

Consolidated Financial Information for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2024

Link and Motivation Inc.

Securities Code: 2170

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01 Company Overview



Through Motivation Engineering,

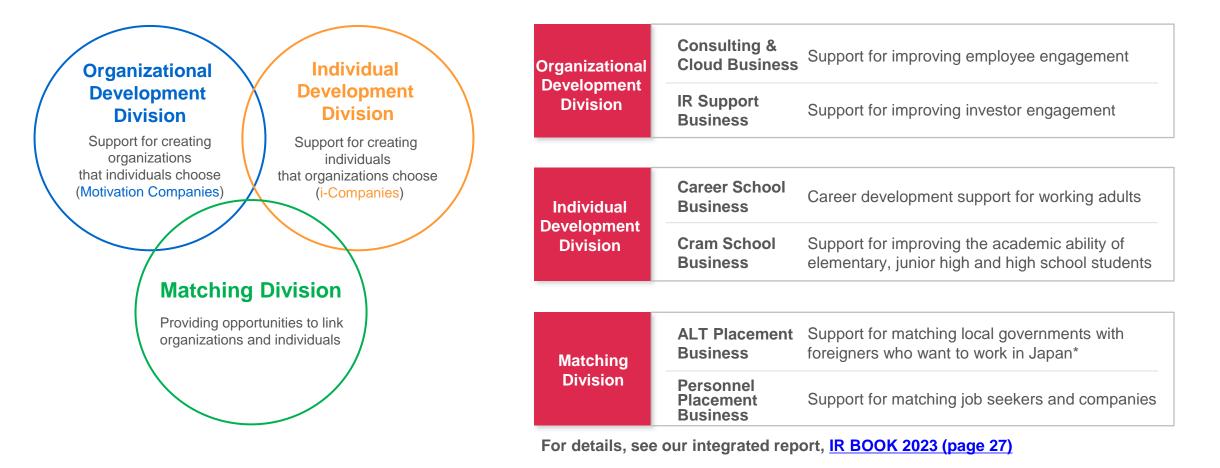
we provide opportunities to transform organizations and individuals

and create a more meaningful society.

We have set forth a mission of supporting transformation to help our customers realize their wishes and resolve their problems, and of providing opportunities to do so. We will achieve this by steadily evolving Motivation Engineering, our core technology.

By working to accomplish our mission, we want to create a world in which organizations and individuals use their dreams and sense of purpose to draw forth deeper meaning from society.

BUSINESS



* Matching that achieves a high retention rate by taking the applicant's personality and other factors into account, rather than conventional matching based solely on skills.

02 Business Report 1 Report on Business Results for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2024

01 Consolidated Statements of Operations

| Revenues | YoY increase due to growth in the Consulting & Cloud business and the ALT Placement business. Progress was as expected. |
|------------------|---|
| Gross Profit | Substantial increase YoY as high-margin Consulting & Cloud business and Personnel Placement business, including OpenWork, progressed as expected. |
| Operating Income | Substantial increase YoY, driven by growth in the Consulting & Cloud business, which is a focal point for the Group. Progress was as expected. |
| Net Income | Substantial increase YoY due to the increase in operating income. Progress was as expected. |

| (¥ million) | 2023 2Q Results | 2024 2Q Results | YoY Change |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| Revenues | 16,715 | 18,003 | 7.7% |
| Gross Profit | 8,838 | 9,889 | 11.9% |
| Operating Income | 2,215 | 2,668 | 20.5% |
| Net Income | 1,423 | 1,831 | 28.7% |
| Net Income Attributable to Owners of the Parent | 1,255 | 1,677 | 33.6% |

02 Revenues and Gross Profit by Segment

Progress was as expected in our plans for growth from 2Q onward, resulting in increases in revenues and gross profit in every division.

| (¥ mi | llion) | 2023 2Q Results | 2024 2Q Results | YoY Change |
|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| All Divisions* | Revenues | 16,715 | 18,003 | 7.7% |
| All Divisions | Gross Profit | 8,838 | 9,889 | 11.9% |
| Organizational | Revenues | 6,209 | 6,810 | 9.7% |
| Development Division | Gross Profit | 4,379 | 4,911 | 12.1% |
| Individual | Revenues | 3,158 | 3,215 | 1.8% |
| Development Division | Gross Profit | 1,391 | 1,470 | 5.7% |
| Matching Division | Revenues | 7,831 | 8,356 | 6.7% |
| Matching Division | Gross Profit | 3,490 | 3,856 | 0.5% |

* Excludes intersegment revenues.

03 Organizational Development Division Summary

| Consulting & (| Cloud |
|----------------|-------|
| Business | • |

Monthly fee revenue of the Motivation Cloud series grew significantly due to growth in new contracts. As a result, revenues and gross profit both increased substantially YoY.

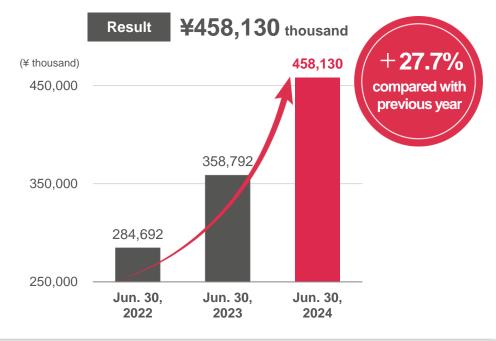
IR Support Business

Revenues increased YoY, led by growth in the core service of integrated report production in line with expectations. Gross profit increased substantially due to improved productivity.

Revenues and Gross Profit by Product

| (¥ million) | | 2023 2Q Results | 2024 2Q Results | YoY Change |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Consulting | Revenues | 5,403 | 5,945 | 10.0% |
| & Cloud Business | Gross Profit | 4,092 | 4,516 | 10.4% |
| IR Support | Revenues | 918 | 970 | 5.7% |
| Business | Gross Profit | 353 | 468 | 32.6% |

Motivation Cloud Series Monthly Fee Revenue



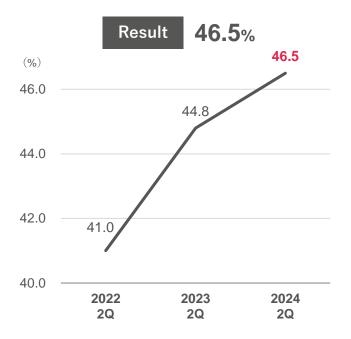
04 Individual Development Division Summary

| Career School Business | Revenues increased YoY as a result of an increase in revenues per enrollee due to the expansion of new courses and other factors. As a result of restructuring, the gross profit margin increased in line with expectations. |
|------------------------|---|
| Cram School Business | As a result of increases in both enrollment and revenues per enrollee, both revenues and gross profit increased substantially YoY. |

Revenues and Gross Profit by Product

| Career School Business | Gross | Profit Margin |
|-------------------------------|-------|----------------------|
|-------------------------------|-------|----------------------|

| (¥ million) | | 2023 2Q Results | 2024 2Q Results | YoY Change |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Career | Revenues | 2,816 | 2,838 | 0.8% |
| School Business | Gross Profit | 1,260 | 1,319 | 4.7% |
| Cram School | Revenues | 342 | 377 | 10.3% |
| Business | Gross Profit | 130 | 151 | 16.0% |



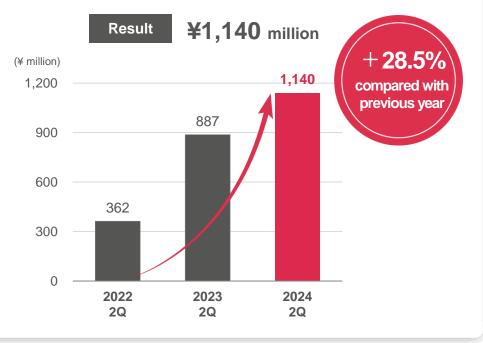
05 Matching Division Summary

| ALT Placement Business | The number of ALTs dispatched increased in line with expectations, resulting in increases in both revenues and gross profit YoY. |
|------------------------|--|
| Personnel Placement | Revenues and gross profit both increased substantially due to growth in OpenWork |
| Business | Recruiting in line with expectations. |

Revenues and Gross Profit by Product

| (¥ million) | | 2023 2Q Results | 2024 2Q Results | YoY Change |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------|
| ALT | Revenues | 6,037 | 6,369 | 5.5% |
| Placement Business | Gross Profit | 1,729 | 1,900 | 9.9% |
| Personnel | Revenues | 1,816 | 2,006 | 10.4% |
| Placement Business | Gross Profit | 1,783 | 1,975 | 10.8% |

OpenWork Recruiting Sales



06 Consolidated Statements of Operations: SG&A Expenses

Investment in advertising to increase awareness of OpenWork in the first quarter and accelerated investment in human resources resulted in a YoY increase in SG&A expenses.

| (¥ million) | 2023 2Q Results | 2024 2Q Results | YoY Change |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| Total SG&A Expenses | 6,613 | 7,123 | 7.7% |
| 1 Personnel Expenses | 3,257 | 3,573 | 9.7% |
| ② Recruiting, Training and Welfare Expenses | 360 | 394 | 9.2% |
| ③ Office and System Expenses | 1,210 | 1,194 | -1.3% |
| (4) Sales-related Expenses | 1,326 | 1,462 | 10.2% |
| (5) Other Expenses | 458 | 499 | 9.0% |

07 Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

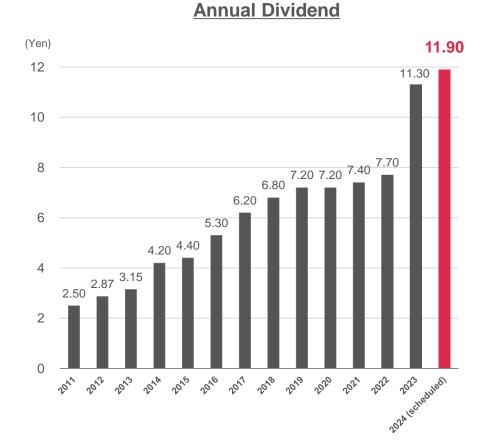
Assets and liabilities increased. In liabilities, current liabilities decreased and non-current liabilities increased because of a change in the balance of long- and short-term borrowings. Total equity increased because the Group recorded net income.

| (¥ million) | December 31, 2023 | June 30, 2024 | Increase (Decrease) |
|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Current Assets | 12,701 | 13,568 | 867 |
| Non-current Assets | 18,141 | 17,715 | (426) |
| Total Assets | 30,843 | 31,284 | 441 |
| Current Liabilities | 13,127 | 10,972 | (2,155) |
| Non-current Liabilities | 4,774 | 7,147 | 2,372 |
| Total Liabilities | 17,902 | 18,119 | 216 |
| Total Equity | 12,940 | 13,164 | 224 |

Shareholder returns are a management priority, and our policy is to pay dividends based on performance. For the second quarter, we plan to pay a dividend of ¥3.0 per share on Wednesday, September 25.

Quarterly Dividends in 2024

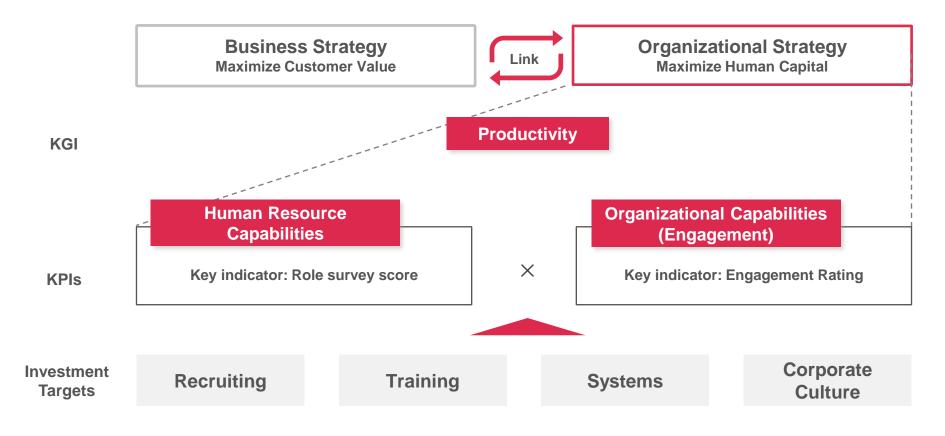
| | Dividend per Share (Yen) | | | | | | |
|------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| First Quarter | Second Quarter | Third Quarter (Scheduled) | Fourth Quarter (Scheduled) | Annual Dividend (Scheduled) | | | |
| 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 11.9 | | | |



02 Business Report 2 Report on Organizational Condition in the Six Months Ended June 30, 2024

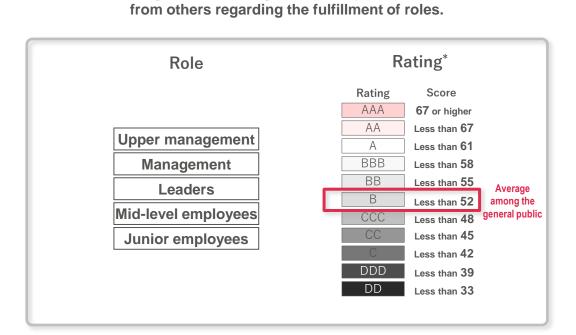
09 Approach to Human Capital Management

We treat business strategy and organizational strategy as equal and link the two in management. Within the organization, we invest in recruiting, training, systems, and corporate culture to improve human resource capabilities and organizational capabilities (engagement) and thus maximize productivity, which indicates the return on human capital investment.



Human Resource Capabilities: Role Survey Score Results

Performance of the roles required for each job level is ranked on an 11-level ratings scale using a score calculated based on the degree of matching between the expectations and satisfaction of others who work with the subject. The percentage of employees with an "A" rank or higher was more than 50% overall and more than 70% at the management level, indicating that our human resource capabilities were maintained.



Role Survey Score

Measures the degree of matching between expectation and satisfaction

* Calculated based on data from approximately 820,000 respondents in 7,570 corporate diagnoses.

April to May 2024 Results (Percentage with "A" Rank or Higher)

| | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|------------------------|------|------|--------------------|
| All employees (%) | 56.8 | 55.4 | 54.0 (57.0) |
| Managers and above (%) | 75.3 | 73.1 | 73.6 (77.0) |

Note: Plan values in parentheses

STRETCH CLOUD

Perception of 2024 Results

Due to initiatives to improve human resource capabilities, approx. 40% of employees maintained an "A" rank or higher from 2023.

Results fell short of the plan because the ranks of some employees dropped, but we will continue to focus on initiative for employees below "A" rank.

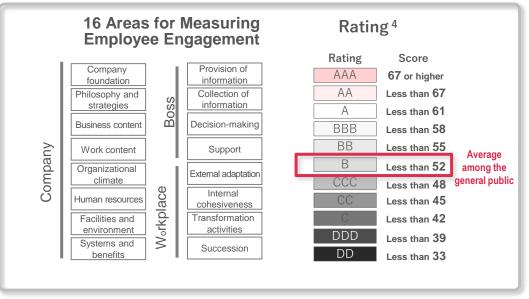
11 Organizational Capabilities (Engagement): Engagement Rating Results

MOTIVATION CLOUD

Companies are ranked on an 11-level ratings scale according to the Engagement Score,¹ which is calculated based on the degree of matching between employees' expectations and satisfaction with their company, superiors and workplace. Of the eight Group companies,² six were rated AAA and two were rated AA, meeting our plan for all eight companies to be ranked AA or higher.

Engagement Rating³

Ranked on an 11-level ratings scale according to the Engagement Score, which is calculated based on the levels of employee expectation and satisfaction with their company, and the degree of matching between the two factors.



- 1. Engagement Score is a registered trademark of Link and Motivation Inc. (registration no.6115383).
- 2. Excluding Link Dining Inc. in the Other segment

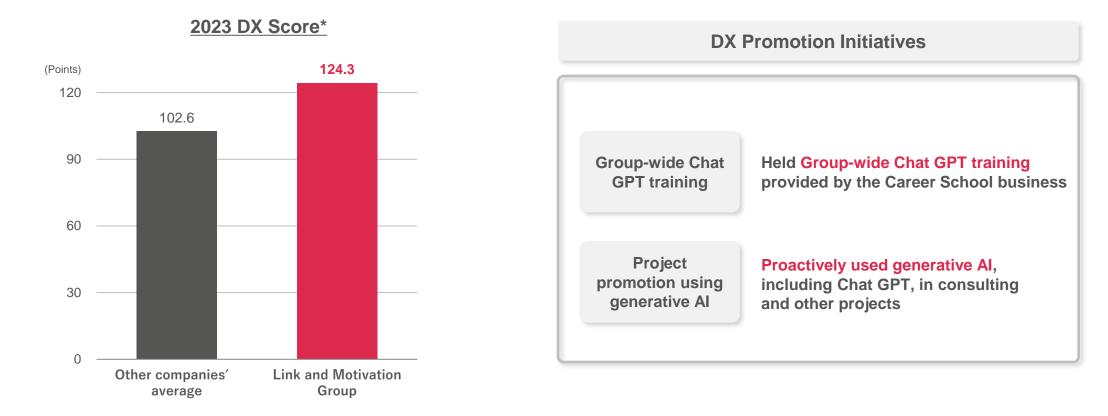
August 2024 Results

| | | Rating | | |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Division | Company | August 2022 | August 2023 | August 2024 |
| Organizational Development Division | Link and Motivation Inc. | AAA | AAA | AAA |
| | Link Event Produce Inc. | AAA | AAA | AAA |
| | Link Corporate Communications Inc. | AAA | AAA | AAA |
| Individual Development Division | Link Academy Inc. | AAA | AAA | AAA |
| | Motivation Academia Inc. | AAA | AAA | AAA |
| Matching Division | Link Interac Inc. | AA | AA | AA |
| | OpenWork Inc. | AA | AA | AA |
| | Link-i Inc. | AAA | AAA | AAA |

Engagement Rating is a registered trademark of Link and Motivation Inc. (registration no.6167649).
Calculated based on data from approximately 4,420,000 people in 11,890 corporate diagnoses.

12 Promoting Digital Transformation (DX) to Improve Productivity

We are focused on promoting DX to improve productivity. Our DX Score continues to improve, and in 2023 it exceeded the average score at other companies. We will continue to invest in improving productivity through promoting DX.



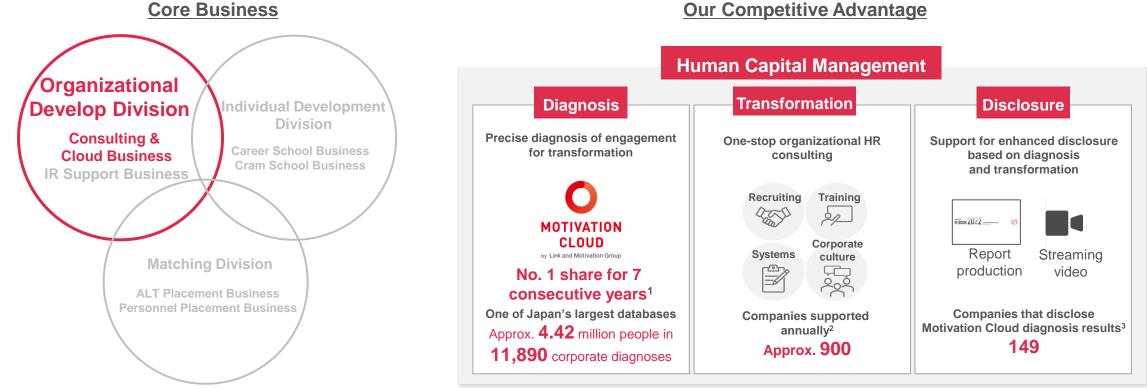
* Indicates results of DX Survey Basic level. Evaluated on a scale of 200 points.



Report on Growth Strategy Centered on Consulting & Cloud Business

13 Competitive Advantage of Our Growth Driver

For the time being, given the rising importance of and difficulty for companies in adapting to the labor market, we will focus on the Consulting & Cloud business, which has high growth potential. We will continue to expand our support by leveraging our unique ability to comprehensively support companies in human capital management, and use it to drive our growth.



1. ITR Corporation, ITR Market View: Human Resources Management Market 2024, Employee Engagement Market: Sales and Share by Vendor (FY2017-FY2023 forecast)

2. Number of companies with transactions between July 2023 and June 2024.

3. Number of companies disclosing the Engagement Rating and other diagnosis results in Motivation Cloud, which is provided by Link and Motivation Inc., as of June 30, 2024.

14 Growth Potential and Strategy

Growth Potential

Our Consulting & Cloud business is providing support to approximately 1,500 companies in Japan. For now, we will expand sales by focusing on major domestic companies, where there is still substantial room for development, while rolling out the Motivation Cloud series to domestic small and medium-sized companies (SMEs) and overseas subsidiaries of Japanese companies to accelerate medium- to long-term growth.

Specific Strategies

Major domestic Step up comprehensive support for human capital management companies Number of domestic companies with 50 or more employees¹ Approx. 100,000 Leverage the customer base of FCE Inc. to **Domestic SMEs** Vietnam roll out the Motivation Cloud series² Thailand Roll out the Motivation Cloud series starting at **Overseas** local subsidiaries of Japanese companies subsidiaries in Thailand and Vietnam

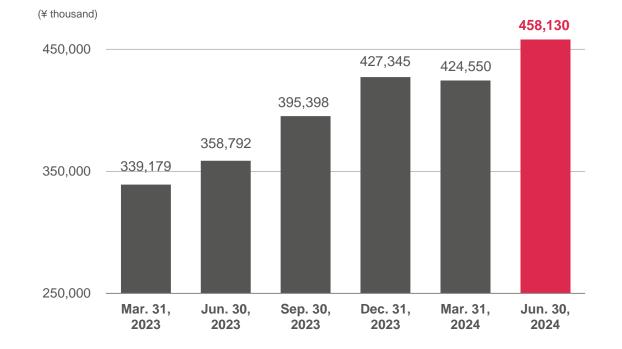
1. Determined based on the 2021 Census for Business Activity from the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

2. See slide 20 for details.

15 Key Indicators of Consulting & Cloud Business ①

Monthly fee revenue for the Motivation Cloud series exceeded the ¥450,000 thousand target set for June 30, 2024. Progress is steady toward the monthly fee revenue target of ¥530,000 thousand by December 31, 2024.

Motivation Cloud Series Monthly Fee Revenue



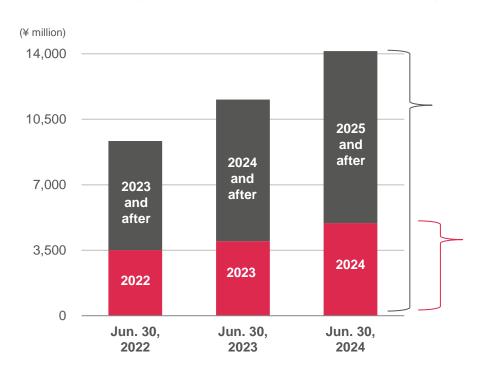
16 Introduction of the Motivation Cloud Series at Major Companies

As a result of our efforts, major companies in a wide range of industries have introduced the Motivation Cloud series. In addition, almost all the companies that have introduced it have also disclosed the results of their diagnosis. We will continue to provide one-stop support that extends beyond diagnosis to disclosure.



17 Key Indicators of Consulting & Cloud Business **2**

With the growth in sales of the Motivation Cloud series, the backlog of orders, which is the total orders for future projects obtained at a given point in time, has been increasing substantially YoY. The order backlog for 2024 has also increased substantially YoY, and we are progressing steadily toward our earnings forecast.



Consulting & Cloud Business Order Backlog

Total orders for projects as of June 30, 2024

Approx. **¥14.0** billion (increase of about 20% YoY)

Backlog of order for projects to be delivered during 2024 included in above Approx. ¥5.0 billion (increase of about 25% YoY)

Note: Figures in bar graph indicate timing of delivery.

18 Close Up: Increasing Attention to Human Capital Management

We held the HR Transformation Summit 2024 as a first-rank event for human resources in Japan. Due to the increasing attention given to human capital management, approximately 18,000 people, including managers and HR personnel, applied to join the event. We aim to create a link between the event and our comprehensive support for human capital management.



The number of applicants was approximately 5,200 in 2023, and reached approximately 18,000 in 2024, a nearly 250% increase YoY.



Speakers included notable people from various fields, such as former Japan national soccer team coach Okada Takeshi. Attendee satisfaction has remained high for three consecutive years.

04 Business Alliance with FCE Inc.

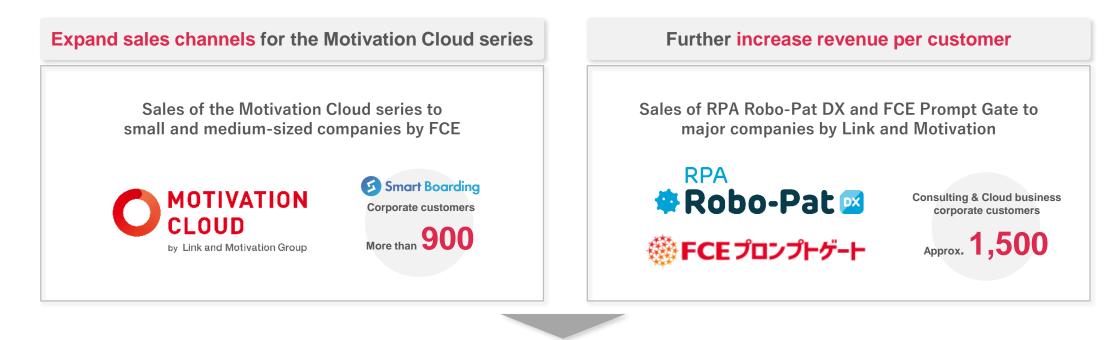


We have concluded a business alliance agreement with FCE Inc., a company with unique strengths in enhancing human resource capabilities, and will begin selling each other's products. In accordance with the basic agreement on a capital and business alliance we entered into in May, we plan to acquire 20% of FCE's shares and make it an equity method affiliate.



20 Business Collaboration between FCE and the Consulting & Cloud Business

FCE will sell the Motivation Cloud series to small and medium-sized companies, and we will sell the FCE products RPA Robo-Pat DX and FCE Prompt Gate in the Motivation Cloud series. By enabling support for enhancing corporate productivity, this collaboration will achieve true improvement in customer engagement.



Both will be recorded as monthly fee revenue for the Motivation Cloud series, accelerating the growth of the Motivation Cloud series in 2025 and thereafter.

Reference Materials

- Consulting & Cloud Business Supplementary Information
- Research Results
- Business KPIs

21 Approach to Growth of Consulting & Cloud Business

Since organizational HR problems are difficult to solve in the short term, we are shifting our business model to mediumand long-term support. We will implement the following policy for expansion of recurring revenue by providing ongoing product services based on contracts for long-term use of Motivation Cloud, Stretch Cloud or other products. This will serve as a foundation for achieving continuous strong growth.

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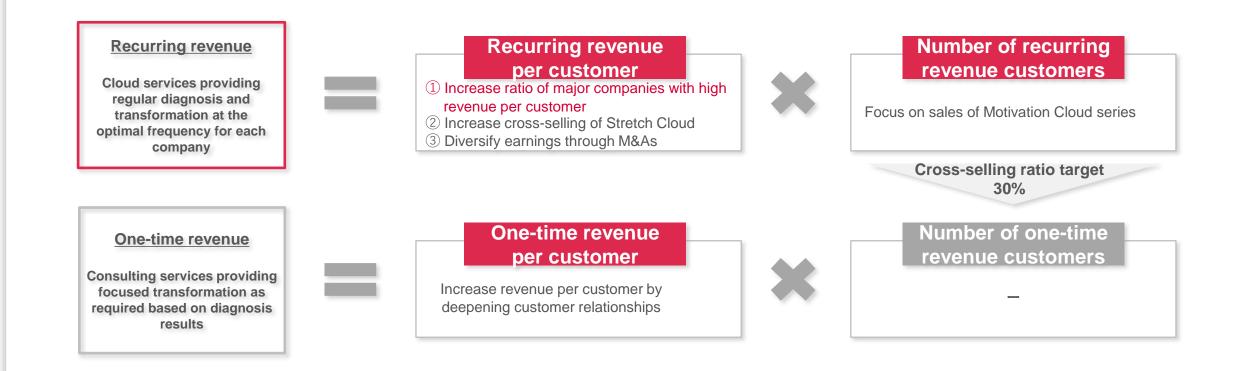
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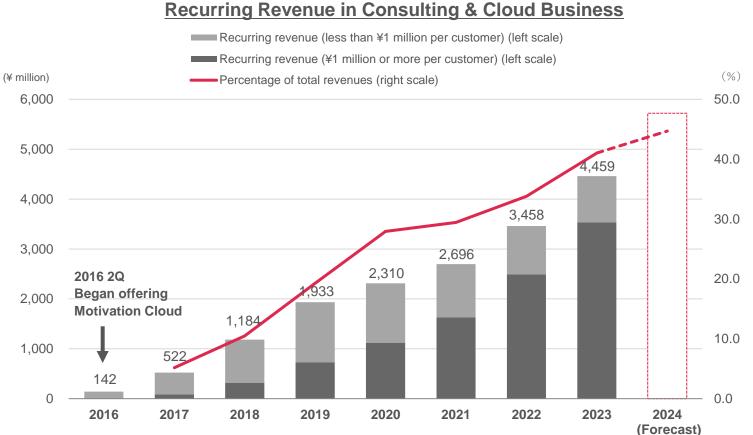
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22 **Recurring Revenue of Consulting & Cloud Business**

We will increase recurring revenue by continuing to promote introduction at major companies with high revenue per customer.



23 Relationship between Employee Engagement and Investment Indicators

Employee engagement has a positive correlation with ROE, ROIC and PBR.

This suggests that the higher employee engagement is, the more likely it is that human capital will be utilized effectively and lead to generation of revenues.

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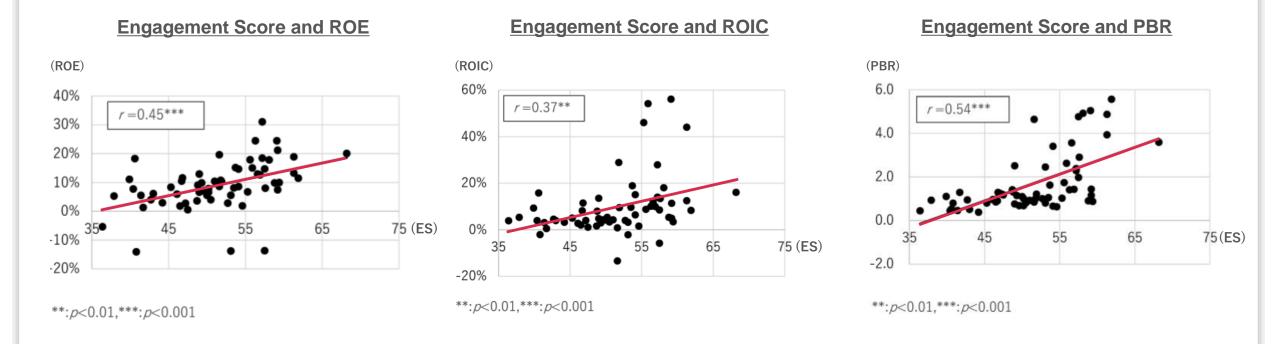
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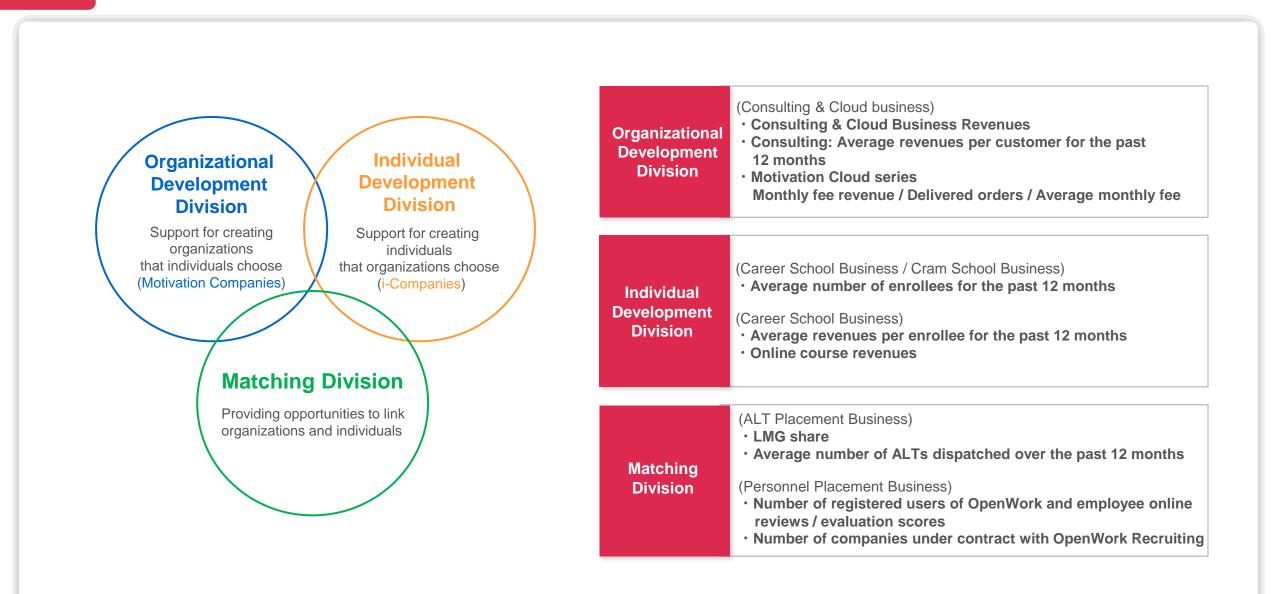


Findings of a study on the relationship between employee engagement and investment indicators are available <u>here</u> (Japanese only)



Supplementary Research B Information Results

Business KPIs



Supplementary **Organizational Development Division: Consulting & Cloud Business Revenues / Average Revenues per Customer for the Past 12 Months**

Consulting & Cloud Business Revenues

| (¥ million) | | 2023 2Q Results | 2024 2Q Results | YoY Change | |
|--------------------------------|------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------|
| Consulting & Cloud Business | | Revenues | 5,403 | 5,945 | 10.0% |
| | | Gross Profit | 4,092 | 4,516 | 10.4% |
| | Consulting | Revenues | 3,285 | 3,194 | -2.8% |
| | Cloud | Revenues | 2,117 | 2,750 | 29.9% |

About Consulting in 2024

To achieve higher profitability, we are changing our portfolio to shift from consulting to the cloud and to focus on human capital consulting, which has a high profit margin.

Due in part to the impact of first-quarter results, revenues decreased slightly, but revenues per customer have bottomed out and are recovering. By continuing to focus on major companies, we expect further recovery in the second half.

Consulting Average Revenues per Customer for the Past 12 Months

2024 2Q

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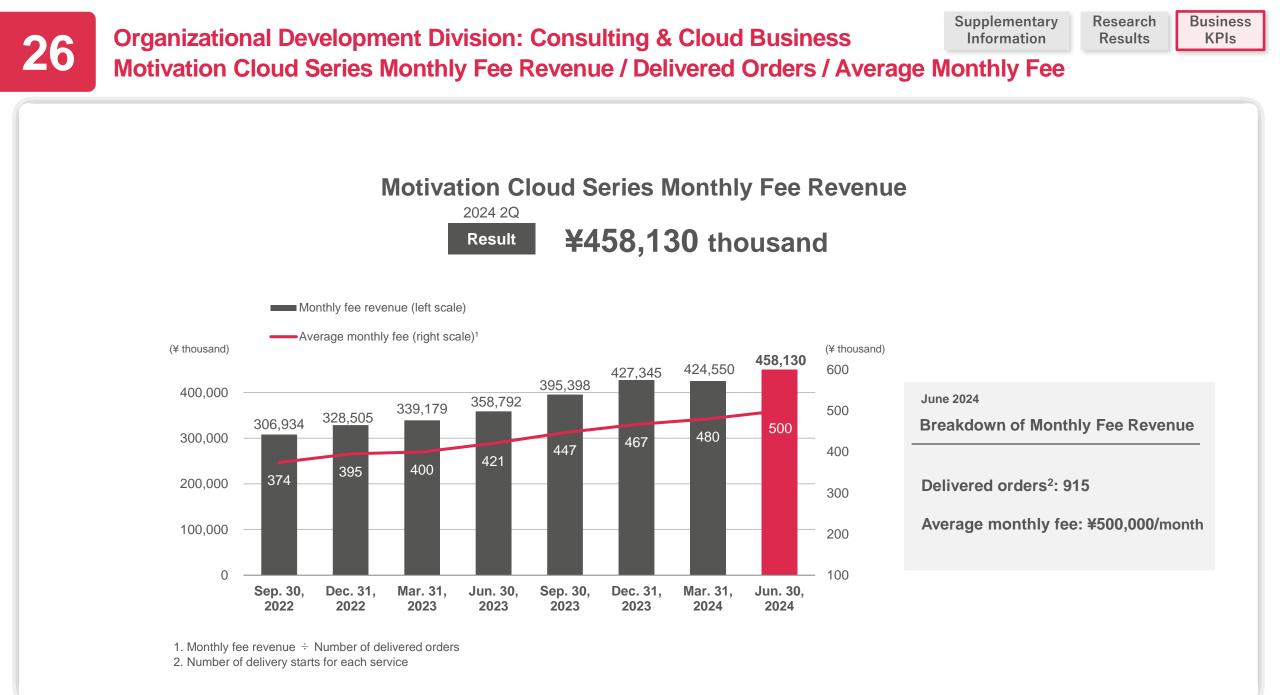
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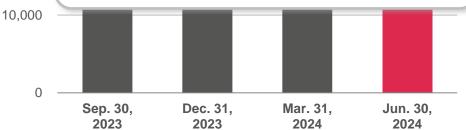
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KPIs

Result ¥8,418 thousand Average revenues per customer for the past 12 months (left scale) (¥ thousand) -----Number of customers for the past 12 months (right scale) (Companies) 10.000 1.000 8,547 8,429 8.418 8,069 800 600 5.000 400 200 Ω Sep. 30, Dec. 31. Mar. 31. Jun. 30. 2023 2023 2024 2024



Individual Development Division Supplementary Business Research Information Results **KPIs** 27 Average Number of Enrollees for the Past 12 Months / Career School Business: Average Revenues per Enrollee for the Past 12 Months **Career School Business Average Number of Enrollees** Average Revenues per Enrollee for for the Past 12 Months the Past 12 Months* 2024 2Q 2024 2Q 14,079 ¥34,051 Result Result Career School (BtoC) Career School (BtoB) Cram School (Yen) (Enrollees) 34,051 33,179 32,629 31,739 14,703 14,216 14,079 14,516 15,000 30,000 10.000 Although the average number of enrollees for the 20,000 past 12 months decreased, revenues per enrollee have continued to increase due to the expansion of new courses. 5,000 10,000



* The figures above represent unit sales of BtoC services in the Career School business.

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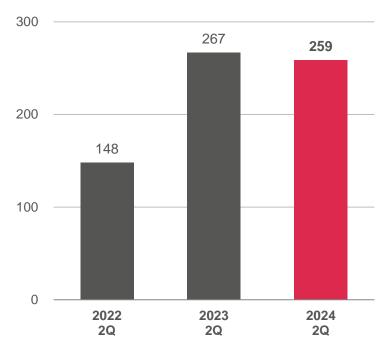
Individual Development Division: Career School Business **Online Course Revenues**

Supplementary Information

Results



(¥ million)



Restructuring of Career School Business

To adapt to changes in learning needs during the COVID-19 pandemic, we closed or relocated schools starting in 2022 3Q and implemented restructuring to shift to online classes.

Restructuring was completed during 2023.

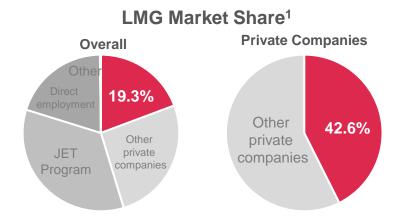
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The gross profit margin increased as expected due to more efficient school operations.

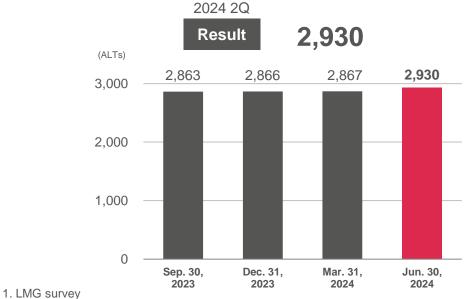
Online revenues decreased YoY due to difficulties in new enrollment in the first quarter and last year's temporary shift online of many students attending schools scheduled for relocation or closure.

Future orders are progressing smoothly, as the business continues to focus on expansion.

9 Matching Division: ALT Placement Business Market Share and Average Number of ALTs Dispatched over the Past 12 Months



Average Number of ALTs Dispatched over the Past 12 Months



Amendment of Law on Social Insurance Coverage of ALTs

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KPIs

The amendment of the National Pension Act in May 2020² expanded the scope of coverage of social insurance. This amendment newly requires workers with short working hours (20 to less than 30 hours per week) to be enrolled in social insurance.

This amendment is being applied first to companies with the most employees. From October 2022, it applies to companies with 101 or more employees. From October 2024, it will apply to companies with 51 or more employees.

From April 2024

External environment: The competitive environment will flatten out as social insurance coverage expands. Initiatives: Select target customers and strengthen communication.

Achieve differentiation by addressing customers' underlying issues.

Results

Recovery is proceeding as expected. The average number of ALTs dispatched from April to June 2024 exceeded 3,100.

2. For details, see "Act of the Partial Revision of the National Pension Act (Act No. 40 of 2020)" issued by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Supplementary Research Matching Division: Personnel Placement Business Business Information Results **KPIs** Number of Registered Users of OpenWork and Employee Reviews / Evaluation Scores & **Companies under Contract with OpenWork Recruiting OpenWork OpenWork Recruiting** 2024 2Q Registered users Employee reviews / Evaluation scores Companies under contract 2024 2Q 6.58 million 17.30 million Result 3,300 Result (Companies) OpenWork Number of registered users 3,300 OpenWork Number of employee reviews/evaluation scores 17.30 (Million) 3,000 15.10 2,510 16 13.20 1,900 2,000 12 8 6.58 5.75 1,000 4.94 0 0 Jun. 30, Jun. 30, Jun. 30, Jun. 30, Jun. 30, Jun. 30, 2022 2023 2024 2022 2023 2024 ▶ For details, see "IR information" (IR情報) on the OpenWork website (in Japanese only)



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