Consolidated Financial Results for the Nine Months Ended November 30, 2017 [Japanese GAAP]

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(Amounts of less than one million yen are rounded down.)

1. Consolidated Financial Results for the Nine Months Ended November 30, 2017 (March 1, 2017 to November 30, 2017)

(1) Consolidated Operating Results

(% indicates changes from the previous corresponding period.)

	Net sales		Operating income		Ordinary income		Profit attributable to owners of parent	
	million yen	%	million yen	%	million yen	%	million yen	%
Nine months ended November 30, 2017	91,459	5.4	6,224	23.3	6,144	24.0	3,310	20.2
Nine months ended November 30, 2016	86,810	2.8	5,046	0.2	4,953	(0.4)	2,755	(4.9)

(Note) Comprehensive income: Nine Months ended November 30, 2017: \(\pm\)3,402 million [24.9%] Nine Months ended November 30, 2016: \(\pm\)2,723 million [(4.7)%]

	Basic earnings per share	Diluted earnings per share
	yen	yen
Nine months ended November 30, 2017	150.49	_
Nine months ended November 30, 2016	125.25	_

(2) Consolidated Financial Position

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	Total assets	Net assets	Equity ratio			
	million yen	million yen	%			
As of November 30, 2017	86,068	39,274	45.6			
As of February 28, 2017	77,083	37,590	48.8			

(Reference) Equity: As of November 30, 2017: \(\pm\)39,274 million
As of February 28, 2017: \(\pm\)37,590 million

2. Dividends

	Annual dividends					
	1st quarter-end	2nd quarter-end	3rd quarter-end	Year-end	Total	
	yen	yen	yen	yen	yen	
Fiscal year ended February 28, 2017	_	0.00	_	70.00	70.00	
Fiscal year ending February 28, 2018	_	0.00	_			
Fiscal year ending February 28, 2018 (Forecast)				70.00	70.00	

(Note) Revision of dividend forecast: No

3. Consolidated Financial Results Forecast for the Fiscal Year Ending February 28, 2018 (March 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018)

(% indicates changes from the previous corresponding period.)

	Net sales		Operatir income	\mathcal{C}	Ordinary in	come	a i io owners oi i		Basic earnings per share
- II	million yen	%	million yen	%	million yen	%	million yen	%	yen
Full year	123,880	6.4	8,020	30.1	7,850	29.9	4,060	32.2	184.55

(Note) Revision of consolidated financial results forecast: No

* Notes

- (1) Changes in significant subsidiaries during the period under review (changes in specified subsidiaries resulting in changes in scope of consolidation): No
- (2) Adoption of special accounting methods for preparing quarterly consolidated financial statement: No
- (3) Changes in accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and corrections of errors
 - 1) Changes in accounting policies due to the revision of accounting standards: No
 - 2) Any changes other than 1) above: No
 - 3) Changes in accounting estimates: No
 - 4) Corrections of errors: No
- (4) Total number of issued shares (common shares)
 - 1) Total number of issued shares at the end of the period (including treasury shares):

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As of November 30, 2017	23,136,000 shares
As of February 28, 2017	23,136,000 shares

2) Total number of treasury shares at the end of the period:

As of November 30, 2017	1,137,057 shares
As of February 28, 2017	1,136,865 shares

3) Average number of shares during the period:

Average number of shares during the period.					
Nine months ended November 30, 2017	21,999,043 shares				
Nine months ended November 30, 2016	21.999.191 shares				

* These quarterly consolidated financial results are not covered by the quarterly review.

* Explanation of the proper use of financial results forecast and other notes

The statements regarding financial results forecast in this report are based on the information that is available, as well as estimates, assumptions and projections that are believed to be reasonable at the time of publication. Therefore, there might be cases in which actual results differ from forecast values. For the premises of financial results forecast and the notes concerning the use of financial results forecast, please refer to "Explanation of Consolidated Financial Results Forecast and Other Future Projections" on page 2 of the Appendix to this report.

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1. Qualitative Information on Consolidated Financial Results for the Period under Review

(1) Explanation of Operating Results

During the nine months ended November 30, 2017 (March 1, 2017 to November 30, 2017), the Japanese economy remained on a gradual recovery trend driven mainly by improved corporate profit and the employment environment.

Under such a business environment, the Corporate Group made every effort to expand its operations and improve management efficiency by proactively keeping its business conditions entrenched and promoting the opening of new stores, while at the same time revitalizing existing stores by switching businesses and withdrawing unprofitable stores.

In the Apparel Business, the Group conducted proactive brand promotions while further pressing ahead with the reform of merchandising (MD) and improving the freshness of merchandise through agile introduction of items in stores. As a result, net sales increased by 4.5% year on year to ¥65,789 million. In the Miscellaneous Goods/Accessories Business, we opened 28 new stores in response to robust demand for opening stores reflecting our rising visibility. As a result, net sales increased by 7.9 % year on year to ¥25,591 million.

As a result of the above, net sales for the nine months ended November 30, 2017 increased by 5.4% year on year to ¥91,459 million.

In terms of profit, the gross profit margin increased by 0.3 points year on year to 57.0% through the further reform of merchandising (MD), etc. Operating income increased by ¥1,177 million year on year to ¥6,224 million, ordinary income increased by ¥1,190 million year on year to ¥6,144 million, and profit before income taxes increased by ¥869 million year on year to ¥5,547 million. Profit attributable to owners of parent increased by ¥555 million year on year to ¥3,310 million.

(2) Explanation of Financial Position

(Assets)

Current assets increased by \$9,093 million compared with the end of the previous fiscal year, due mainly to increases in cash and deposits by \$2,412 million, notes and accounts receivable - trade by \$2,751 million and merchandise and finished goods by \$2,725 million.

Non-current assets decreased by ¥108 million compared with the end of the previous fiscal year, due primarily to a decrease in property, plant and equipment by ¥438 million, despite an increase in intangible assets by ¥345 million.

(Liabilities)

Current liabilities increased by $\frac{4}{32}$ million compared with the end of the previous fiscal year, due mainly to an increase in notes and accounts payable - trade by $\frac{4}{3727}$ million, despite a decrease in income taxes payable by $\frac{4}{3727}$ million.

Non-current liabilities increased by ¥2,968 million compared with the end of the previous fiscal year, due primarily to an increase in long-term loans payable by ¥3,591 million.

(Net assets)

Net assets increased by ¥1,683 million compared with the end of the previous fiscal year, due mainly to an increase in retained earnings by ¥1,593 million.

(3) Explanation of Consolidated Financial Results Forecast and Other Future Projections
There is no change to the consolidated financial results forecast announced on April 11, 2017.

2. Consolidated Financial Statements and Primary Notes

(1) Consolidated Balance Sheets

(Millions of yen)

	As of February 28, 2017	As of November 30, 2017
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and deposits	35,959	38,371
Notes and accounts receivable - trade	5,178	7,930
Merchandise and finished goods	8,592	11,317
Other	1,560	2,764
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(2)	(1)
Total current assets	51,288	60,382
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment		
Buildings and structures, net	7,496	7,316
Other, net	2,406	2,148
Total property, plant and equipment	9,903	9,464
Intangible assets	398	743
Investments and other assets		
Guarantee deposits	13,414	13,169
Other	2,153	2,381
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(74)	(73)
Total investments and other assets	15,492	15,477
Total non-current assets	25,794	25,685
Total assets	77,083	86,068
Liabilities	,	
Current liabilities		
Notes and accounts payable - trade	12,610	16,337
Short-term loans payable	3,287	4,591
Current portion of long-term loans payable	2,917	2,495
Income taxes payable	1,543	117
Provision for bonuses	1,255	835
Provision	167	200
Other	5,902	7,438
Total current liabilities	27,685	32,017
Non-current liabilities	·	·
Long-term loans payable	6,786	10,378
Net defined benefit liability	756	804
Provision	262	282
Asset retirement obligations	1,702	1,719
Other	2,299	1,592
Total non-current liabilities	11,807	14,776
Total liabilities	39,492	46,793

	As of February 28, 2017	As of November 30, 2017
Net assets		
Shareholders' equity		
Capital stock	3,181	3,181
Capital surplus	4,469	4,469
Retained earnings	31,927	33,520
Treasury shares	(2,087)	(2,088)
Total shareholders' equity	37,491	39,083
Accumulated other comprehensive income		
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	142	235
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(5)	(4)
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans	(38)	(40)
Total accumulated other comprehensive income	99	190
Total net assets	37,590	39,274
Total liabilities and net assets	77,083	86,068

(2) Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income Consolidated Statements of Income

		(Millions of yen)
	Nine months ended November 30, 2016	Nine months ended November 30, 2017
Net sales	86,810	91,459
Cost of sales	37,552	39,297
Gross profit	49,257	52,162
Selling, general and administrative expenses	44,211	45,938
Operating income	5,046	6,224
Non-operating income		
Interest income	1	1
Rent income	5	9
Share of profit of entities accounted for using equity method	0	-
Other	70	45
Total non-operating income	77	56
Non-operating expenses		
Interest expenses	100	88
Provision for loss on guarantees	38	17
Other	31	30
Total non-operating expenses	170	135
Ordinary income	4,953	6,144
Extraordinary losses		
Loss on retirement of non-current assets	89	162
Impairment loss	185	434
Total extraordinary losses	275	596
Profit before income taxes	4,678	5,547
Income taxes - current	1,825	2,093
Income taxes - deferred	97	143
Total income taxes	1,922	2,236
Profit	2,755	3,310
Profit attributable to owners of parent	2,755	3,310

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

(Millions of yen)

	Nine months ended November 30, 2016	Nine months ended November 30, 2017
Profit	2,755	3,310
Other comprehensive income		
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	13	93
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans, net of tax	(28)	(2)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(7)	0
Share of other comprehensive income of entities accounted for using equity method	(8)	0
Total other comprehensive income	(31)	91
Comprehensive income	2,723	3,402
Comprehensive income attributable to		
Comprehensive income attributable to owners of parent	2,723	3,402
Comprehensive income attributable to non- controlling interests	_	_

(3) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Notes on Going Concern Assumption)
Not applicable.

(Notes in Case of Significant Changes in Shareholders' Equity) Not applicable.

3. Additional Information

(1) Sales Results by Segment (Consolidated)

	Nine months ended	Nine months ended	Changes from the previous
	November 30, 2016	November 30, 2017	corresponding period
	million yen	million yen	%
Apparel Business	62,986	65,789	104.5
Miscellaneous Goods/	23,711	25,591	107.9
Accessories Business	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
Other	111	77	69.6
Total	86,810	91,459	105.4

(2) Status of Stores (Consolidated)

	Nine months ended	
	November 30, 2017	
Number of stores as of February 28, 2017	923 stores	
Number of new stores	54 stores	
Number of closed stores	51 stores	
Number of stores as of November 30, 2017	926 stores	