

Fiscal Year 2022 Second Quarter

Results Presentation

GMO Pepabo, Inc.

Stock code: 3633 (TSE Prime Market)





Sales rose and profit fell from a year ago,

with the Hosting business continuing to perform well and revenues from non-recurring business seeing sluggish growth.

Growth in merchandise e-commerce slowed. Our challenge is to take initiatives for non-merchandise e-commerce.

- The Hosting business and the Financial Support business performed steadily.
- Expenses for promotional activities increased, reflecting TV commercials for SUZURI.
 Shipments of certain items were postponed to the third quarter.
 We will strive to expand sales.



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Summary of Results in Q2 FY2022

Summary of Results (Six Months)



Net sales after the application of the new Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition rose 3.5% year on year. Operating profit declined 45.2% year on year, reflecting increased promotions for SUZURI.

	Before application After application of the new standard				
(Million yen)	Q2 FY2021 (six months)	Q2 FY2021 (six months)*	Q2 FY2022 (six months)	Change	YoY
Net sales	5,950	4,936	5,106	+170	103.5%
Operating profit	459	453	248	-204	54.8%
Operating profit margin (%)	7.7	9.2	4.9	_	_
Ordinary profit	470	465	258	-206	55.6%
Profit attributable to owners of parent	o 362	356	182	-173	51.3%

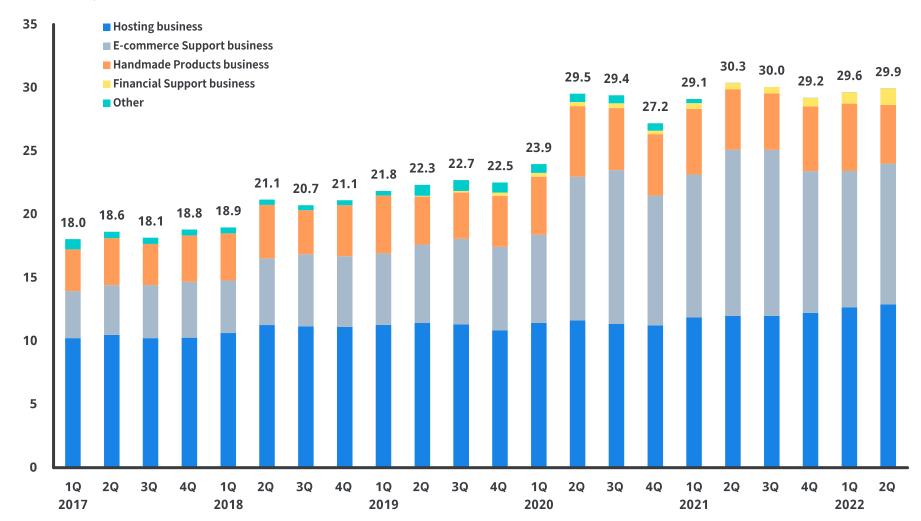
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Changes in Quarterly Net Sales (Comparison of figures before application of the Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition)



* For long-term changes in net sales, the comparisons are before application of the Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition because it is difficult to compare figures after the application with ones before the application.

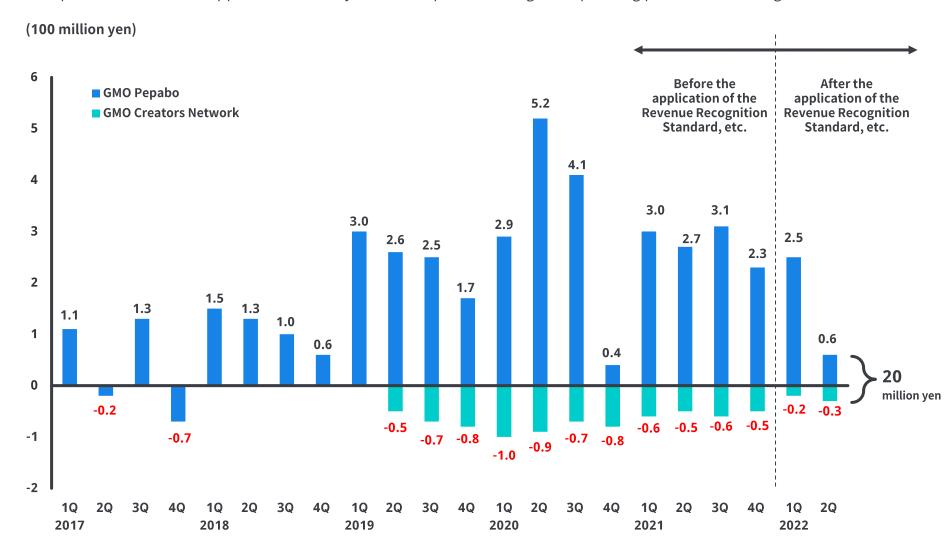
(100 million yen)



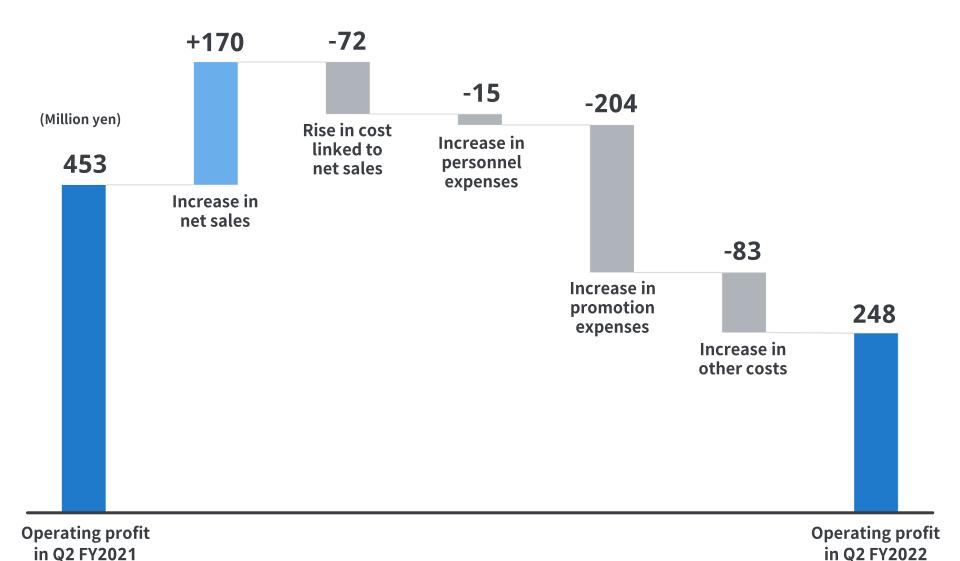
Changes in Quarterly Operating Profit



* Starting from Q1 2022, figures after the application of the Accounting Standard for Revenue Recognition are used for the comparison because the application has only a minor impact on changes in operating profit over the long term.



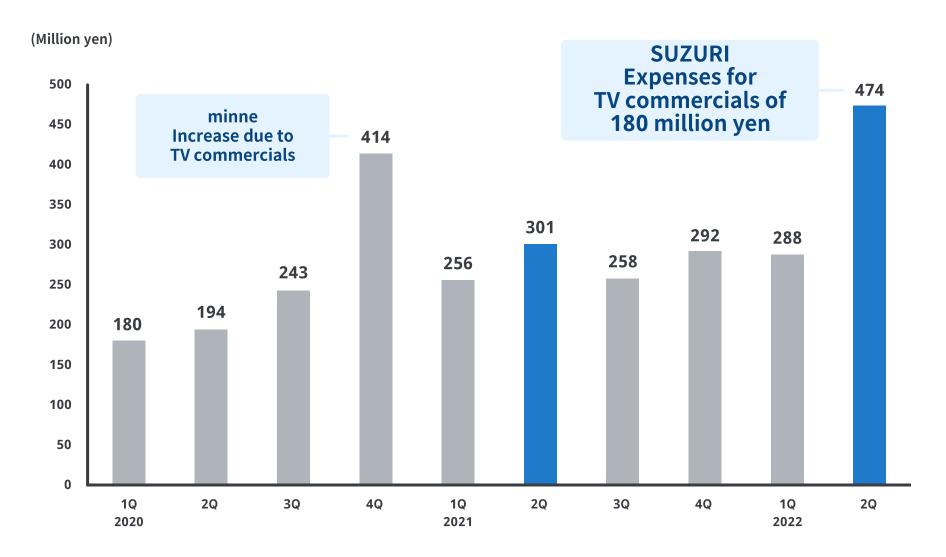




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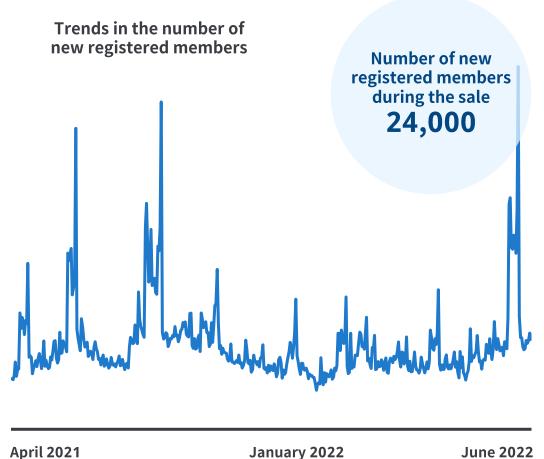


Expenses for promotional activities increased from a year ago due to TV commercials for SUZURI.





TV commercials were aired in the Kanto and Kansai regions during the SUZURI T-shirt sale (from June 11 to June 19). The number of mentions in the social media increased.



Number of registered members in Q2

106,000

Up **6.0**% year on year

From Q3

- Will expand sales by adding items and increasing repeat purchases.
- Shipments of certain items planned during the sale have been postponed to Q3.



Hosting	Performed steadily due to an increase in the ratio of new contracts for high-end service plans and the effect of the price revision				
	Net sales:	2,520 million yen	(107.8%)		
	Operating profit:	851 million yen	(124.0%)		
E-commerce Support	Expenses increased due to SUZURI TV commercials. Shipments of certain items were postponed to Q3.				
	Net sales:	1,506 million yen	(92.7%)		
	Operating profit:	254 million yen	(44.7%)		
Handmade Products	Total gross merchandise value is a new record high. Expenses for promotional activities, etc. increased.				
	Net sales:	859 million yen	(101.5%)		
	Operating profit:	67 million yen	(47.9%)		
Financial Support	The number of partners and the amount of purchases of invoices increased significantly.				
	Net sales:	219 million yen	(234.5%)		
	Operating profit:	-15 million yen	(an increase of ${f 58}$ million yen)		

Note: The figures in parentheses are year-on-year changes.

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Hosting business

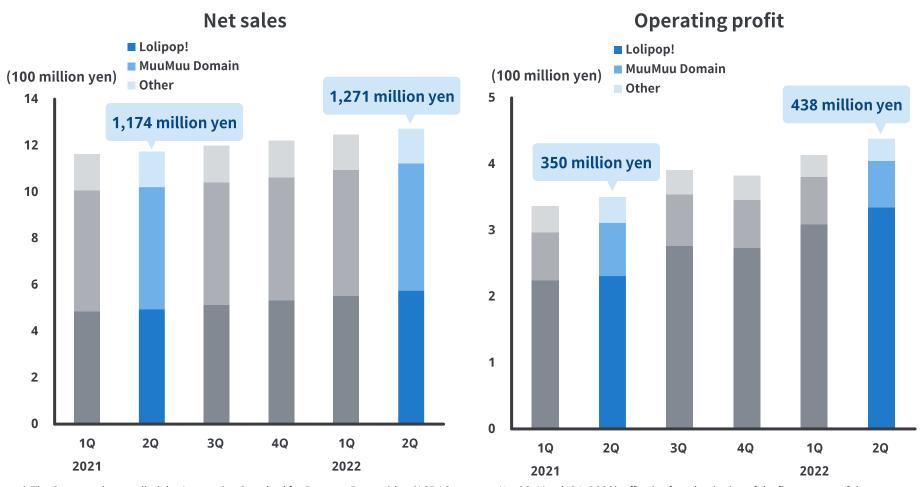


Net sales:

2,520 million yen (up 7.8% year on year)

Operating profit:

851 million yen (up 24.0% year on year)



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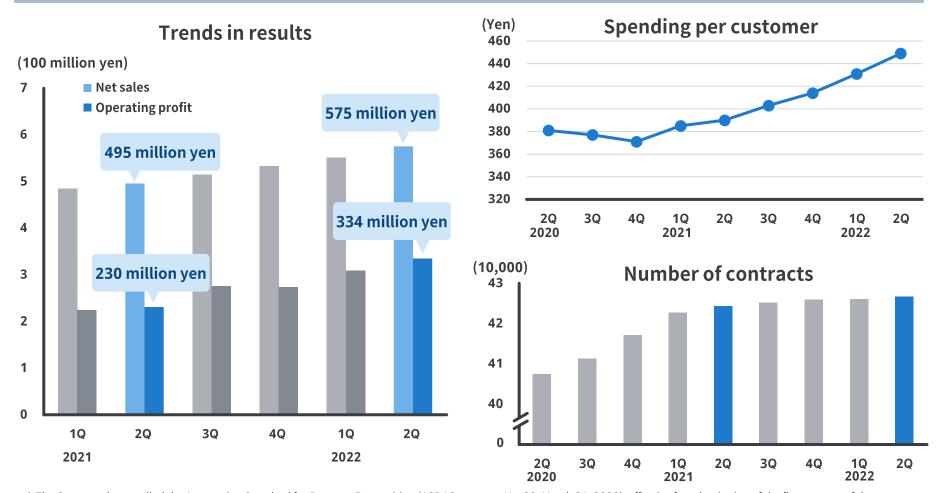


Net sales:

1,126 million yen (up 14.9% year on year)

Operating profit:

643 million yen (up 41.4% year on year)



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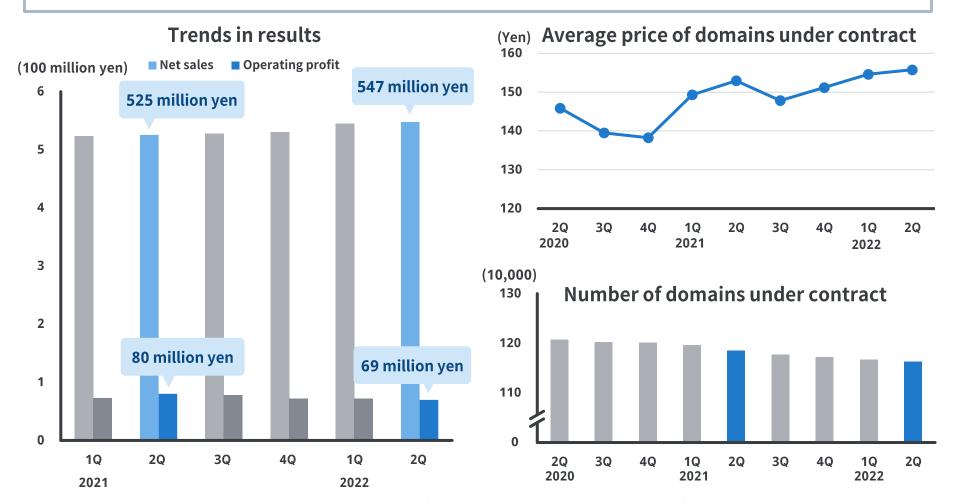


Net sales:

1,092 million yen (up 4.2% year on year)

Operating profit:

141 million yen (down 7.2% year on year)



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E-commerce Support business

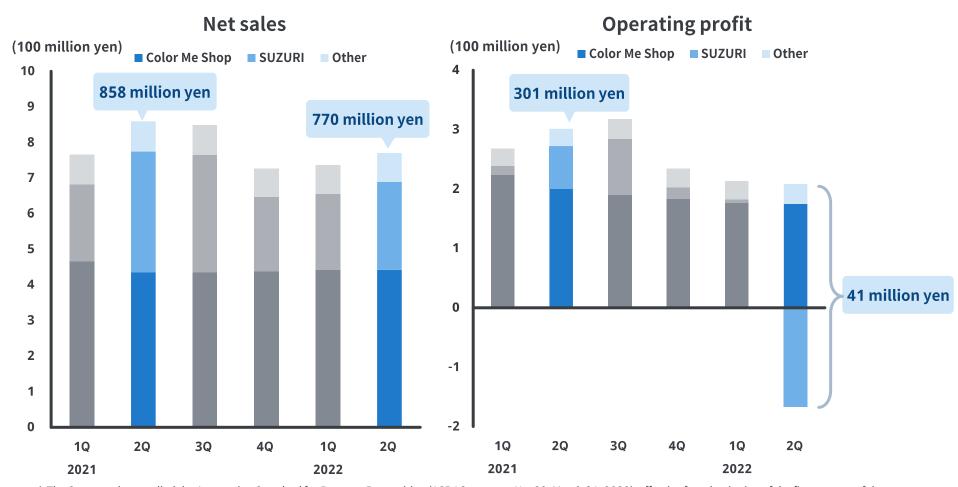


Net sales:

1,506 million yen (down 7.3% year on year)

Operating profit:

254 million yen (down 55.3% year on year)



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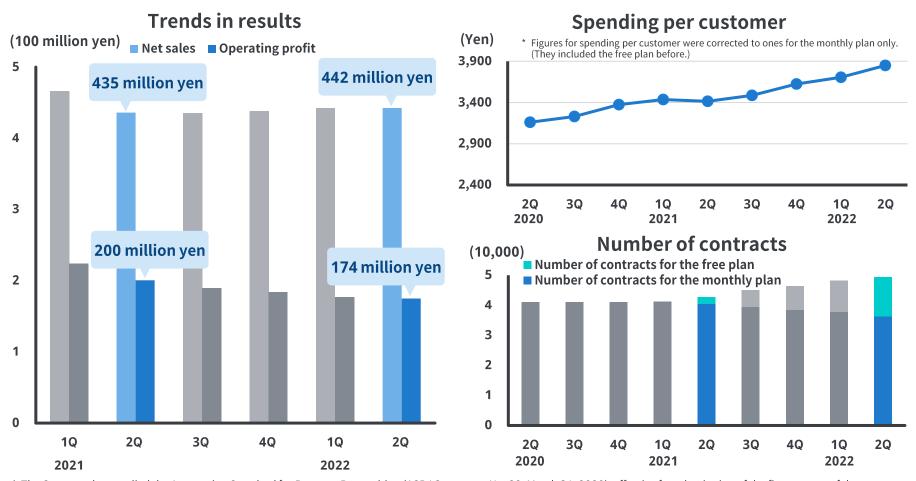
Net sales:

884 million yen

(down 1.9% year on year)

Operating profit:

351 million yen (down 17.2% year on year)



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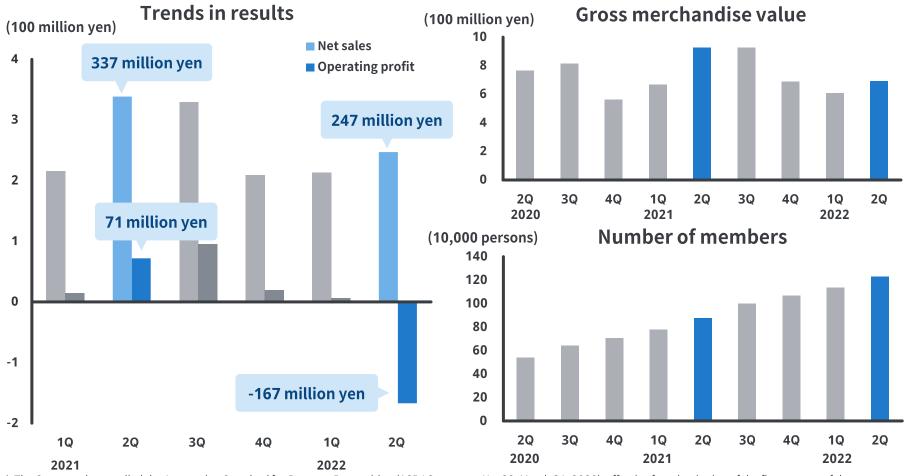
Net sales:

460 million yen

(down 17.0% year on year)

Operating profit:

-161 million yen (down 239 million yen year on year)



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Handmade Products business



Net sales:

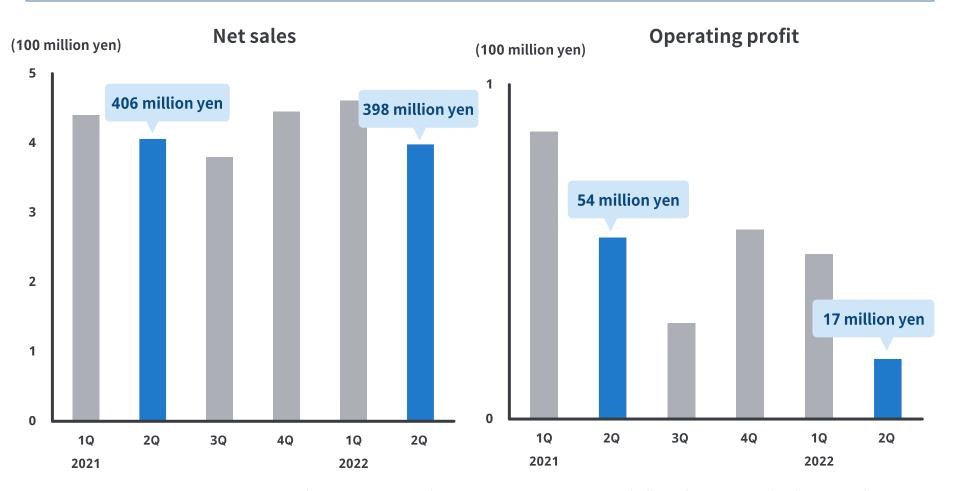
859 million yen

(up 1.5% year on year)

Operating profit:

67 million yen

(down 52.1% year on year)



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Number of creators and brands: 0.83 million people

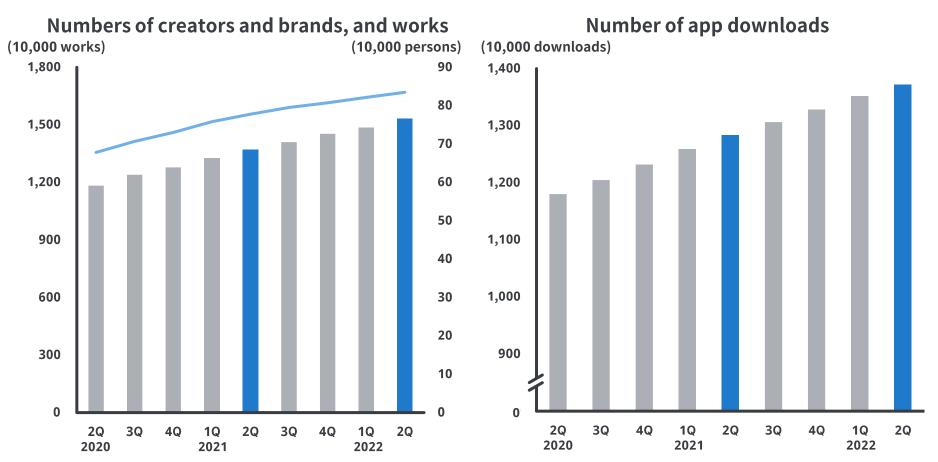
Number of works: 15.31 million

Number of app downloads: 13.71 million

(up 7.4% year on year)

(up 11.8% year on year)

(up 6.9% year on year)



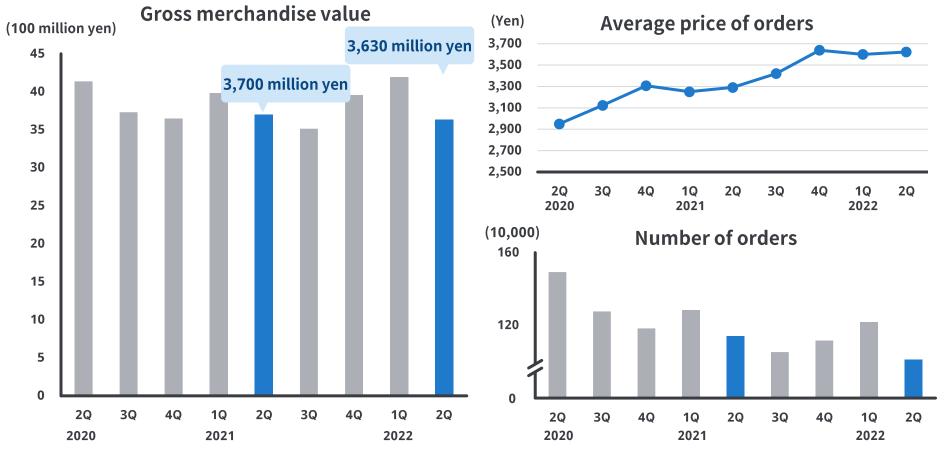
Gross Merchandise Value, Average Price of Orders, and Number of Orders (minne)



Gross merchandise value: 7,820 million yen (up 1.9% year on year)

Six months Average price of orders: 3,622 yen (up 10.1% year on year)

Number of orders: 2.229 million (down 8.0% year on year)





Financial Support business



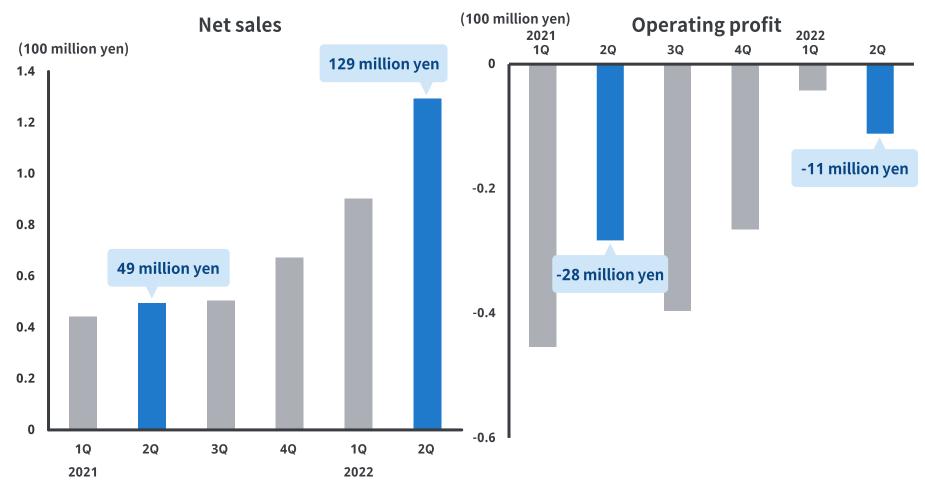
Net sales:

219 million yen

(up 134.5% year on year)

Operating profit:

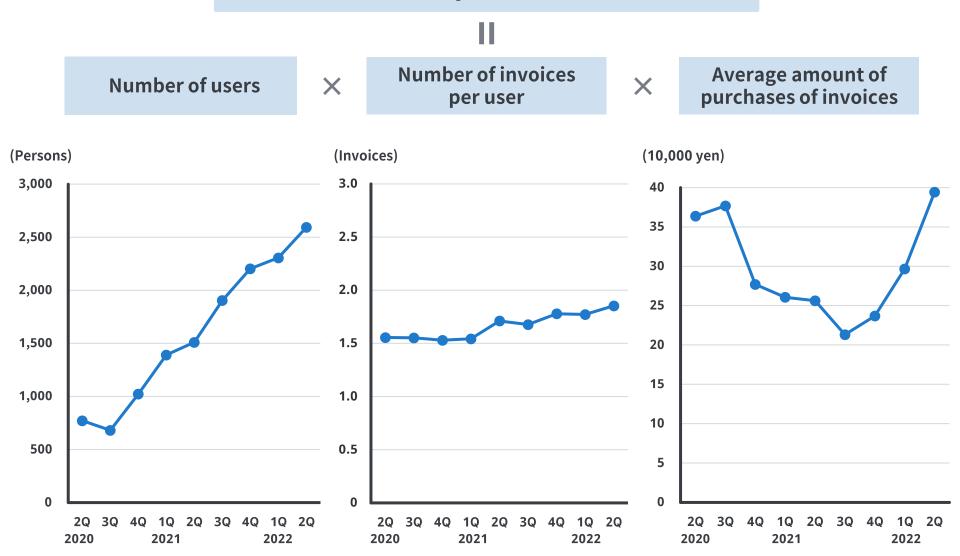
-15 million yen (up 58 million yen year on year)



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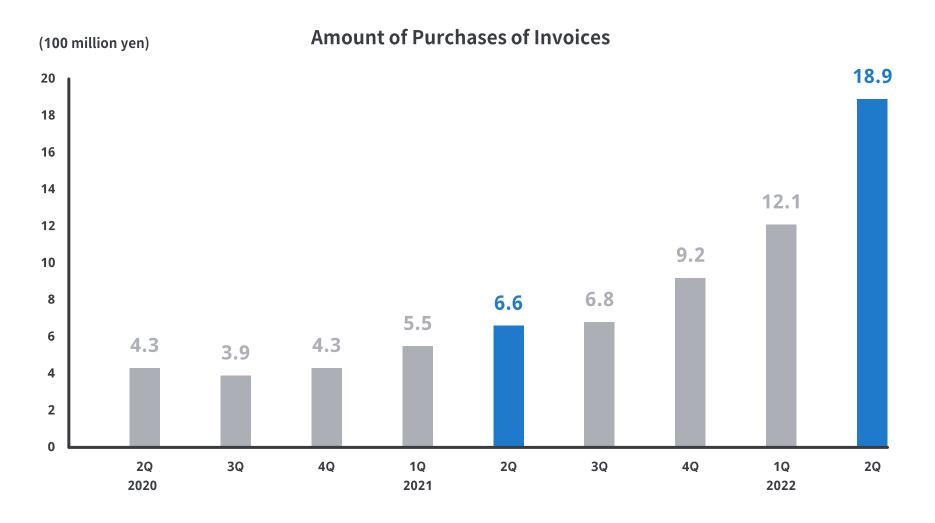


Total amount of purchases of invoices





The number of users is on an upward trend. The amount of purchases of invoices hit a record high.





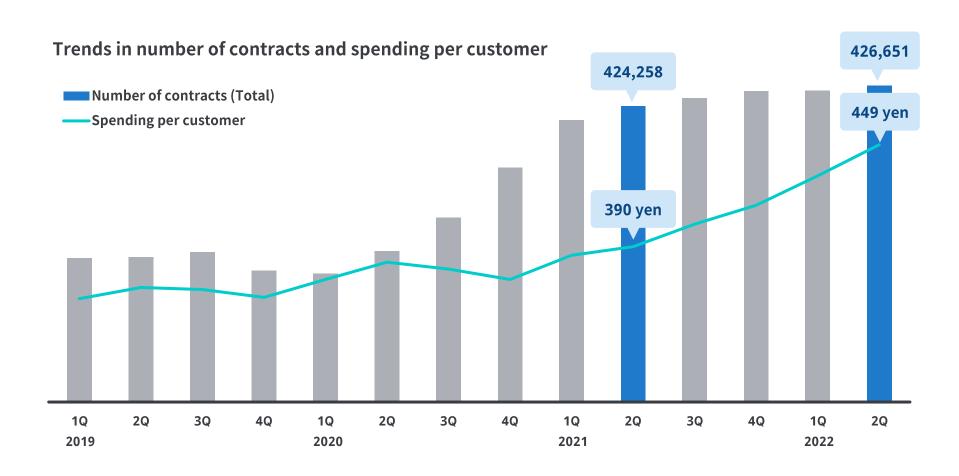
Progress in Q2 FY2022 and Future Measures

Trends in KPIs in Hosting Business (Lolipop!)



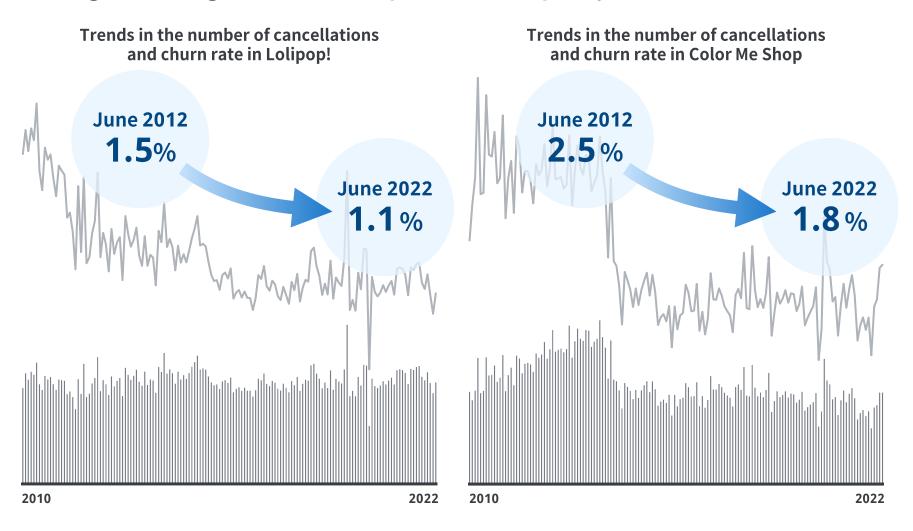
The number of contracts increased slightly due to domain linkage and initiatives to improve the renewal rate.

Spending per customer continued to rise due to the price revision in the previous year.



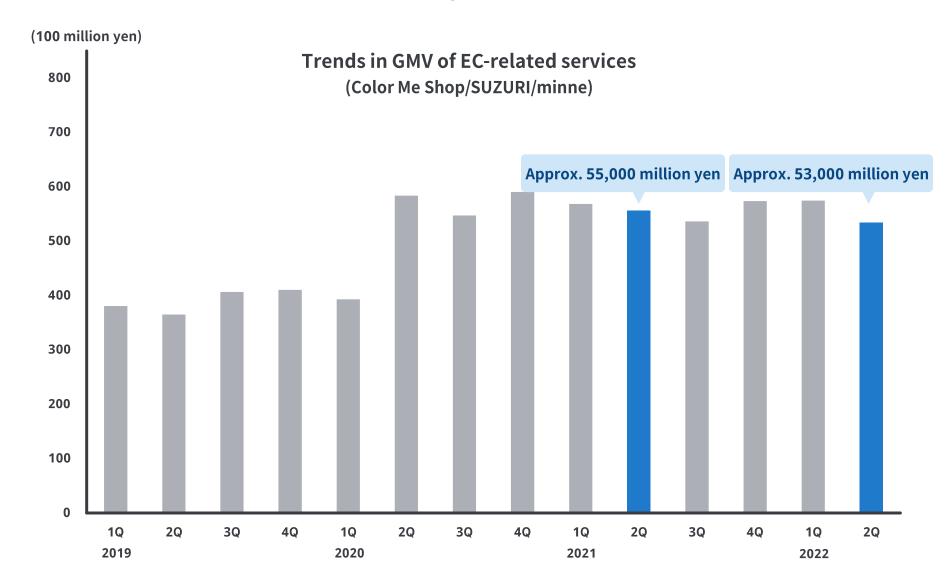


The churn rate has been improving in the Lolipop! and Color Me Shop businesses, where revenues are primarily recurring revenues, in the medium to long term, reflecting continuing initiatives to improve service quality and customer service.



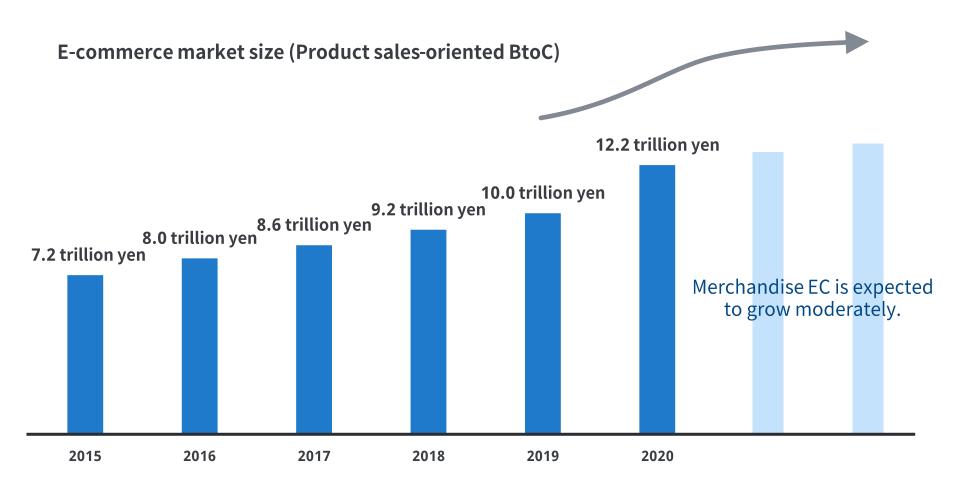


Total GMV of three services (Color Me Shop, SUZURI, and minne) remained flat.





The merchandise EC market is growing. Growth is expected to be moderate.



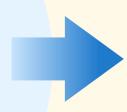


Our challenge is to develop non-merchandise EC, in addition to merchandise EC, according to changes in the market environment.

Merchandise EC To non-merchandise EC







Digital EC Web3

minne



Developing Web3 and digital content, increasing efforts to develop non-merchandise EC

minne

Increasing efforts to sell information to provide more fun to those who create things

(Teaching materials, digital materials)



Increasing efforts to use digital content that has a high level of affinity with the website

Easily creating and selling NFT items (Started on May 23)



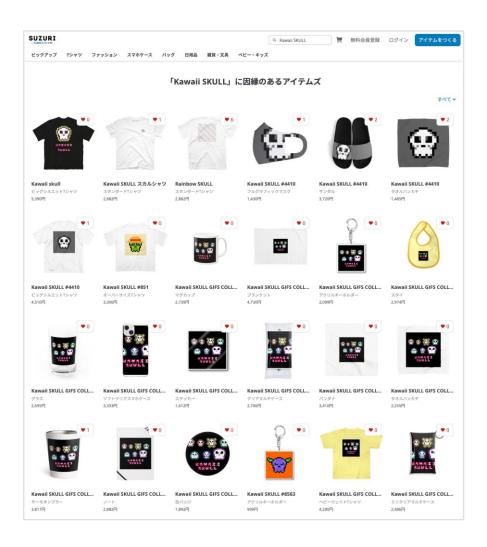
Services will be launched and registration and use will start in the second half of the fiscal year.

SUZURI: Starting the creation and sales functions for NFT creators



On May 23, SUZURI launched a function that allows NFT content creators and those who are permitted to own the NFT content to create and sell original goods.

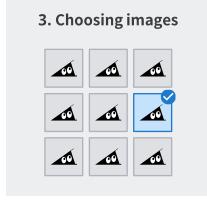
Fans of NFT content can freely create and sell goods using the content on SUZURI.



Process of the sale of NFT original goods





























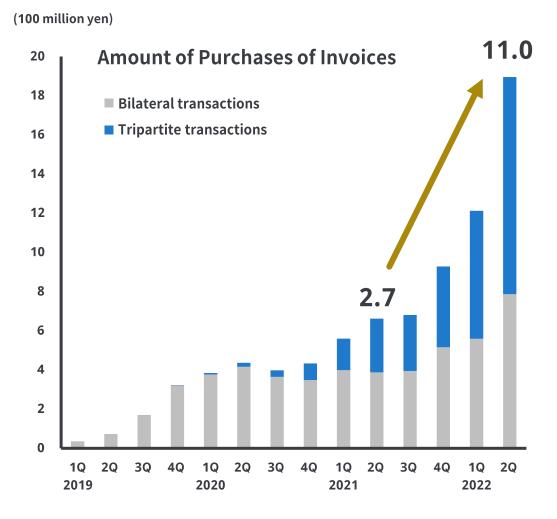








Given the expansion of corporate collaborations, the amount of purchases of invoices through tripartite transactions increased sharply. Funds were raised to meet credit demand.



- The number of partner companies exceeded 100.
- New borrowing facilities provided by external financial institutions have been added.

Q2 FY2022 Year-on-year growth in tripartite transactions of

304.0% achieved

Progress in Results in FY2022 by Segment



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		Forecast for FY2022	Results in Q2 FY2022 (six months	s) Progress	
	Spending per custom	er continued to rise due to	o the price revision in the previous	year.	
Hosting	Net sales:	5,059 millio	on yen 2,520 million yen	49.8%	
	Operating profit:	1,561 millio	on yen 851 million yen	54.5 %	
E-commerce Support	Shipments of certain items on SUZURI will be recorded on the third quarter. We will focus on expanding sales.				
	Net sales:	3,826 millio	on yen 1,506 million yen	39.4%	
	Operating profit:	1,390 millio	on yen 254 million yen	18.3%	
Handmade Products	Gross merchandise value in the first half hit a new record high. Efforts are made to attract creators and increase buyers.				
	Net sales:	2,041 millio	on yen 859 million yen	42.1%	
	Operating profit:	262 millio	on yen 67 million yen	25.6 %	
Financial Support	The amount of purchases of invoices increased significantly, reflecting the expansion of partner companies.				
	Net sales:	549 millio	on yen 219 million yen	40.0%	
	Operating profit:	4 millio	on yen -15 million yen	_	
Other (Head office cost, etc.)	Efforts are being made to cut head office cost, including a review of the recruitment plan.				
	Net sales:	4 millio	on yen $oldsymbol{0}$ million yen	_	
	Operating profit:	-2,075 millio	on yen -909 million yen	_	

Initiatives in Second Half by Segment



Hosting business





Spending per customer will continue to rise due to the price revision.

Will increase the number of contracts and expand revenue.

Actions

- Expand sales of the Blog Monetization and Side Business Start Pack.
- Strengthen cross-selling with options.
- Strengthen the link with domains and run simultaneous registration campaigns.

E-commerce Support business COLORME





Will continue to strengthen the food category and promote sales of options in the Color Me Shop business.

Will focus on taking steps to drive repeat purchases on SUZURI by new members that we have attained by adding items and airing commercials and expanding sales.

Actions

- Bolster the food category and promote changes in settlement agencies.
- Strengthen options, including sales promotion of apps and templates.
- Add items and take steps to drive repeat purchases.

minne **Handmade Products business**

Gross merchandise value hit a record high in the first half. Will continue to increase the number of creators and buyers to expand gross merchandise value.

Actions

- Expand sales channels overseas in cooperation with Neokyo, a cross-border e-commerce purchase agency.
- Conduct sales promotional activities in summer.
- Start to take initiatives to promote non-merchandise ecommerce.

Financial Support business FREENANCE



Tripartite transactions increased sharply through corporate collaborations. Will focus on strengthening partner companies.

Actions

- Strengthen partner companies to expand the amount of purchases of invoices.
- Strengthen the promotion of guest factoring.
- Strengthen operations in the insurance industry, among other business areas.



GMO Pepabo, Inc.

Stock code: 3633





Questions and answers

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Note: You can cancel your questions by clicking the Lower Hand button.



- (2) The moderator will allow people to ask questions. If you are allowed to ask a question, **unmute** yourself.
- (3) Please ask your question.



Reference Materials

Consolidated Statement of Income (Q2)



(Million yen)	FY2021 Q2	FY2022 Q2	YoY
Net sales	4,936	5,106	103.5%
Cost of sales	1,861	2,167	116.4%
Gross profit	3,074	2,939	95.6%
Selling, general and administrative expenses	2,620	2,691	102.7%
Of SG&A expenses, promotion cost*	558	762	136.6%
Operating profit	453	248	54.8%
(Operating profit margin)	9.2%	4.9%	_
Ordinary profit	465	258	55.6%
Profit before income taxes	562	268	47.8%
Profit attributable to owners of parent	356	182	51.3%

^{*} Promotion cost is the sum of advertising expenses, promotion expenses, and provision for point card certificates.

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Consolidated Balance Sheet



(Million yen)	FY2021	FY2022 Q2	Change
Current assets	6,943	8,100	+1,156
Cash and deposits*	3,620	3,145	-474
Accounts receivable	2,685	2,493	-191
Non-current assets	1,926	2,051	+125
Total assets	8,870	10,152	+1,281
Current liabilities	5,694	7,424	+1,730
Accounts payable – other	2,142	2,125	-17
Advances received	2,219	3,870	+1,650
Non-current liabilities	222	253	+31
Net assets	2,953	2,473	-479
Liabilities and net assets	8,870	10,152	+1,281

^{*} Cash and deposits include deposits paid to subsidiaries and associates.

Statement of Cash Flows



(Million yen)	FY2021 Q2	FY2022 Q2
Operating cash flow	156	9
Investing cash flow	-81	-237
Financing cash flow	-405	-246
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	-330	-474
Balance of cash and cash equivalents	3,291	3,145



Company Profile

Company Information



Corporate Philosophy Make it more playful

Mission Using the Internet to deliver new possibilities

Established January 10, 2003

Share capital 262.22 million yen

Representative Director Kentaro Sato and CEO

Head office Cerulean Tower, 26-1 Sakuragaoka-cho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo

Branch Tenjin Prime, 2-7-21 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka, Fukuoka Prefecture

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Prefecture

Subsidiaries GMO Creators Network, Inc.

GMO Pepabo Guardian, Inc.

Number of employees 468 (379 full-time employees, 89 temporary employees) (consolidated) (As of June 30, 2022)

Make it more playful

Creative activities on the Internet are changing and the range of them is expanding. In this environment, we want to continue to take on challenges to create more interesting things. That passion is implied in our corporate philosophy.

We can make innumerable things more interesting. We can create interesting services and plans. We can enable users to have interesting experiences. We can work out ways to enjoy our jobs.

We will create more interesting things and make our jobs more interesting. We will continue to evolve ourselves.



Using the Internet to deliver new possibilities

In less than 20 years since we were established in 2003, Internet technologies have seen innovative advances. The ways people express themselves online have also changed, and uses of the Internet have expanded.

One of our missions is to always explore the possibilities of the Internet and continue to provide services that stimulate the creativity of people who express themselves.

Another important mission is, we think, to enable people, companies, and other things to develop their potential and to create environments where everyone can actively participate in a wide range of fields.

History

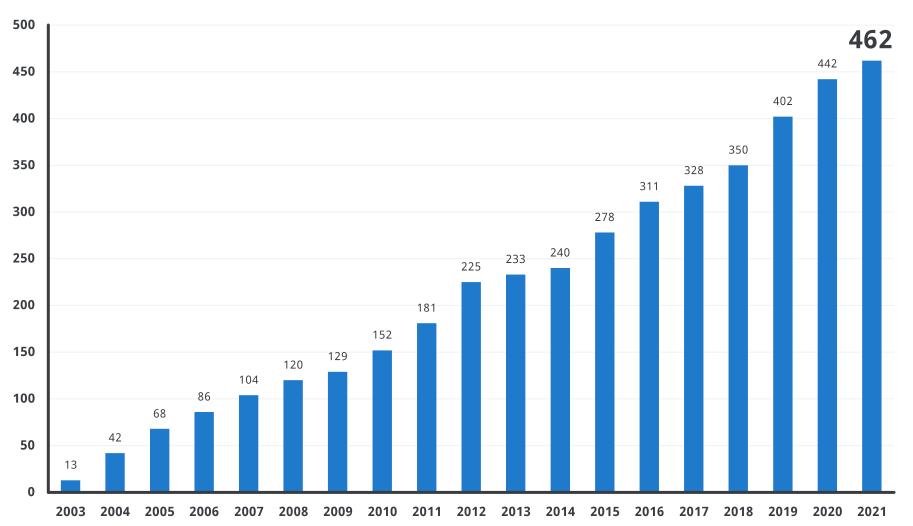


November 2001	Starts to provide Lolipop!
January 2003	Established paperboy&co. Y.G. in Fukuoka.
March 2004	Becomes a consolidated subsidiary of GMO Internet, Inc.
May 2004	The head office moves to Tokyo.
February 2005	Starts Color Me Shop, which provides an online shop opening/creation service.
December 2008	Listed on JASDAQ (stock code: 3633)
January 2012	Starts minne, a handmade products market.
April 2014	Renamed GMO Pepabo, Inc.
April 2014	Starts SUZURI, which provides an original goods creation and sale service.
February 2019	Makes GMO Creators Network, Inc. a consolidated subsidiary.
December 2019	Listed on the Second Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange
December 2020	Assigned to the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange
April 2022	Assigned to the Section of the Tokyo Prime Market

Trends in the number of partners (employees)



Number of partners



Main Service in Hosting Business (i)



Lolipop!

One of Japan's largest rental server services

Usage fee: A monthly fee of 99 yen or more

Number of contracts: 0.42 million

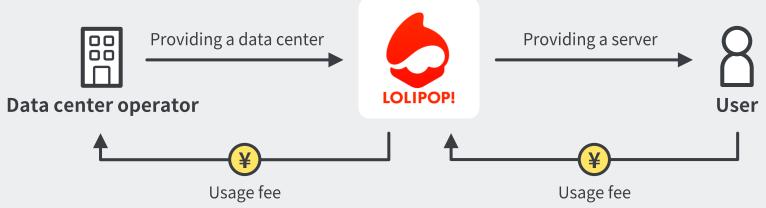
Main users: Individuals and small and

medium-sized corporations

(As of June 30, 2022)



Business model





MuuMuu Domain

Domain name acquisition agency

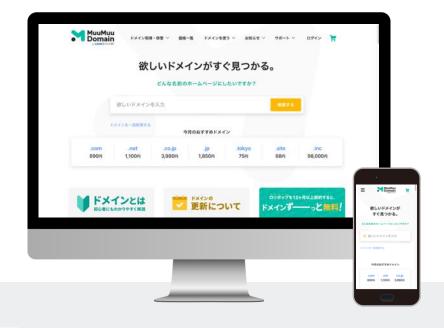
Usage fee: An annual fee of 53 yen or more

Number of contracts: 1.16 million

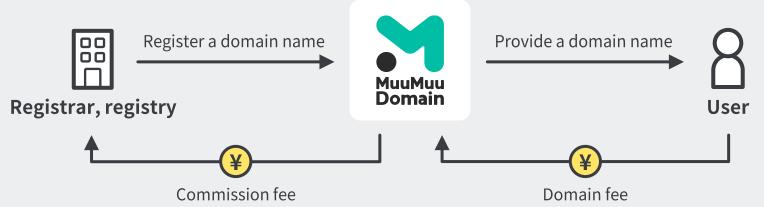
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Business model





Color Me Shop

Creation of online shops

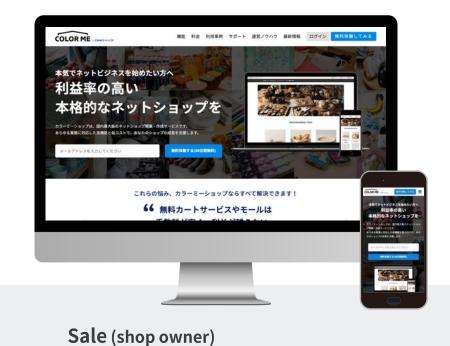
Usage fee: A monthly fee of 0 yen or more

Number of contracts: 49,277

Main users: Private stores, small and

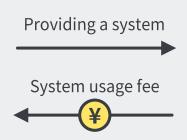
medium-sized stores

(As of June 30, 2022)



Business model





Sale (the Company)





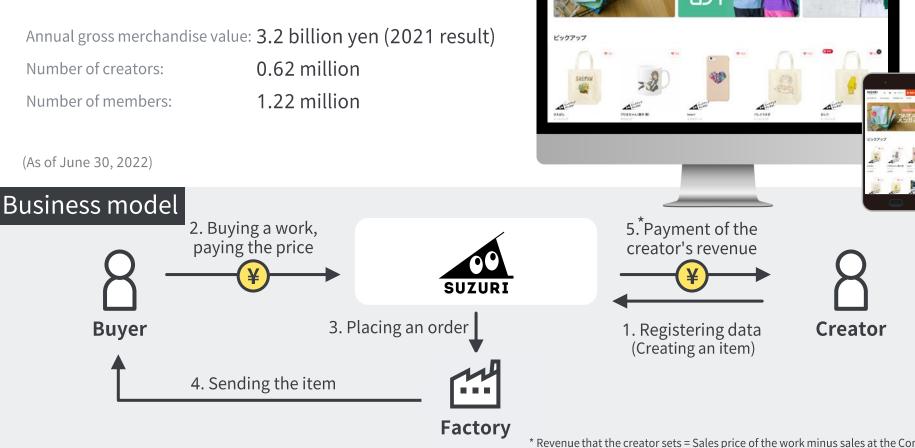
Main Service in E-commerce Support Business (ii)



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SUZURI

Creation and sale of original goods



^{*} Revenue that the creator sets = Sales price of the work minus sales at the Company



minne

One of Japan's largest handmade products markets

Annual gross merchandise value: 15.15 billion yen (2021 result)

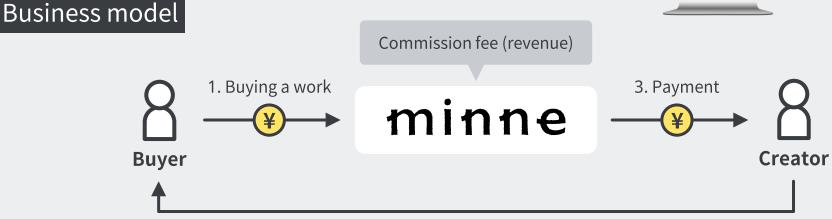
Number of creators and brands: 0.83 million

Number of works: 15.31 million

Number of app downloads: 13.71 million

(As of June 30, 2022)





2. Sending the work



FREENANCE

Support sole proprietors' business activities by providing immediate payment (factoring) and liability insurance.

Minimum amount of

invoice purchase: 10,000 yen, no upper limit

Commission rate: 3%-10% of invoice face value

Main services: Immediate payment / GMO Freelance factoring

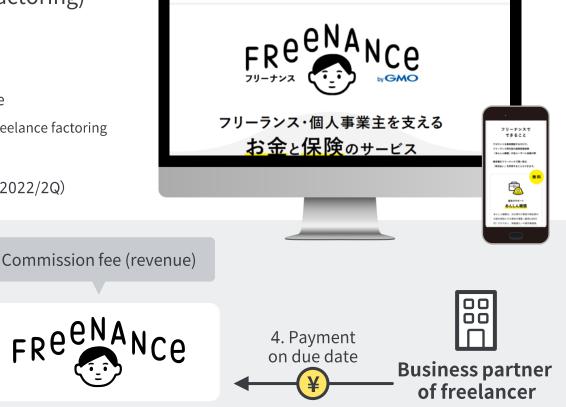
/ insurance, etc.

Amount of purchases

of invoices 81.8 billion yen (2019/1Q~2022/2Q)

(As of June 30, 2022)

Business model





User (Freelancer)

2. Request for invoice purchase

3. Immediate payment



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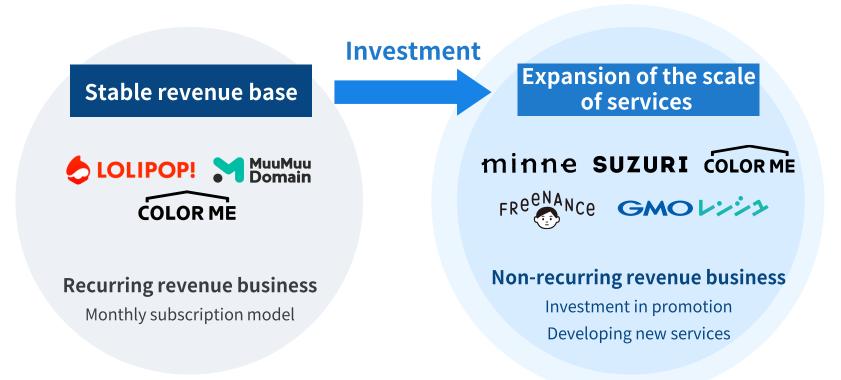


1. Sending the invoice

Business Development (from Recurring Revenue Business to Non-Recurring Business)



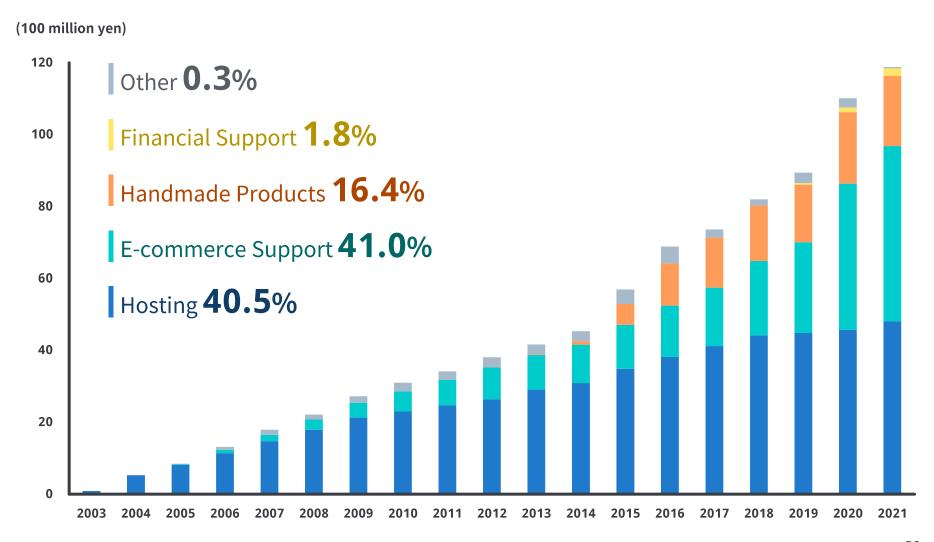
Based on stable, recurring revenue in the recurring revenue business, we are expanding the scale of services by making strategic investments in non-recurring revenue services, which are strongly expected to grow.



Feature (Portfolio Management)



In addition to hosting, we have achieved growth in new core businesses, the E-commerce Support and Handmade Products businesses, and have established a portfolio-based management.



Sustainable Activities (ESG/SDGs)



We have determined three material sustainability issues and contribute to ESG management and the SDGs through business activities.

Under the corporate philosophy of "Make it more playful," we increase the output of humans through business activities and seek to enhance corporate value and solve social issues with every stakeholder to help achieve a sustainable society.

Consideration for the global environment and conservation of it through reduction of environmental impact



Support for people from all walks of life to increase human output









Strengthening governance for sound and transparent corporate management





Please find our sustainability activities and concrete efforts on the websites below.

☐ Sustainability at GMO Pepabo https://pepabo.com/sustainability/

☐ Sustainability data https://pepabo.com/sustainability/data/



Dividends				
	2019	2020	2021	2022 (Forecast)
Annual dividends per share (yen)	65.00	81.00	68.00	74.00
Payout ratio (%)	62.4	50.9	50.3	50.0

Note: The stock split of which the effective date is April 1, 2019 is taken into consideration.

Shareholder benefits

Benefit 1

Points and coupons that can be used for services provided by the Company, etc.

- Holding one unit (100 shares) Worth 1,500 yen
- Holding two units (200 shares) or more

Worth 3,000 yen

Benefit

Cashback equivalent to a commission fee if a shareholder buys or sells certain securities at GMO CLICK securities

- Cashback on buying commission fees (limited to purchases of shares in the Company)
- Cashback on trading commission fees
 - Holding one unit (100 shares) 1,500 yen maximum
 - Holding two units (200 shares)
 or more
 3,000 yen maximum

Notes on the Use of This Material



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