

Results of Operations for the First Half of the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2023

April 2023





I. Company Overview



Management Policy

Create and foster businesses through IT education/training services and contribute to the advancement of society.

Company name: SERAKU Co., Ltd.

Established: December 1987

Representative: Tatsumi Miyazaki, Representative Director

Capital: 307,006,300 yen (as of February 28, 2023)

Employees: 3,355 on a consolidated basis (as of February 28, 2023)

Location: Nishishinjuku Prime Square Bldg. 7-5-25 Nishishinjuku, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo

Group companies: SERAKU CCC (wholly owned subsidiary)

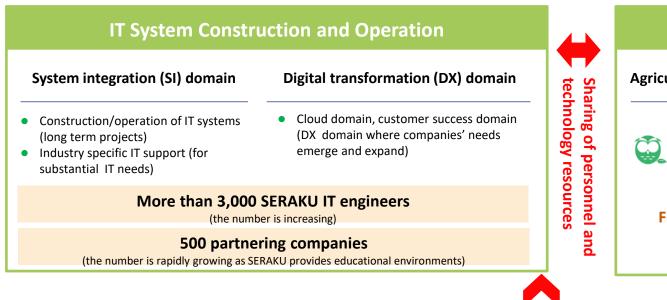
SERAKU Business Solutions (wholly owned subsidiary)

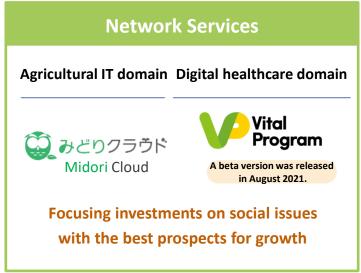
Listed exchange: Tokyo Stock Exchange, Prime Market (stock code 6199)

Our Business Model



Working as Digital Integrators, our more than 3,000 IT engineers and 500 partnering companies implement and operate IT systems and DX in society





Use our own education programs to create experts in new technology domains where markets are growing and there is a shortage of people

Education-based IT professional creation

- Internal recruiting and training allow quickly creating large numbers of IT engineers
- Invest aggressively in human resources when the market is strong, leading to medium to long- term sales growth
- Limit recruiting when market conditions are unfavorable in order to place priority on earnings

Recruiting × Training × Sales

Track record of human resource training for 5,000 engineers and practical knowledge obtained from the latest projects.

SERAKU's Competitive Strengths



Recruiting

- Recruiting activities that promote the shift of human resources to the IT sector, a growth industry (hiring people with work
 experience but no IT experience who have growth potential)
- Recruiting not only new graduates, but also human resources for full-time positions throughout the year nationwide
- Training programs and a lineup of appealing services to allow SERAKU to offer attractive career opportunities; up to 3,000
 applications received each month

Training

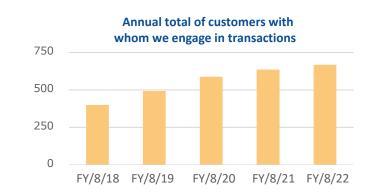
- The initial training program structured to place newly hired people in actual projects after only two to three months
- Practical training that uses the same equipment and environments as those for actual projects
- The SERAKU Jonetsu University as a platform for sharing knowledge and upgrading skills





Sales

- More than 100 new corporate customers added each year
- A stable transaction base with major system integrators
- Corporate customers with IT operation issues, in a wide range of industries and businesses





Business Segments and Service Domain

Aim to provide high value added and achieve significant growth in the DX business area by building on our strengths in SI, a business area that will grow stably over a long term.

Digital Transformation (DX)

Facilitate social reform and fast growth with a focus on areas with strong growth potential.

Cloud & Solutions Business

- Infrastructure solutions
- IoT cloud support center
- Cybersecurity

SERAKU CCC

- Introduction and support services
 for operation of Salesforce.com
- Design of marketing activities
- Data science

COMPANY* business

- Supporting the introduction and operation of COMPANY
- Operate cloud systems and facilitate their widespread use

*HR software

Midori Cloud (DX)

Support the primary industry by leveraging the power of IT.

Midori Cloud Business



- Agricultural IoT service (Midori Cloud)
- Livestock IoT service (Farm Cloud)
- Solutions for the agriculture and fisheries sector

System Integration (SI)

Aim to expand business through the stable operation and maintenance of IT systems over the long term and the provision of support to industries that have strong needs for IT.

Construction, operation and maintenance of IT systems

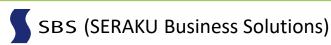
- Operation of IT infrastructures
- Operation of IT systems

Industry-specific IT support

- Financial/social systems
- Information communication systems
- Enterprise systems

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 - Service managementQuality assurance

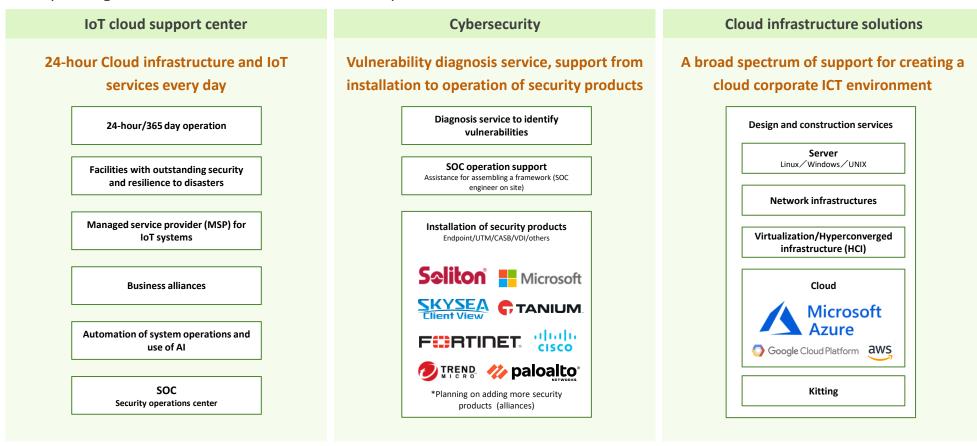
Mechanical Design and Engineering





DX: Cloud & Solutions Business

- Total support for cloud computing in the corporate ICT environment (infrastructure, the Internet of Things) from designing and building to operation, monitoring and security.
- Shifting the focus to DX and cultivating engineers, while strengthening alliances to achieve growth in response to rapidly expanding market demand amid the COVID-19 pandemic



The IoT/Cloud Support Center work to improve the quality of services using automation and AI.

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DX: SERAKU CCC



Specializing in the Salesforce platform, which has a high market share in the SFA/CRM domain and strengthening the shift from engineers in the SI domain to those in the DX domain

SFA/CRM utilization support services

Already assisting more than 350 companies due to rapid market growth Providing utilization support both on site and remotely



Utilization assessment program

Utilization support service

Salesforce manager support service

Data utilization support through data analysis and data visualization



- Tableau operation using data science engineers
- Data science and business intelligence support centered on customer data

Support for use of marketing automation tools



- Marketing Cloud Account Engagement operation
- Digital marketing support using a company's customer data

Capital participation in Resona Digital Hub, a solution provider answering the diverse DX needs of small and medium enterprises



- SERAKU invested in Resona Digital Hub Co., Ltd. (RDH), established on April 1, 2022, to commence the operations of the joint venture.
- RDH will construct a platform to open the way for one-stop proposals of diverse IT solutions to the Resona Group's small and medium corporate customers to help them increase productivity and competitiveness.
- SERAKU staff will provide Salesforce.com utilization support through RDH's unique customer success plan. SERAKU will promote use of the cloud services of Salesforce, Microsoft and others that it has developed.

Strengthening collaboration with NTT Data and others, DX acceleration support through utilization support services









- In April 2021, SERAKU jointly launched a business reform support service with NTT Data Corporation.
- In July 2021, SERAKU strengthened Pardot utilization support service in collaboration with Netyear Group Cooperation.
- In July 2021, SERAKU extended utilization support services in collaboration with WingArc1st Inc.
- In December 2021, SERAKU increased Tableau utilization support service in collaboration with Intage Technosphere Inc.



Updating the curriculum in consideration of market trends

As a market trend, increasing numbers of companies combine MA tools and BI tools and use Salesforce Platform. In proportion to that trend, needs have increased for cross-cloud human resources, who are versed in multiple products.

Existing training

Strong in SFA and CRM, the core area of Salesforce



Adding new content

Creating handle multiple products staff Cultivating human resources that will enable advanced utilization support





New added value

The creation at an early stage of staff who can handle multiple products will enhance value propositions to customers.

Engineers' skills have improved due to the assignment of full-time trainers, support for acquisition of qualifications, and knowledge sharing.



Sales Cloud Consultants 151



Experience Cloud Consultants 95



Service Cloud Consultants 129



Administrators 261



Pardot Consultants 84



Tableau CRM and Einstein **Discovery Consultants** 6



Advanced Administrators 55



Pardot **Specialists** 149

Buoyant IT investment for the use of Salesforce, which is directly connected to the expansion of results

The business will be transferred to SERAKU CCC, a wholly owned subsidiary that will be established through a company split in December 2022. We will establish the number one brand in the cloud system operation and utilization market

DX COMPANY business



We have about 130 COMPANY engineers, making us one of the largest employers of COMPANY engineers in Japan.



- Largest share of the ERP product market (personnel affairs and salary)
- Introduced by about 1,200 corporate groups
- Used by many companies with annual sales greater than 100 billion yen

The ERP products have gained extensive support from major companies

Targeting large-scale customers, COMPANY has large transaction needs and a large size

Supporting the introduction and operation of COMPANY, an integrated personnel affairs system

We provide extensive support services ranging from the introduction to the improvement, standardization, maintenance and operation of COMPANY

Our services have been provided to:

companies Major general contractors Co-ops

Major pharmaceutical Large-scale healthcare corporations Private universities in Major staffing companies

- The service started in 2016
- We have about 130 COMPANY engineers
- Established support track record and abundant knowledge

Our biggest advantage in the DX COMPANY business is our many engineers capable of handling COMPANY.



As one of the largest employers of COMPANY engineers in Japan, we will become a top company providing services supporting COMPANY operations

As a solution partner, we started collaborating with Works Human Intelligence Co., Ltd.



- In November 2022, we started collaborating with Works Human Intelligence Co., Ltd. (WHI) as a solution partner*
- With WHI providing the training environment, we have established an original training program for the development of professionals
- To date, we have produced more than 100 COMPANY engineers, making us one of the largest employers of this type of engineer in Japan.
- We will develop 300 COMPANY engineers over the next three years and contribute to meeting the growing demand for COMPANY

*Solution partner:

A partner company that collaborates in supporting the introduction, utilization and upgrading of systems and the design and operation for outsourcing

A dedicated division was separately established in March 2023 in pursuit of the continued expansion of the business

Leveraging one of the largest resources of COMPANY engineers in Japan, we will increase our preparedness so that we are able to receive large-scale orders, make the service available in wider regions and handle more difficult orders

Midori Cloud Business



Agriculture and Fisheries DX Platform(IoT device x Cloud service × Data science)

A platform for agriculture



Environmental measurement and records

Midori monitor/Midori box

loT devices measure environmental parameters at an agricultural operation, store data in the cloud and generate notices of abnormalities.

Total installed locations exceeded

2,900

Remote automated environmental control

Midori Monitoring Environmental Control Option



Controlling windows, curtains, ventilation and other equipment automatically in combination with other companies' products and

remotely via an app







environmental control

Production plans and work records

Midori note



Use PCs and smartphones for production plans and records of work performed.

Total number of users is **67**.

Farm management system recommended by the Japan GAP Foundation

Sales support

Farming support app





Visually displaying latest market data and price trends in the past ten years or more, and offering chemicals search and weather forecasts

Number of registered users is 4,200

A platform for pig and chicken farming



Livestock environment measurement and records

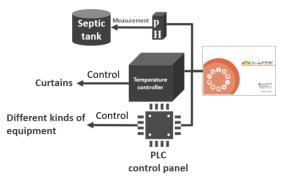


Measuring the environment in livestock buildings using IoT devices and storing measurement data on the cloud to detect abnormal environments and equipment in livestock buildings

Used at more than

160 locations

Livestock building environment control



Automatically controlling the environment in connection with curtains and PLC systems used in livestock farming

Midori Cloud Business



Agriculture and Fisheries solutions

Agricultural production support platforms and SERAKU technologies will enable DX in various industries

Sensing

Agricultural production support platforms





SERAKU technologies

- AI/machine learning
- UI/UX optimization
- System/applications
- Communication/network
- Hardware/IoT

Digitalization

IoT device installation

Use of smart devices to

Data collection

record data

Boosts productivity

- BI tools for visualization
- Development of UI/UX
- Al for automation/ laborsaving measures
- Control by using the IoT

Improves management

- Optimization of equipment and animal feed
- Support for receiving certifications
- Higher efficiency
- Sales channel optimization

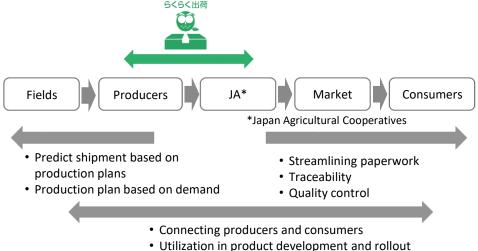
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Midori Cloud Rakuraku Shipment:

Up to 85% reduction of the working hours that farm instructors spend on the collection and shipping of goods

Previously, fruit and vegetable distribution was basically done using handwritten documents and manual counting. A digital technology system combining barcodes, cloud systems, smartphone apps and other technologies will be introduced to dramatically reduce the labor required to collect and ship goods. DX has been shown to help producers and farm instructors (JA) shorten the working hours spent collecting and shipping goods a maximum of 24% and 85%, respectively, and significantly reduce risks related to miscounting and other undesirable events. As the service allocates individual identification codes to fruits and vegetables, it increase access to smart food chains* to enhance the value of farm produce.





*Smart food chain:

Makes all processes of the food chain, from breeding to production, processing, distribution and consumption, "smart" using Al, data linking platforms and other technologies to, for example, enhance productivity, eliminate waste, reduce total costs, add high value to farm produce and foods and match needs and seeds

Midori Cloud Business



Interaction between services and research and development develops the whole Midori Cloud business

Use the platform

Producers, Distributors, Consumers

and fisheries.

Applying the Ministry of Agriculture,

Forestry and Fisheries' introduction support project for nationwide

spread of smart agriculture, forestry

Sales agencies

Platform

Offer a mechanism for realizing a data-driven primary industry



Increase added value

Solutions

Solve problems in the primary ndustry and other industrial sectors

Support activities aimed at ubiquitizing smart agriculture in Shimane Prefecture
Develop connectivity functions for environmental control equipment System for digital livestock



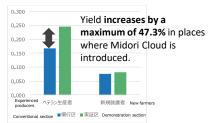
Manufacturers,
system integrators,
local governments,
Japan Agricultural
Cooperatives (JA)
and agricultural
production
corporations

Incorporate functions to increase added value

Agricultural production area

Smart agriculture technology applied on asparagus production system (Minamishimabara, Nagasaki Prefecture)





*Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries' project for development and demonstration of smart agriculture technologies (Task Number: Shi-2H04)

Study DX in agri-fisheries

Introduce seeds to society to solve problems in the primary industry

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and
Fisheries' smart agriculture
demonstration project
Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and
Fisheries' project for increasing
international competitiveness
DX platform for distribution of fruits
vegetables and more

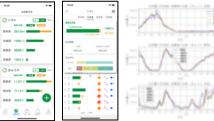


Government and research Institutions Alliance companies

Provide technology assets

Fruit and vegetable distribution area

Visualization of macroscopic data (weather, past results and changes in growing area) affecting the distribution of fruits and vegetables and forecast of shipments from individual areas of production



We will start to sell a system using weather data to forecast the timing and volume of shipments of vegetables to JA and volume retailers

*Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries' technology development project for increasing international competitiveness (Task Number: Mo-3-Ya-3, Task Title: Development of Innovative Farming Support Model)



System Integration Business

- Expand services matched to wide-ranging market needs using abundant resources according to the education-type IT professional development model
- Operate a stock-type business centering on the enduring operation of IT infrastructure and systems to achieve stable growth

Operation of IT infrastructure/systems

- One-stop services including system construction, operation and maintenance
- More than 75% of business are large scale operation projects that require long term continuous operation.
- The number of customers at locations other than Tokyo (Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka, Fukuoka) is growing.

Assigning engineers matched to customer needs to enduing IT infrastructure and system operation projects



Industry-specific IT support

- Promoting projects working as a subcontractor for large projects of major system integrators or receiving orders from prime contractors.
- Aim for growth by using collaboration and alliances with partners.
- Train IT professionals with operational knowledge.

Cultiexperts primarily in fields where there are strong needs for IT. Expand business by enlarging trading platforms with major system integrators.

Financial/ social systems Information communication systems

Enterprise systems

Steady growth under the education-based IT professional creation model and the provision of greater added value by shifting human resource to the DX domain

- SERAKU's exclusive IT professional creation model underpins growth by using introductory lessons and then lessons using actual working environments to train inexperience people so they can be assigned to projects within two to three months
- To provide greater added value, experienced people acquire more advanced skills for DX activities, project management and other challenging positions

Expanding well-developed training and sales systems helps inexperienced engineers grow into competitive at an early stage.



Mechanical Design and Engineering (SERAKU Business Solutions)

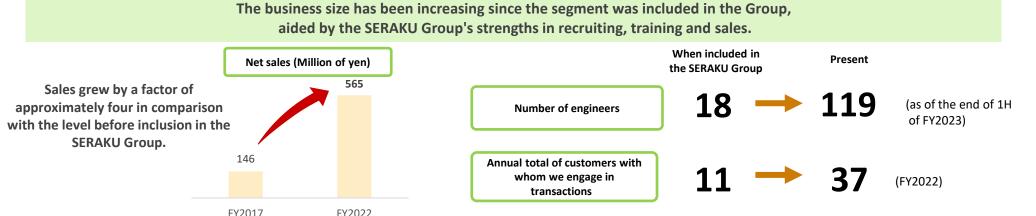
- The segment has been growing steadily thanks to group synergies in recruitment, training and sales since it was included in the SERAKU Group in April 2018.
- It seeks to expand its business domain and areas in which it can develop businesses by leveraging its mechanical design and engineering skills.

Mechanical Design and Engineering

- Provide the manufacturing and construction industries with a range of services such as the design, analysis and creation of various types of data.
- Expand the scope of engineers' activities into other areas related to field engineering, equipment maintenance, quality assurance, communication facility construction and telecommunications, as well as mechanical design and engineering.

Achievement of continuous growth

- Improve engineers' skills and expand the scope of services that can be offered, through the implementation of training on CAD and basic IT-related skills.
- Expand areas in which it can develop businesses into the Tohoku,
 Chubu, Kinki and Kyushu areas, in addition to the Tokyo area.
- Enhance engineers' skills and added value by continuously providing them with training.



P's Engineering was renamed SERAKU Business Solutions in October 2022 due to a change in its trade name. The company seeks to further expand its businesses by fully leveraging the SERAKU Group's resources.



Vital Program

- Released a beta version of a corporate healthcare cloud service in August 2021 to address mental health issues.
- Going forward, efforts will be focused on providing support for physical health performance.





A system in which AI measures and quantifies primarily mental health performance was completed.

A beta version of Vital Program was released in August 2021. With the upgrade of the AI analysis system in 2022, trial installations and user testing conducted primarily at IT companies were completed.

Upgrades are expected to be made to offer services that help users improve their health in a real environment such as walking.

Seek to make proposals on how to improve health in a real environment by leveraging DX technologies.

Develop a scheme in which users are able to manage their health voluntarily and are inspired to change their behavioral patterns from a range of perspectives, including physical factors.

- The Group will implement health improvement initiatives including health and productivity management for its employees.
- Services will be developed through the analysis of health data, such as the number of steps walked by employees of the SERAKU Group, and data obtained as a result of the Group's implementation of initiatives such as health improvement programs, using statistical methods.
- Efforts will be made to improve practical health management content
 with a view toward offering services in which proposals are made on how
 to improve health in a real environment, as well as the development of
 system functions in the digital healthcare domain.



Health of employees is made visible and support is provided with respect to their behavioral changes from both physical and mental perspetives





II. 1H FY8/23 Results of Operations



Quarterly net sales

5.1 billion yen

Engineers hired in the previous fiscal year contributed to net sales

Record quarterly net sales were posted

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Operating profit margin

10%

Increased assignments of engineers kept our operating profit margin above 10%

1H net sales in comparison with forecast

102%

Achieving a high engineer utilization rate enabled us to exceed our net sales forecast in the first half (9.9 billion yen)

Number of engineers

3,029

Recruitment activities have been resumed to achieve the target of having 3,171 engineers by the end of the fiscal year



1H FY8/23 Financial Highlights (1)

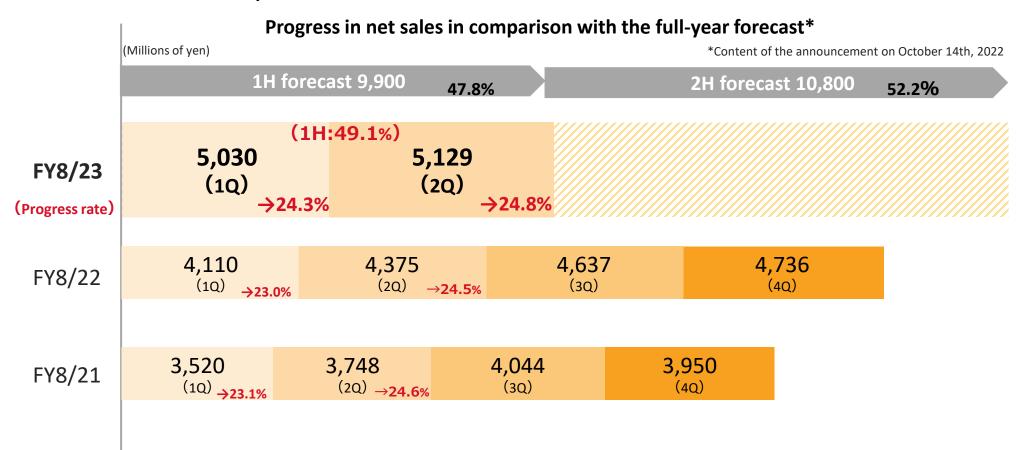
- We achieved +19.7% growth in sales year-on-year thanks to the contributions that the engineers hired
 in the previous fiscal year made to our sales
- Each profit significantly increased beyond what was planned due to the improvement of engineer utilization rate, the reduction of SGA expenses and other factors
- Recruitment activities have been resumed to achieve the targeted annual net increase in the number of engineers

(Millions of yen)	1H FY8/22 (Results)	1H FY8/23 (Plan)	1H FY8/23 (Results)	Year on year	Versus plan
Net sales	8,485	9,900	10,160	+19.7%	+2.6%
Gross profit	1,890	-	2,647	+40.0%	-
Operating profit	391	600	1,091	+178.5%	+81.9%
Ordinary profit	694	770	1,283	+84.7%	+66.6%
Profit	457	500	855	+86.7%	+71.0%



1H FY8/23 Financial Highlights (2)

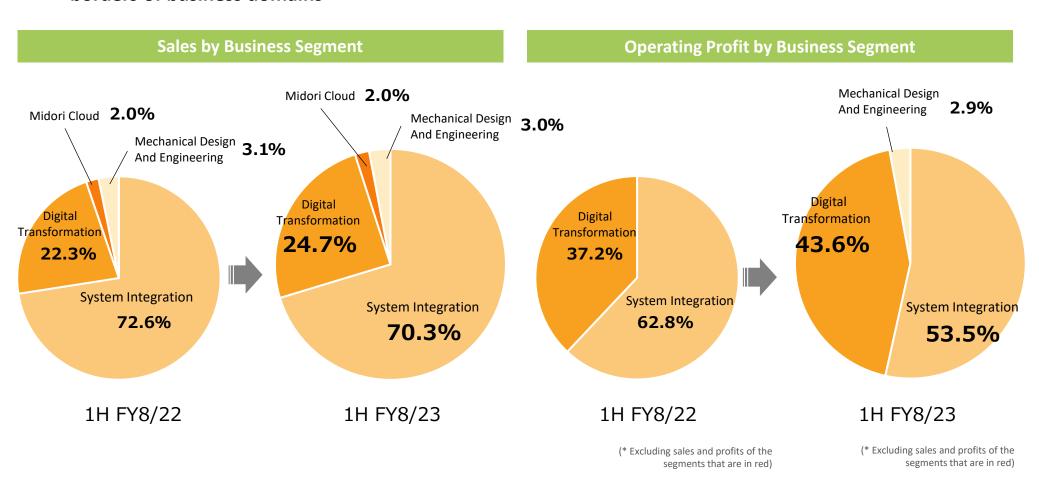
- An increase in the number of active engineers enabled quarterly net sales in the first half to exceed 5
 billion yen
- There was a rising trend in net sales, mainly in the second half, and net sales were also greater than planned in the first half
- We aimed to achieve full-year plans including an increase in the number of active engineers and the utilization of business partners





1H FY8/23 Financial Highlights (3)

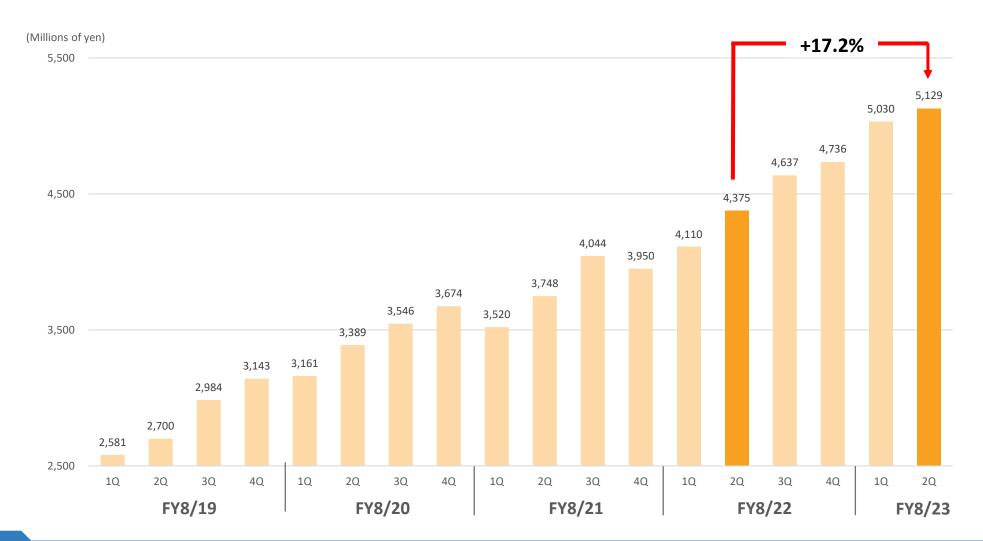
- The SI segment focused on increasing the number of active engineers and gaining new customers
- Receiving orders with high unit prices and achieving a high engineer utilization rate enhanced the profitability of the DX segment
- Reorganization was implemented to utilize technical resources in a cross-sectoral manner beyond the borders of business domains





Quarterly Sales Growth

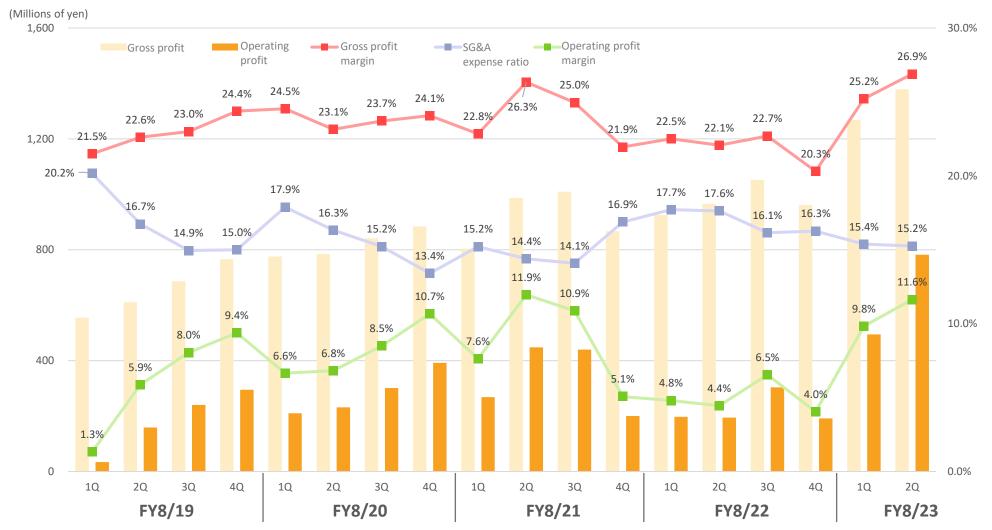
- In our revenue model, net sales grow in proportion to rises in the number of working engineers and the utilization rate
- Net sales grew steadily in the second quarter of the fiscal year ending August 2023, +17.2% year-on-year





Quarterly Earnings Growth

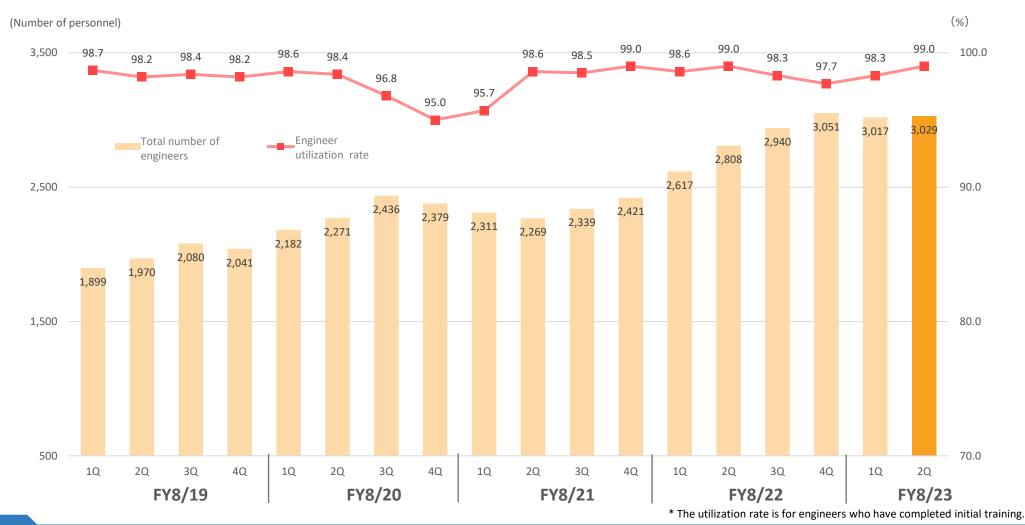
- Our growth investment fluctuated depending on the increase and decrease of the number of engineers hired
- The gross profit ratio in the first half remained above 25% because of the good progress in the assignment of engineers





Number of Engineers and Utilization Rate

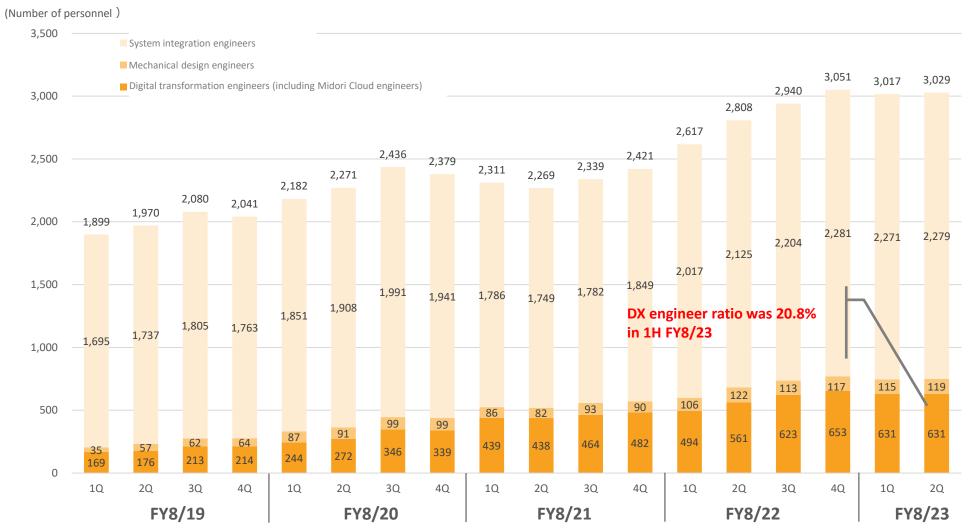
- Aim to keep the utilization rate of engineers who have completed initial training between 98 and 99%
- The engineer utilization rate in the second quarter of the fiscal year ending August 2023 was 99.0%





Number of Engineers and Categories

- For the fiscal year ending August 2023, the number of engineers are increasing moderately compares to the previous year
- The shift of engineers to DX will be continued to increase added value as an engineer

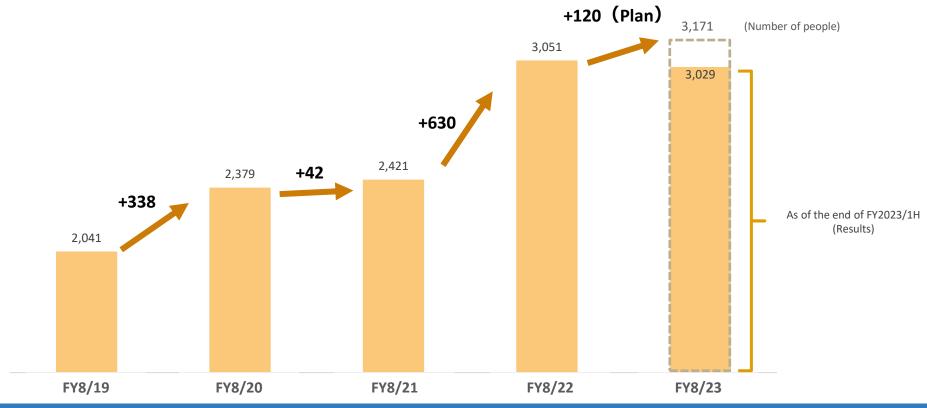




Trends in Net Increase in Engineers

We will aim to increase the number of engineers while maintaining the balance between profitability and investment in growth.

- As we keep an eye on market changes in our recruitment of engineers, the number of engineers that we employ is increasing
- In the fiscal year ending August 31, 2023, we will conduct recruitment for growth while also seeking to maintain a certain level of profitability
- The annual plan for the net increase in the number of engineers remains unchanged at 120 engineers. We will continue
 recruitment- and training-related growth investments in the second half



Topics



• Oct. 28, 2021	We entered into a business collaboration with Toto Kogyo Co., Ltd., which has a high market share in greenhouse products. We entered into a business collaboration with Toto Kogyo Co., Ltd, a company which has engaged in the greenhouse product business for nearly 60 years, to develop IoT technologies for electric ventilation systems used in greenhouses.
• Feb 1, 2022	Investment in the DX Support Subsidiary Set Up by Resona Holdings to Participate in the Joint Venture A business offering Salesforce.com and other solutions to meet diverse DX implementation needs has been launched in collaboration with Resona Group companies and others.
• Apr 1, 2022	Concluded Japan's first Customer Success Partner agreement with WalKMe.
	Develop engineers who provide support for the establishment and use of WalkMe and provide enhanced services for the establishment and utilization of Salesforce in collaboration with WalkMe Ltd.
• Jun 1,2022	Opened the Department of Digital Mental Health jointly with a Graduate School of the University of Tokyo.
	Contribute to the functional enhancement and quality improvement of the Vital Program and, in addition, aim to provide solutions to social issues related to mental healthcare.
• Jun 6,2022	Launched a secondary investment business for unlisted IT companies
	Support the business rehabilitation and re-growth of IT companies facing challenges by leveraging the Company's strengths in recruitment, education and sales. Aim to be number one in Japan in the new, high-growth market and will accelerate growth in the DX area of the SERAKU Grou
• Aug 26,2022	SERAKU CCC will succeed the cloud system operation and utilization business through a company split. Aim to be number one in Japan in the new, high-growth market and will accelerate growth in the DX area of the SERAKU Group.
• Nov.17,2022	Strengthened collaboration with WHI from the perspective of solution partners.
	Operation support services were strengthened from the perspective of promoting the widespread use of COMPANY by companies that introduce the service. We will develop 300 dedicated engineers for COMPANY over the next three years.
• Jan. 19, 2023	Launched the service for training human resources in the utilization of Tableau in collaboration with Salesforce Japan
	Started offering Tableau Data Cruise, a service pack for training human resources in data utilization, to the companies that were interested in the full-scale introduction and utilization of Tableau
• Mar. 29, 2023	Launched Midori Cloud Rakuraku Shipment, a digital service for fruit and vegetable distribution
	Digital technologies were introduced in fruit and vegetable distribution so that the fruits and vegetables could enter smart food chains to increase the value of farm produce.



III. FY8/23 Initiatives and Growth Forecast



FY8/23 Plan (1)

- The number of working engineers will rise. Sales will grow 15.9% year on year.
- We will make investments to strengthen businesses in the medium to long term. Meanwhile, the operating profit margin will exceed the year-earlier level.
- While we continue to hire new engineers, we will strive to strengthen partnerships and expand primary subcontracts.

	FY8/22 r	esults	F	Y8/23 plan	
(Millions of yen)		(% to sales)		(% to sales)	(YoY change)
Net sales	17,859	-	20,700	-	+15.9%
Operating profit	886	5.0%	1,420	6.9%	+60.2%
Ordinary profit	1,434	8.0%	1,600	7.7%	+11.6%
Profit	966	5.4%	1,040	5.0%	+7.6%
Dividends	8.6yen	-	8.6yen	-	-





- We will expand sales systems to raise the utilization rate of the new engineers hired.
- While continuing to make investments for growth, we will expand sales and make a profit steadily.





Growth Forecast in Fiscal Year Ending August 31, 2023 (1)

- Expand sales systems to increase the number of working engineers and gain new customers.
- Win primary subcontracts and strengthen partnerships to create a business structure that will enable us to expand business in the long term as a system integrator.
- Continue to take measures to keep engineers from quitting their jobs for long-term career development and high added-value.
- SERAKU CCC will enter the cloud system operation and utilization market, focusing on Salesforce.

IT professional creation

- Maintain an advantage in recruiting skill. May hire more employees than planned depending on sales and market conditions.
- Cultivate project leaders in anticipation of the expansion of primary subcontracts.

Growth measures

Change the organizational structure to win primary subcontracts.

- Number of engineers at end of term
- Strengthen partnerships and create a structure that will enable flexible assignment of engineers.
- Continue an engineer's DX shift and strive to increase profit margins and expand high growth projects
- 3,171 (net increase of 120)

- Develop alliances to create projects in all business fields.
- Expand COMPANY, an ERP package for large companies, and the operation support business.
- Enter the cloud system operation and utilization market. First, focus on increasing projects in the area related to Salesforce.
- Commercialize food value chain digital transformation solutions

Management foundation

- Introduce a talent management system to visualize human resources information and support career development.
- Continue to strengthen the management system and system infrastructure

Create projects as a primary subcontractor, help develop a long-term career, and enter the cloud system operation and utilization market to achieve growth potential in the next generation.



Growth Vision for the Fiscal Year Ending August 31, 2023 (2)

- Make investments to strengthen businesses in the medium to long term and maintain the operating profit margin level in the scale growth phase.
- Can shift the focus to the expansion of recruitment or to earnings if market conditions change significantly.

Recruitment and education of engineers (Expenses for recruitment of new graduates, recruitment of mid-career employees with no experience, recruitment of experienced people, and training for hired engineers, etc. in 2023, 2024, and 2025)	724 million yen
Recruitment of managers	47 million yen
Expansion of buildings at business sites	57 million yen
Marketing for SERAKU CCC	27 million yen
Cultivation of prospective leaders and advanced engineers	23 million yen
Strengthening infrastructure (including system infrastructure)	262 million yen
Total	1,140 million yen

Continue to make growth investments to strengthen business in the medium to long term.



Initiatives in and after 3Q FY8/23 (1) Maximization of Human Resources

Management philosophy: Pursue happiness for employees Building an organization capable of working and growing eternally through health and productivity management

- Implement organizational reforms to reorganize the company to maximize our strengths in sales and technologies and to continue to increase in size. Enhance our organizational strength in all aspects such as recruitment, education, sales and management and increase the value we offer to customers
- We have the wind at our back in terms of market conditions and sales activities. Because of this, the added value that our engineers provide has been increasing steadily
- The Vital Program and the Walking Project facilitate the environment for engineers to work long term
- The Personnel and Organization Development Office manages talent, trains engineers and enables career development in a centralized manner

Health and productivity management

- The Vital Program + Walking
- Implement effective initiatives for health promotion
- Vital Village, a future initiative

Reorganization

- Reorganize the sales organization for each group of customers
- Reorganize the technical organization for each technical domain
- Gain prime orders and maximize contribution to customers

Organizational reform

- Company-wide initiatives with a view toward the continued expansion of the organization
- Increase our organizational strengths based on the code of conduct and specific methodology
- Seek the maximization of our corporate value from a long-term perspective

Pay

- Consider high prices and other facts when raising pay
- Increase the starting salary of new employees to secure talented human resources

Value offered

- The added value our engineers provide is steadily increasing
- Expect an increase in added value based on market conditions and improvements in training
- New-graduate engineers hired by SERAKU in April are generally expected t start working by July

Human resource development

- Visualize the value of human resources through talent management
- Leader development program
- Promote DX
- Shift the business environment to face-to-face communication and place importance on human connections
- Baby-sitting assistance and other programs to support engineers in many different ways



Initiatives in and after 3Q FY8/23 (2) Technical Development for Future Generations

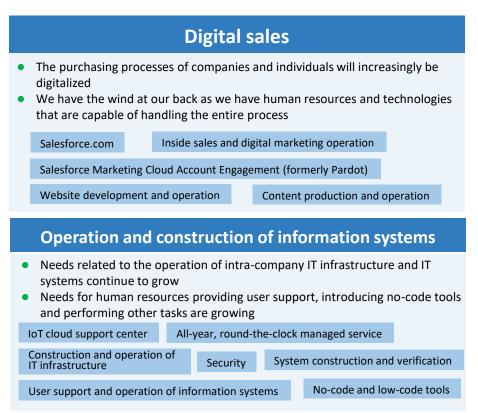
Efforts for growing domains with a view toward evolution of the digital society after the 2025 Digital Cliff

Operation of cloud systems and their widespread use • The shift of corporate systems to cloud computing is progressing. The operation of these systems is more important than their introduction Seek to be the no. 1 company in the operation of cloud systems and their widespread use Focusing on Salesforce, we will also start other SERAKU CCC cloud services salesforce The services supporting the introduction and **COMPANY** operation of COMPANY, a personnel and salary system from WHI, will be made into an independent business **Data utilization** Companies' need to utilize internal and external data is growing dramatically The need to automate data integration, input and output across multiple

RPA (UiPath, WinActor)

Microsoft PowerPlatform

Data analyst



We aim to Digital Integrators

- Produce human resources equipped with elemental technologies, cloud platform knowledge and business skills capable of implementing and operating technologies in society
- Assume responsibility for the implementation and operation of IT and DX technologies in society and contribute to the enhancement of productivity in the digital society

The 2025 Digital Cliff problem

systems has become evident

Salesforce MuleSoft

Salesforce Tableau

A challenge pointed out in DX Report (2019) of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. The report says that existing IT systems at companies and in society are complicated and like a black box and data are not fully utilized and that an annual economic loss of 12 trillion yen maximum will be incurred from 2025 if there is no adequate digital transformation to address the current situation.

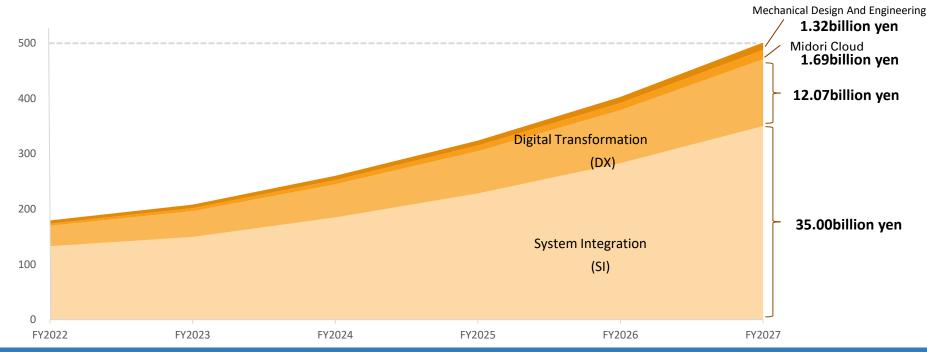




Promotion of Medium-term Vision

The medium-term plan has the goal of raising sales to 50 billion yen in FY8/27.

- Based on our IT professional creation and the diverse job opportunities that we provide to engineers, we have created an environment in which engineers can fulfill their potential, leading to the sustained growth of the company.
- Establish a business to raise both profit margins and the speed of growth by shifting engineers to the DX domain while achieving stable growth in the System Integration business, where demand is expected to remain firm
- Accelerate growth in a new market for cloud system operation and utilization.
- Continue to make efforts to achieve the following goals.
 - ✓ M&A in market sectors with the potential for synergy with existing businesses and the provision of SERAKU's recruiting, education and sales expertise to newly acquired companies and businesses for growth.
 - ✓ Launch businesses based on IT that target social issues with growth potential in order to add more sources of growth





Growth Scenarios by Segment

Maximize the expansion of operations using our recruitment, education, and sales capabilities.

Aim to expand IT operations in a continuously cumulative IT structure management and projects in the public-service sector and the financial and information and communications industries, among other industries

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- Prioritize increasing the number of engineers through recruitment and education, and recruit a greater number of engineers than initially planned.
- Expand business as a system integrator by increasing primary subcontracts, expanding partnerships, and strengthening alliances.
- Create large projects by giving engineers practical training and developing engineers with business process knowledge.

DX

Strive to expand projects in the market for cloud infrastructure that is operated by a center and in the cloud system operation and utilization market and expand a highly profitable, high growth model created through the DX shift.

- Expand the workforce for managed services, in which a center operates companies' cloud infrastructures 24 hours a day, every day.
- SERAKU will develop no-code/low-code platform engineers who will be the main source of utilization, operation and DX services
- Horizontally expand into the market for operation and utilization of cloud systems other than Salesforce.

Midori Cloud

Achieving digital Transformation with a Centering on Primary Industries by using agricultural production support platform and SERAKU technologies

- Expand the business by steadily promoting agricultural production support platforms and providing digital transformation solutions in the primary industry.
- Strive to commercialize food value chain digital transformation solutions.



Features and Superiority of the Education based IT Professional Creation Model

Our education-based IT professional creation model continues to have a competitive edge.

- Starting to create professionals to be prepared for markets that have high potential for growth
- Use horizontal expansion of recruiting, education and sales skills to expand our technology domains
- Business growth by taking service formats to a higher level to reflect the growth of markets

2021-

Solving issues in the primary industry through agricultural and fishery solutions, realizing corporate health management through digital healthcare services, we will enter into alliances with major platform companies and supporting the ongoing digital transformation in all aspects of society

2020-

Looking ahead to growth of the Microsoft platform, started training programs for the Microsoft certifications of at least 200 people every year

2018-

Looking ahead to growth of the DX market, started training programs for robotic process automation (RPA), security, data science, verification and other activities

2013-

Looking ahead to the growth of the cloud systems market, started training activities for Salesforce engineers

Currently expanding Customer Success Solutions Business

2008-

Looking ahead to the widespread use of smartphones and the IoT, started training programs for smart technology engineers

Currently expanding the Midori Cloud business and other activities in the data science domain

2002-

Anticipating growth in demand for IT utilization services at companies, started training programs for IT infrastructure and network engineers

Currently expanding the System Integration business

1997-

Anticipating growth of the web systems domain, started a system development business and training programs for system development engineers

Currently expanding the System Integration business

1995-

Started an internet business before the internet became widely used and started training programs for web engineers

Currently expanding business operations in the digital marketing domain



Growth Scenario for Subsidiary SERAKU CCC

Achieve growth by horizontally expanding into other cloud systems as Japan's number one company in Salesforce operation and utilization support.

- Increase the number of engineers for business areas related to Salesforce and expand the business scale, using our recruitment, sales, and education capabilities.
- Expand horizontally as the business areas related to Salesforce are expanding and expand horizontally into operation and utilization support for other cloud systems.
- Aim to be number one in the cloud system operation and utilization market, a new market with high growth potential.

Contribute to addressing the lack of IT personnel and the 2025 Digital Cliff problem by cultivating engineers who have business experience.

- Anticipate that the digital transformation in society will change the field that IT personnel work in from the construction of IT systems to the operation
 of IT systems and data utilization.
- Demand for human resources and businesses that can cross-functionally support the operation and use of multiple cloud systems and data utilization will increase dramatically.
- Accelerate development of no-code and low-code engineers having business experience and expand the scope of business.
- IT personnel that have both technological and business capabilities will achieve high productivity in cloud system operation and utilization.
- The development of the subsidiary will contribute to addressing lack of IT personnel and to the digital transformation in society.



SERAKU's Initiatives for ESG and SDGs

The SERAKU Group will build a long-term foundation for growth by promoting ESG activities. As a company that creates social value, the Group will strengthen initiatives to help achieve a sustainable society.

Safe operation of systems in the IT society







- Building sustainable and strong IT security
- Providing IT environments and services tailored to customers
- Helping maintain social activities using IT

Use of IT in agriculture field







- Advancing smart agriculture to improve productivity in agriculture
- Revitalizing the primary industry using IT
- Producing abundant food stably

Human resources development







- Cultivating human resources who have advanced expertise
- Providing ongoing education for IT engineers
- Ensuring employment for young people and utilizing a variety of human resources

Realization of a physically and mentally healthy society







- Providing digital healthcare services
- Solving social issues using IT
- Cooperating with academic institutions

Creation of new value in society







- Enhancing the value of industry using IT technology
- Achieving regional revitalization through recruitment and IT technology
- Achieving high productivity and low workload by using IT

Sophistication of corporate governance





- Ensuring compliance
- Strengthening corporate governance
- Improving information disclosure



Forward looking Statements

Documents and information provided at today's presentation include forward-looking statements.

These statements are based on assumptions that include current expectations, forecasts and risk factors. As a result, forward-looking statements include many uncertainties that may cause actual performance to differ from these statements.

Risk factors and uncertainties include the condition of industries and markets where SERAKU operates, changes in interest rates and foreign exchange rates, and other items involving the Japanese and global economies.

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