

FY 2021 2Q Financial Results Conference Call Presentation Summary August 10, 2021



Good afternoon, everyone. I'm Yuichiro Wakatsuki, Co-President of Nippon Paint Holdings. Thank you very much for taking the time today to participate in our conference call regarding financial results for the 2Q of FY2021.

Today's conference call is being streamed live (audio only) on the Internet, and is held in Japanese and English with simultaneous interpretation.

1-1. Summary of Today's Presentation (1)

FY2021 2Q YoY Growth Rate



('Tanshin')

Revenue: +45.9%

Operating profit: +15.2%

('Non-GAAP')

Revenue: +27.6%

Operating profit: +5.4%

- Record-high revenue and operating profit achieved on a Tanshin basis in FY2021 2Q, driven by continuous growth of our existing businesses and effects of operational integration through aggressive M&A and cross-functional PMI
- Revenue also grew sharply YoY on a Non-GAAP basis. Operating profit increased YoY as a result of cost reduction actions, despite the impact of raw material cost increases
- NIPSEA China reported 26.3% revenue growth and 35.4% operating profit decline due to continuing strong market conditions amidst high raw material prices. DIY revenue and Project revenue grew 35% YoY and 24% YoY respectively due to combination of factors including continued market growth & momentum, price increase and gradual pullback on discount
- Other operating regions also reported revenue growth due to a rebound from the COVID downturn in 2Q 2020
- The newly consolidated Indonesia business reported revenue of ¥9.7 bn and operating profit of ¥3.2 bn^{※1}, achieving higher revenue and operating profit YoY due to increased demand prior to price increase, the expanding distribution reach and increasing our extensive network of dealers and CCM^{※2} (For reference: +57% revenue growth YoY)
- Raw material price increases have already been reflected in purchase prices in almost all regions. Price hikes are being implemented in Japan, Asia, Americas and Turkey, but have not absorbed the entire impact of raw material cost increases due to a difference in the timing of price increases. As a result, the gross profit margin declined

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※1 Before fair market valuation for PPA ※2 Computerized Colour Matching

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I would like to begin by summarizing the results of operations for the 2Q of FY2021.

Revenue and operating profit increased significantly on a Tanshin basis (figures based on legal disclosure), reaching a 2Q record high despite raw material cost increases and the impact of COVID. The difference between the Tanshin results and Non-GAAP results is mainly due to new consolidation and exchange rate fluctuations. The impact of new consolidation in the 2Q includes one-time expenses associated with PPA (Purchase Price Allocation) related to the acquisition of 100% ownership of the Asian JVs.

Revenue also increased significantly on a Non-GAAP basis. The environment was challenging for earnings. Inventories of low-cost raw materials purchased last year declined in the 2Q as we used them and the RMCC ratio increased. As a result, price increases did not contribute fully to higher earnings. Despite these adverse factors, we achieved a higher operating profit overall.

Our Chinese business continued to deliver very strong revenue growth with estimated market share gains both in DIY and Project segments. Operating profit declined YoY due to the impact of raw material price inflation. However, we expect this impact to be short-term. I should not make optimistic remarks with competition increasing in the Project segment all over the country, but our DIY revenue is growing very rapidly, and we believe our market share is gaining ground in both the DIY and Project segments.

In Asia excepting China, revenue increased sharply compared to the 2Q of FY2020, when our performance was hit severely by COVID, despite some resurgence of COVID in Malaysia and Singapore from June. Our performance in Japan continued to be impacted by COVID but we achieved higher revenue and operating profit compared to the COVID downturn in the 2Q of FY2020.

The newly consolidated Indonesia business continued to deliver a strong performance. On a reference value basis, revenue and operating profit increased YoY with a very high operating profit margin. However, we need to pay close attention to the impact of COVID in Indonesia.

The higher cost of raw materials had a significant impact across all regions. As I mentioned in the conference call for financial results for the 1Q of FY2020, inventories of low-cost raw materials purchased last year are decreasing as we use them, while the benefits of price increases and cost reduction are lagging behind. As a result, the 2Q and 3Q are challenging periods in terms of profitability. In the meantime, we can implement price increases, in particular where we have a high market share. So, we see some signs that operating profit margin will stop decreasing in 2H. Then, our strong revenue growth will start contributing significantly to improving our earnings.

1-1. Summary of Today's Presentation (2)

FY2021 Consolidated Earnings Forecast

(Tanshin basis)

Revenue: ¥1,010.0 bn
Operating profit: ¥102.0 bn
Profit^{※1}: ¥78.0 bn

(Constant FX basis)

Revenue: ¥970.0 bn
Operating profit^{※2}: ¥97.0 bn

•The FY2021 forecast is revised upward from our Feb. 10 forecast due to greater-than-expected business growth and cost reduction. Both revenue and operating profit are forecast to reach record high

◆Revenue: ¥1,010.0 bn (+29.3% vs. FY2020; +13.5% vs. Feb.10 forecast)

◆Operating profit: ¥102.0 bn (+17.3% vs. FY2020; +17.2% vs. Feb.10 forecast)

•Primary reasons for the forecast revision:

↑ Higher decorative revenue at NIPSEA China and Betek Boya due to continuing market strength and price increases

↑ Robust demand in Asia, Oceania, and Americas

↑ Review of SG&A expenses and reduction of Headquarters expenses

↑ Weaker yen compared to the assumed FX rates

↓ Weaker demand in Japan than forecast due to resurgence of COVID

↓ Impact of raw material shortage and raw material price inflation worldwide

•The transfer of shares accompanying the change in consolidated subsidiary and dissolution and liquidation of consolidated subsidiary announced today will have a positive impact on earnings

FY2021 EPS Forecast

¥33.95

•EPS forecast is ¥33.95 (+¥6.12 vs. FY2020; +¥4.79 vs. Feb. 10 forecast)

•Annual dividend forecast is ¥10 (including commemorative dividend of ¥1; unchanged from Feb. 10 forecast)

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※1 Profit attributable to owners of parent

※2 Before one-time cost of Asian JV acquisition

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I mentioned in the conference call for financial results for the 1Q of FY2021 that we would revise our full-year guidance if necessary, taking into account the raw material price inflation and our sales. We have increased our revenue and operating profit forecast based on certain assumptions although we continue to see various factors that are subject to change. The revised forecast is revenue of more than 1,000 billion yen and operating profit of more than 100 billion yen, both of which are a record high.

Reasons for the revision of earnings forecast are as described in the presentation. We anticipate steady market share gains despite the lingering impact of raw material price increases across all regions, giving us a renewed sense of confidence about our Group's growth potential. We will significantly reduce headquarters expenses for the current year as we explained in the new Medium-Term Plan. We can say that we are successfully building a foundation for exceeding our financial targets for FY2023.

1-1. Summary of Today's Presentation (3)

Raw material market conditions and impact on our operations in FY2021 2Q

- Prolonged impact of the cold wave in North America and disruptions in marine transportation continued to affect raw material supply and prices
- The impact of raw material price increases is varying across regions and businesses according to inventory levels, timing of price revisions with suppliers and other factors. Raw material inflation started affecting China and Americas first, followed by Japan, Asia excepting China, and Turkey, which have all been affected starting in 2Q
- Price hikes are being implemented sequentially in all operating regions including Japan, Americas, Asia, and Turkey
- The gross profit margin declined YoY and QoQ. The RMCC[※] ratio increased, especially in China and Turkey

	FY2020 2Q	FY2021 1Q	FY2021 2Q	YoY	QoQ
Gross profit margin	40.8%	41.4%	36.9%	-3.9pt	-4.5pt

Raw material market conditions and our responses beginning in FY2021 3Q

- Our assumptions for the price of naphtha made in Japan was changed to ¥49,000 (Feb. 10 assumption: ¥34,000)
- In China, we expect market prices to continue rising due to factors such as demand growth for raw materials but to reach their peak and stabilize in 3Q
- In Oceania, we expect purchase prices to increase from 3Q onwards
- We will continue to take various actions including price increases in all regions and businesses to mitigate the impact of raw material price increases

Please see page 5 for the raw material market conditions in the 2Q.

Raw material price inflation started affecting our Chinese business first and significantly impacted our operating profit margin in the 2Q. The overall gross profit margin declined YoY and QoQ. However, we are taking various actions including price increases and the reduction of SG&A expenses to mitigate the impact of raw material price increases. Therefore, we expect the full-year gross profit margin decrease to be smaller than the YoY and QoQ declines.

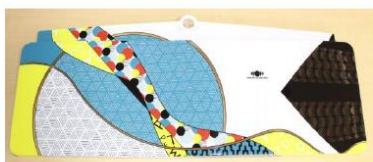
The situation remains unpredictable in the 3Q and beyond. However, we can manage the situation because we see some signs of peaking of raw materials market conditions and we can effectively implement price increases. The revisions of the full-year earnings forecast are based on these assumptions.

1-2. Major Topics After Announcement of FY2021 1Q Results ①②

Launch of film business in automotive coatings business (announced on July 1)

- Decorative films for automotive interiors provide protection of car informatics, anti-glare screen protection, and anti-viral function, and have design flexibility. Demand for decorative films is expected to grow further due to lower CO₂ emissions during the paint application process
- We are considering the application of decorative films for automotive exteriors and non-automotive applications, in addition to its conventional use for automotive interior parts. We plan to expand the product range from film coating agents to start selling coated films in 2022

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Test panel of decorative film:

Decorative films have color and design flexibility and can add functions to even complex, three-dimensional parts upon the completion of the molding process

Compliance with the listing requirements for the new market segment (Prime Market) (announced on July 12)

- Received a notification from Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. for compliance with the listing standards for TSE's Prime Market based on their initial assessment

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Major topics after the announcement of financial results for the 1Q of FY2021 are provided starting on page 6.

We announced the launch of a film business in the automotive coatings business in July. Decorative films can increase added value of products by adding functions using our Group's technologies and also contribute to solving social issues such as reducing CO₂ emissions. Therefore, we plan to expand the product range of these sustainable products and their applications.

As was announced, we have met the listing standards for the Prime Market of the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

1-2. Major Topics After Announcement of FY2021 1Q Results ③

Five PROTECTON brand products proven effective in suppressing the novel coronavirus and Alpha variant through joint research with the University of Tokyo (announced on July 15)

- PROTECTON brand* anti-viral and anti-bacterial paint products developed by utilizing visible light responsive photocatalyst technology have been proven to be effective in suppressing the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) and Alpha variant (UK variant including N501 mutation) on coated surfaces
- Effectiveness of anti-viral and anti-bacterial products in suppressing the Novel coronavirus and Alpha variant proven for the first time in Japan

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The FIVE PROTECTON brand products proven to be effective in suppressing Novel coronavirus and Alpha variant



*Our products used in testing: PROTECTON INTERIOR WALL VK-500, PROTECTON INTERIO PAINT PREMIUM, PROTECTON INTERIOR WALL VK-200, PROTECTON INTERIOR WALL VK-200 (for DIY use), PROTECTON BARRIERX™ SPRAY

*These products are not intended for medical use as a medical product or medical device. The test results do not indicate the effectiveness of these products in preventing infections

*The test results do not guarantee that these products are effective in protecting against all or any specific viruses and bacteria. In addition, the test results do not indicate the effectiveness of these products in suppressing viruses and bacteria in areas surrounding the coated surfaces

*The data and figures provided in this document are not guaranteed values and may be altered and updated without prior notice due to improvements in products

*These products do not suppress indoor airborne viruses

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Please see page 7. Joint research with the University of Tokyo has proven that our Group's five PROTECTON brand products are effective in suppressing COVID. We plan to continue these joint research projects involving applications that benefit society.

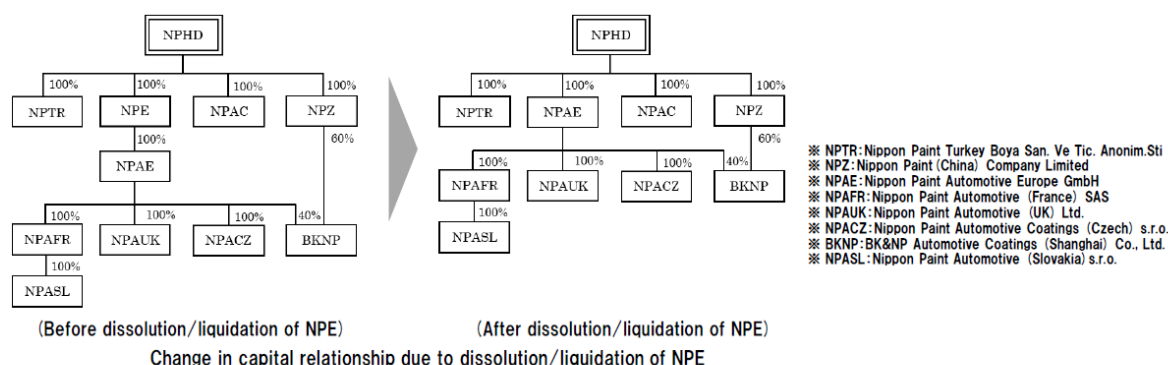
1-2. Major Topics After Announcement of FY2021 1Q Results ④

Dissolution and liquidation of the former European Headquarters

(announced on August 10)

- As announced on April 1, 2021, we implemented business restructuring to make our automotive coatings business in Europe more competitive and adopted a resolution to dissolve and liquidate Nippon Paint (Europe) Ltd. (NPE), an NPHD's consolidated subsidiary
- Under the new operating structure, NPAE, a wholly-owned subsidiary of NPE, has started operating as the European headquarters. As a result, NPE has finished its role as the European headquarters
- Following the transfer, we will recognize deferred tax assets after application of deferred tax accounting. As a result, income taxes will decrease by c. ¥3.6 bn and profit attributable to owners of parent will increase by the same amount

► See more information at: <https://www.nipponpaint-holdings.com/en/news.release/20210810ir01/>



The liquidation of Nippon Paint (Europe) Ltd. (NPE) is accompanying the restructuring of our automotive coatings business in Europe, which we announced on April 1. This liquidation has no direct connection with the divestment of the European business explained on the next page.

As the chart on this page shows, Nippon Paint Automotive Europe GmbH (NPAE), our Group's German corporation formerly called Bollig & Kemper GmbH & Co. KG, has started operating as the European headquarters for the automotive coatings business. As a result, NPE will be liquidated to reduce an organizational layer. Following this liquidation, income taxes will decrease by about 3.6 billion yen due to the recognition of deferred tax assets after application of deferred tax accounting.

Nippon Paint Turkey Boya San. Ve Tic. Anonim. Sti (NPTR) is wholly-owned by Nippon Paint Holdings, rather than a subsidiary of NPAE, and is excluded from the scope of the share transfer of NPAE to the Wuthelam Group as described on page 9.

1-2. Major Topics After Announcement of FY2021 1Q Results ⑤- (1)

Share transfer of European automotive business and India businesses to the Wuthelam Group (announced on August 10)

Summary

Share transfer of NPAE^{※1}, BNPA^{※2}, and NPI^{※3} to the Wuthelam Group

Background

- The automotive coatings business in Europe and India remains significant from the strategic perspective under our policy to strengthen the integrated automotive coatings operations. However, the business environment in the automotive coatings business has changed significantly due to factors such as COVID, the semiconductor shortage, and raw material price inflation
- After reviewing our strategy, we have decided that the automotive coatings business needs large investments for restructuring and reinforcement for medium- to long-term growth
- The decorative and automotive refinish businesses in India are also in a challenging environment. Further structural reinforcement and bold promotion activities are necessary to increase our presence in the Indian market, which has medium- to long-term growth potential
- Various restructuring measures that are needed would place significant short-term financial burdens on us and may not contribute to Maximization of Shareholder Value (MSV) considering our strategy to aggressively use M&A. After exploring various options, we have decided that selling these businesses to a third-party would impair the strategic significance of these businesses and eliminate future options for our Group's businesses

※1 NPAE(Nippon Paint Automotive Europe GmbH) : Company engaged in the automotive coatings business in Europe

※2 BNPA(Berger Nippon Paint Automotive Coatings Private Limited) : Company engaged in the automotive coatings business in India

※3 NPI(NIPPON PAINT (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED) : Company engaged in decorative paints and automotive refinish businesses in India

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1-2. Major Topics After Announcement of FY2021 1Q Results ⑤- (2)

Share transfer of European automotive business and India businesses to the Wuthelam Group (announced on August 10)

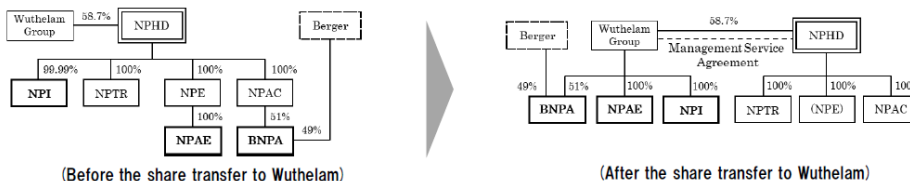
Objectives

- This share transfer to the Wuthelam Group will enable these businesses to ensure continuous medium- and long-term growth
- Short-term additional investments and expenses for restructuring will be incurred by the Wuthelam Group. This will diversify the risk for NPHD
- The share transfer will contribute to our EPS and give us a call option (an option to buy back these companies). As a result, this share transfer is believed to be reasonable from the perspective of the protection of minority shareholders and MSV
- We have agreed with the Wuthelam Group for our continuing support for management of these businesses. Our Group will send management teams to the three businesses for monitoring business operations

Impact on consolidated earnings (¥ bn) ※1

Revenue	Operating profit	Profit before tax	Profit ^{※2}
-14.4	+2.9	+2.9	+2.9

※1 The impact will be reflected in the consolidated earnings From August 1, 2021
 ※2 Profit attributable to owners of parent



Change in the capital relationship due to the share transfer to the Wuthelam Group

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Topics on page 9 and page 10 are events that were announced today.

Three companies are subject to the share transfer to the Wuthelam Group. The companies are NPAE and Berger Nippon Paint Automotive Coatings Private Limited (BNPA), which are our automotive coatings companies in Europe and India, respectively, and posted an impairment loss in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, and Nippon Paint (India) Private Limited (NPI), a Group company mainly engaged in the decorative paints and auto refinish coatings businesses in India. We have decided that these companies require business restructuring including drastic measures and investments to achieve sustainable growth and profitability. The reasons are challenges shared by these companies and problems specific to individual companies such as the impact of COVID, raw material price increases, and changes in the market environment involving competitors and customers. This decision is not due to the current deterioration of their earnings. In the meantime, significant investments required by the three companies will put financial burdens on the Nippon Paint Group in the short term and create uncertainty about our future operations. Due to these issues, we have considered actions to turn around these companies as Group companies of Nippon Paint Holdings, a publicly owned company.

In the course of examining various options, we had a discussion with the Wuthelam Group, the major shareholder of Nippon Paint Holdings, and came up with a plan to transfer the three companies to the Wuthelam Group. The Nippon Paint Group will be allowed to maintain its presence in the global automotive coatings market as well as have strategic options for the future if the following four conditions are met: (i) additional investments and expenses needed for restructuring of the three companies will be borne by the Wuthelam Group; (ii) Nippon Paint Holdings will retain call options where it may, but not assume obligations to, buy back the shares in the three companies at a time when we see good prospects for success in the restructuring of these companies; (iii) the Wuthelam Group will not sell the three companies to a third party; and (iv) the transfer price will be fair price. In addition, the share transfer will contribute to an increase of the earnings per share (EPS) of Nippon Paint Holdings. Considering these points, we have decided that the share transfer is reasonable from the perspective of protecting the interests of minority shareholders and Maximization of Shareholder Value (MSV).

The transfer will cause a change in the capital relationship involving the three companies. Meanwhile, Europe and India will remain important markets for our Group. Our Group will receive call options to buy back the three companies in the future. In addition, Nippon Paint Holdings will be entrusted by the Wuthelam Group to continue to operate the three companies. Furthermore, the three companies will not change their names following the share transfer. As a result, we believe we can minimize the financial and other impacts of the share transfer, including our business with customers.

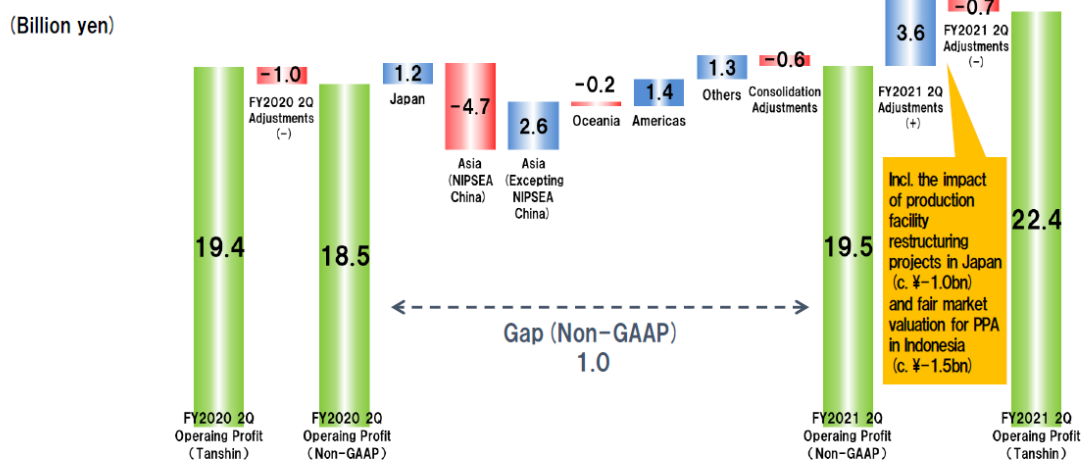
Nippon Paint Holdings has agreed with the Wuthelam Group that the repurchase prices are fair. Moreover, at discussions with the Wuthelam Group, we have confirmed that the Wuthelam Group is not expecting to earn profits through the share transfer or capital gains upon exercise of the call options by the Nippon Paint Group.

The impact of the share transfer on consolidated earnings is the estimate for the three companies' five-month earnings from August to December. Note that exchange rate assumptions are subject to change. Our full-year revenue forecast of 1,010 billion yen takes into account the decrease in revenue resulting from the share transfer as shown in the table on page 10.

To examine the share transfer, which is a transaction with our major shareholder, we set up a special committee consisting of three independent directors. The special committee and the Board of Directors held discussions and approved a resolution for the transaction without Chairman Goh's involvement. The special committee has confirmed that the transaction is reasonable and protects the interests of minority shareholders sufficiently.

I will discuss the information from page 12 onwards more thoroughly during the Q&A session. But before that, I will explain the information on page 16.

3-2. Operating Profit Gap Analysis for FY2021 2Q



Major reasons for changes

- ✓ NIPSEA China: Lower profit due to higher RMCC ratio from increased raw material prices
- ✓ Asia Excepting NIPSEA China: Higher profit due to severe situation during 2Q 2020 compared to 2Q 2021 amid some resurgence of COVID-19, especially in Malaysia, and rising raw material prices
- ✓ Japan/Americas/Other: Higher profit in these regions on rebound from the slump in automobile production due to COVID in 2Q 2020
- ✓ Cost of Asian JV acquisition, etc.: Recognized one-time expenses of c. ¥2.5 bn (c. ¥-1.0 bn related to production facility restructuring projects in Japan : c.¥-1.5 bn associated with fair market valuation for PPA in Indonesia) . Combined with the one-time expenses recognized in 1Q, c.¥5.0 bn was posted as planned

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Operating profit in the 2Q increased 1.0 billion yen YoY on a Non-GAAP basis. The increase in operating profit in the 2Q was greater on a Tanshin basis due to adjustments.

Please see the appendix to the presentation for details, but the primary adjustment items are as follows.

- The impact primarily of the new consolidation of the Indonesia business: about +3.2 billion yen
- One-time expense related to PPA for the acquisition of the Indonesia business: about -1.5 billion yen
- Exchange rate fluctuations: about +1.8 bn yen
- Subsidy income for the Chinese business: about +0.4 bn yen
- Restructuring cost related to manufacturing facilities in Japan: about -1.0 bn yen

Combined with the stamp tax and other M&A expenses of 2.6 billion yen that were posted in the 1Q, we recognized a one-time expenses related to the acquisition of 100% ownership of the Asian JVs of 5.0 billion yen in the 1H of FY2021. These are the M&A expenses related to the Asian JVs acquisition, which I explained when we announced our FY2021 earnings forecast in February.

We have increased our operating profit forecast for FY2021 to 102 billion yen. Excluding the impact of the one-time expenses, our operating profit forecast is 107 billion yen.

This concludes the summary of our results for the 2Q of FY2021.

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