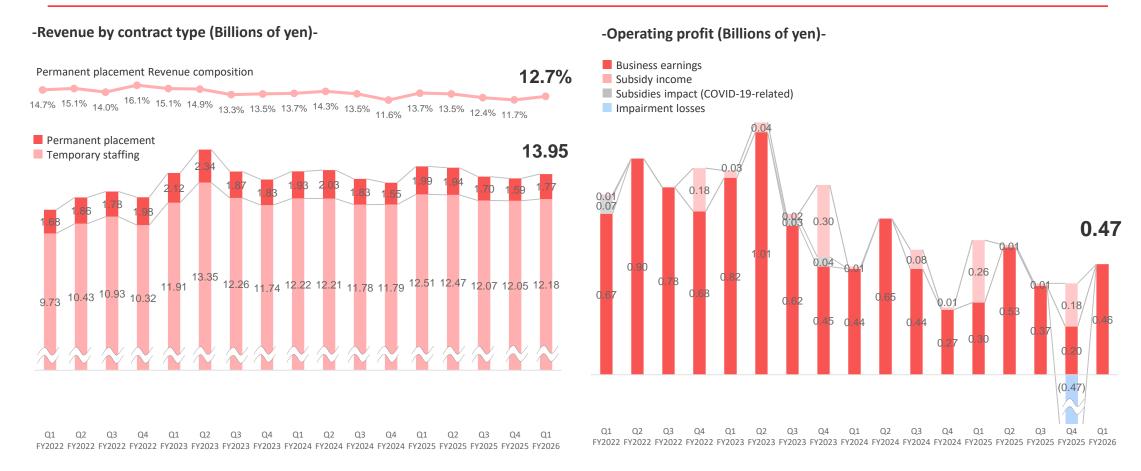
^{*1} Normalized segment profit: Segment profit excluding impairment losses and government subsidy income in the same period of the previous fiscal year

^{*2} For information on the macro environment, see Appendix (pages 78).



Overseas Working Business (Revenue by contract type and operating profit)

- Temporary staffing services expanded steadily for Singapore's government and administration, and there were signs of recovery in demand from Australian state governments and financial institutions.
- In permanent placement services, although recruitment process outsourcing services for the Australian federal government remained strong, market conditions continued to be challenging in both Singapore and Australia.
- We will continue to monitor market conditions while maintaining talent investment in competitive fields and cost control measures.





(Reference) Overseas Working Business (Breakdown of revenue by region on a local currency basis)

- Revenue in Singapore increased by 5.7 million Singapore dollars in temporary staffing services and decreased by 1.7 million
 Singapore dollars in permanent placement services compared to Q1 FY2025.
- Revenue in Australia decreased by 0.1 million Australian dollars in temporary staffing services and increased by 0.7 million Australian dollars in permanent placement services compared to Q1 FY2025.

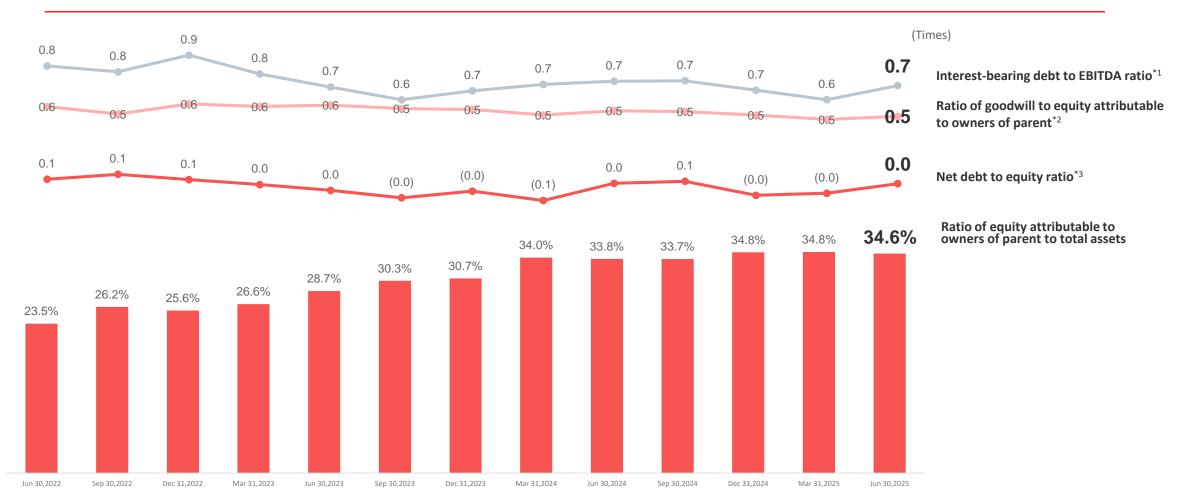




Q1 FY2026 actual rate: 1 SGD: ¥111 1 AUD: ¥93

Financial Indicators

 The ratio of equity attributable to owners of parent to total assets remained stable at 34.6%. Other financial indicators also showed no signs of financial risk.



^{*1:} Interest-bearing debt (excluding short-term borrowings) / EBITDA



^{*2:} Goodwill outstanding / Equity attributable to owners of parent

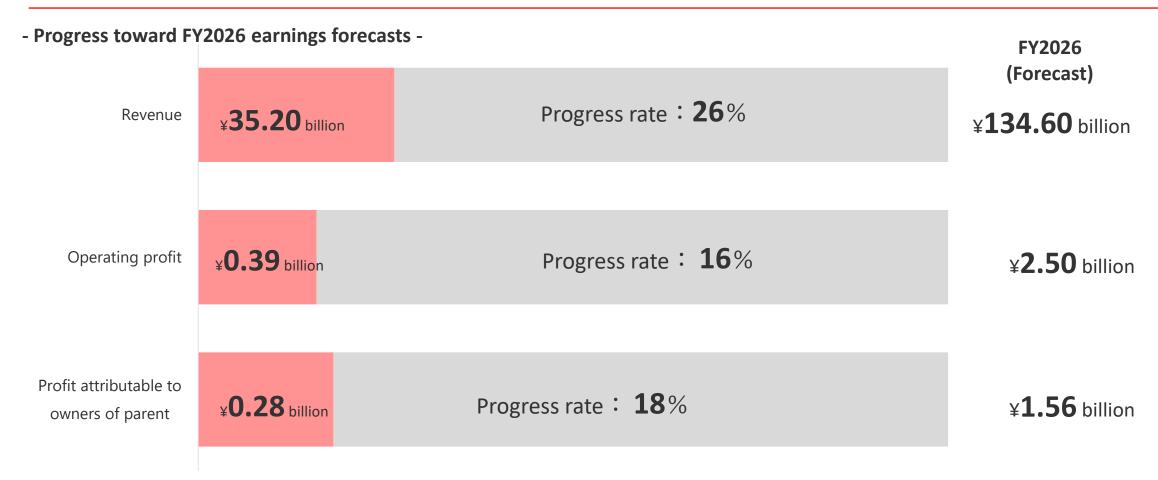
^{*3: (}Interest-bearing debt - Cash and deposits) / Equity attributable to owners of parent



FY2026 Earnings Forecast and Shareholder Return

FY206 Consolidated Earnings Forecasts

- Q1 made a smooth start relative to earnings forecasts. (Q1 had a plan with upfront investment)
- We will aim to achieve our earnings forecast for the final year of the Medium-term Management Plan with the following initiatives:
 - Domestic Working Business: We will further expand the construction management engineer domain
 - Overseas Working Business: We will implement cost control measures within a scope that will not compromise the value of the business, while continuing to attract and retain talented consultants





Shareholder Return (FY2026Dividend Forecast)

- The FY2026 dividend forecast is based on our shareholder return policy and set at the same as the previous fiscal year (¥44 per share).
- As a result, the forecasted total payout ratio is 65.2%.

Shareholder return policy in the Medium-term Management Plan (FY2024–FY2026)

- Progressive dividends
 - In principle, increase or maintain and do not reduce dividends
- Total payout ratio of 30% or higher

Evaluate flexible treasury share acquisitions as needed based on performance progress during the period





Shareholder Return (Shareholder Benefits)

• Implementing a shareholder benefit system aimed to promote medium-to long-term holdings.

Continuous holding Period*1	100 to less than 200 shares	200 shares or more	Preferential yield ^{*2}	Dividend yield ^{*2}
Less than one year	¥500 QUO card	¥1,000 QUO card	0.5%	
Less than two years	¥1,000 QUO card	¥2,000 QUO card	1.0%	4.50/
Less than three years	¥1,500 QUO card	¥3,000 QUO card	1.5%	4.5%
Three years or more	¥2,000 QUO card	¥4,000 QUO card	2.1%	

^{*1} The continuous holding period is calculated starting on March 31 of each year, the record date in Japan. This applies to shareholders who have been consecutively indicated or recorded in the Company's shareholder registry as of March 31 by using the same shareholder number two times in the case of less than two years, three times in the case of less than three years, or at least four times in the case of three or more years.





^{*2} Preferential yield value is estimated based on the closing price on Aug 7, 2025: ¥972



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