

# Gakken Group Business Overview

January 2025 Gakken Holdings Co., Ltd.

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# About Gakken Group

The late Hideto Furuoka founded Gakken group in 1946 with the conviction that "There is nothing more important than education for post-war (World War II) reconstruction." Fully embracing the founding aim of contributing to solving social issues, the Group has been developing a wide range of businesses, currently focused on the Education domain and Healthcare and nursing domain.

# **Corporate Identity**

# **Gakken Compass**

**Philosophy** 

The Gakken Group aspires to enrich the lives of everyone.

We strive to deliver experiences that inspire joy, satisfaction
and peace of mind today, while fostering dreams and hopes for tomorrow

**Aspiration** 

**Inspire Unlimited Potential** 

Gakken Initial Values Growth Contribute to the sustainable growth of humanity and society

Action Take actions to create new opportunities

Knowledge Keep learning and take initiatives to leverage your knowledge

Kindness Be kind to customers and colleagues

Enjoy Enjoy your potential to help others discovering theirs

New Stage Expand your opportunities globally with infinite potential

Message

Did you do your best today?



# The Gakken Group by Numbers







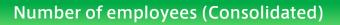
Net Sales

185.6
Billion yen

**Operating Profit** 

6.8

Billion yen



29,184



Male-to-female ratio

34.1%



65.9%



**Securities Code** 

9470

Tokyo Stock Exchange Prime Market **Stock Price** 

1,007<sub>yen</sub>

ROE

4.3%

PER

19.0x

As of September 30,2024

PBR

0.83x

As of September 30,2024

# **History of Gakken Group**

#### 1946~ 1969

#### Apr. 1946

The late Hideto Furuoka founds Gakushu Kenkyusha with the conviction that "There is nothing more important than education for post-war (World War II) reconstruction"



#### Jul. 1946

The first series of Roku Nen no Gakushu (Learning for Sixth Graders) is published



#### Mar. 1947

Gakushu Kenkyusha is reorganized and incorporated as Gakken Co., Ltd.



The first issues of Chugaku Ichi Nen Course (Course for Junior High School First Years) and Chugaku Ni Nen Course (Course for Junior High School Second Years)



#### Jun. 1967

The Genshoku New Modern Encyclopedia is published



#### 1970~ 1999

#### Mar. 1970

A 360-degree astrorama image is exhibited in the Midori-kan Pavilion at Expo '70 in Osaka

#### Apr. 1977

Publication of My Coach home learning materials for junior high school students begins

#### May 1979

Education magazines: Gakushu (Learning) and Kagaku (Science) circulation reaches 6.7 million copies



#### Gakken Classroom) opens 划规

Oct. 1986

Apr. 1980

Manabukun, a personal learning system using computer-assisted instruction, is launched

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Gakken Math and Japanese



#### 2000~

#### Mar. 2006

Cocofump Lake Hills, Gakken group's first rental housing for the elderly, opens



#### Oct. 2009

Gakken Co., Ltd. is split up and the Group switches to a holding company system under Gakken Holdings Co., Ltd.



185.6

#### Sep. 2018

Jul. 2023

Group in Medical Care Services, Inc.

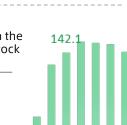


# Aug. 1982

Gakken Co., Ltd. is listed on the second section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange

#### Feb. 1984

Gakken Co., Ltd. is listed on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange



Net sales

1960~





 $1990 \sim$ 

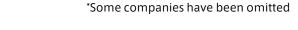
# **Organization Chart (Educational Domain)**

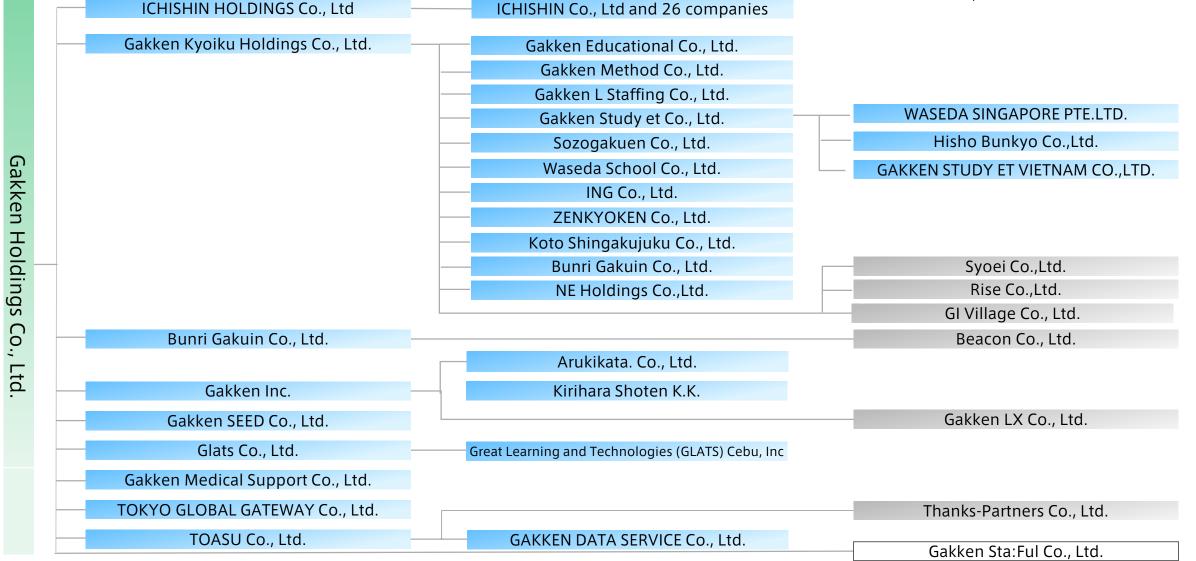
**Educational Domain** 

Consolidated subsidiaries: 53

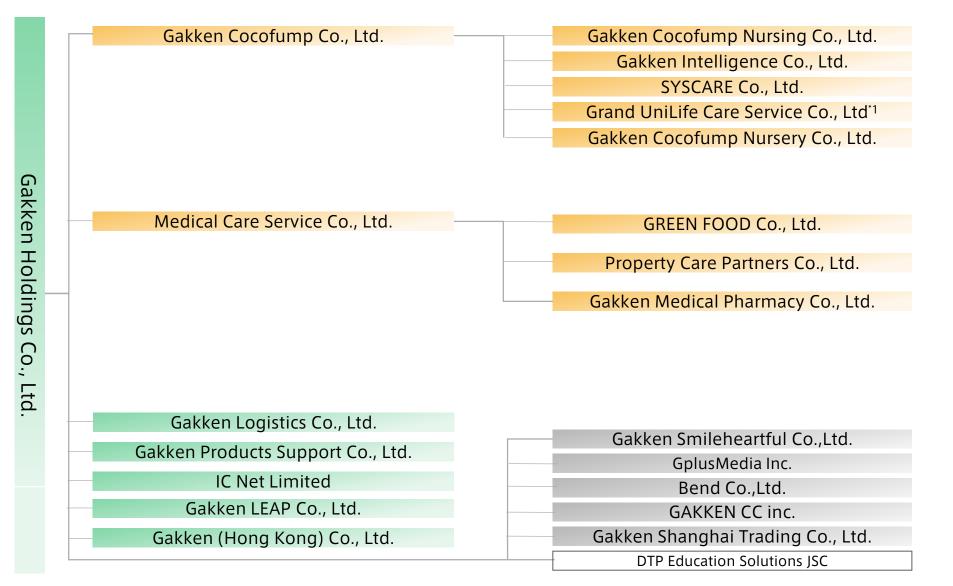
Non-consolidated subsidiaries: 13

Equity method affiliate: 1





# Organization Chart (Healthcare and Nursing Domain, Others)



#### Healthcare and nursing Domain

Consolidated subsidiaries: 20

\*Some companies have been omitted

#### Others

Consolidated subsidiaries: 5

Non-consolidated subsidiaries: 11

Equity method affiliate: 1

\*Some companies have been omitted

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\* As of December 31, 2024

# History

Date	Overview
Mar. 1947	Gakusyu Kenkyusha Co., Ltd. (now Gakken Holdings Co., Ltd.) was established
Sep. 1975	Shujunsha Co., Ltd. (now Gakken Inc., a consolidated subsidiary) was established
Aug. 1982	Gakusyu Kenkyusha Co., Ltd. was listed in the second section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange
Feb. 1984	Gakusyu Kenkyusha Co., Ltd. was listed in the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange
Mar. 1987	Gakken (Hong Kong) Co., Ltd. was established (now a consolidated subsidiary)
Oct. 1992	Gakken Logistics Co., Ltd. was established (now a consolidated subsidiary)
Apr. 1994	Gakken Toy Hobby Co., Ltd. (now Gakken Sta:Ful Co., Ltd., a equity method affiliate ) was established
Jul. 2004	Cocofump Co., Ltd. (now Gakken Cocofump Co., Ltd., a consolidated subsidiary) was established
Feb. 2005	Gakken R&C Co., Ltd. (now GAKKEN DATA SERVICE Co., Ltd., a consolidated subsidiary) was established
Nov. 2005	Gakken Method Co., Ltd. was established (now a consolidated subsidiary)
Nov. 2006	Gakken Area Market Co., Ltd. was established (now a consolidated subsidiary)
Dec. 2006	Tohoku Best Study Co., Ltd. (now Gakken Study et Co., Ltd., a consolidated subsidiary) was acquired
Mar. 2007	Turtle Study Staff Co., Ltd. (now Gakken L Staffing Co., Ltd., a consolidated subsidiary) was acquired
Feb. 2008	Shubunsha Co., Ltd. (now Gakken Study et Co., Ltd., a consolidated subsidiary) and WASEDA SINGAPORE PTE.LTD. (now a consolidated subsidiary) were acquired
May 2008	Gakken Cocofump Co., Ltd., Gakken Cocofump Nursery Co., Ltd., and Gakken Cocofump Staff Co., Ltd. (now Gakken Intelligence Co., Ltd. ) were established (now consolidated subsidiaries)

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Date	Overview
Jan. 2009	Sozogakuen Co., Ltd. and Waseda School Co., Ltd. were acquired (now consolidated subsidiaries) Gakken E-mirai Co., Ltd. was established (now Gakken Inc., a consolidated subsidiary)
Oct. 2009	Gakken Co., Ltd. switched to a holding company system under Gakken Holdings Co., Ltd. (hereafter, GHD) GHD became a split company and was split into the following companies through incorporation-type company split and absorption-type company split (100% subsidiaries)  Gakken Educational Co., Ltd. (now a consolidated subsidiary)  Gakken Marketing Co., Ltd. (now Gakken Inc., a consolidated subsidiary)  Gakken Shuppan Service Co., Ltd. (now Gakken Inc., a consolidated subsidiary)  Gakken E-mirai Co., Ltd. (now Gakken Inc., a consolidated subsidiary)  Gakken Medical Shujunsha Co., Ltd. (now Gakken Inc., a consolidated subsidiary)  Gakken Products Support Co., Ltd. (now a consolidated subsidiary), and five other companies
Apr. 2010	Gakken Network Co., Ltd. changed its trade name to Gakken Juku Holdings Co., Ltd. (now a consolidated subsidiary) and succeeded the subsidiary management business of GHD and Gakken Educational Co., Ltd.
Apr. 2011	Gakken Nursing Support Co., Ltd. was established (now Gakken Medical Support Co., Ltd., a consolidated subsidiary)
Jun. 2012	Gakken Smileheartful Co., Ltd. was established (now a non-consolidated subsidiary)
Sep. 2012	You-Me-Care Co., Ltd. was acquired (now Gakken Cocofump Co., Ltd., a consolidated subsidiary)
Oct. 2012	Fukuoka Yoikono Gakushusha Co., Ltd. was acquired (now Gakken Area Market Co., Ltd., a consolidated subsidiary)
Jan. 2013	ING Co., Ltd. and National Medical Education Promotion Association Co., Ltd. were acquired (now ING Co., Ltd., a consolidated subsidiary)

# History

Date	Overview
May 2013	GI Village Co., Ltd. was established (now a non-consolidated subsidiary)
Oct. 2014	SYSCARE Co., Ltd. and SPA Co., Ltd. were acquired (now SYSCARE Co., Ltd., a consolidated subsidiary)
Mar. 2015	BUNRI Co., Ltd. was acquired (now a consolidated subsidiary)
Oct. 2015	Gakken Marketing Co., Ltd. merged with two Group companies then changed its name to Gakken Plus Co., Ltd. (now Gakken Inc., a consolidated subsidiary) Gakken Cocofump Nursing Co., Ltd. was established (now a consolidated subsidiary)
Nov. 2016	Koto Shingakujuku Co., Ltd. and Koshinsha Co., Ltd. were acquired (now Koto Shingakujuku Co., Ltd., a consolidated subsidiary)
Feb. 2017	TOKYO GLOBAL GATEWAY Co., Ltd. was established (now a consolidated subsidiary)
May 2017	Acquired additional shares in Ichishin Holdings Co., Ltd. (now a consolidated subsidiary)
Nov. 2017	Bunri Gakuin Co., Ltd. was acquired (now a consolidated subsidiary) Beacon Co., Ltd. was established (now a non-consolidated subsidiary)
Feb. 2018	JTEX Management Center Co., Ltd. was acquired (now TOASU Co., Ltd., a consolidated subsidiary)
Sep. 2018	Medical Care Service Co., Ltd. was acquired (now a consolidated subsidiary)
Dec. 2018	Hisho Bunkyo Co., Ltd. was acquired (now a consolidated subsidiary)
Apr. 2019	GAKKEN STUDY ET VIETNAM CO., LTD. was established (now a consolidated subsidiary)
Sep. 2019	IC Net Co., Ltd. was acquired (now a consolidated subsidiary)
Dec. 2020	Arukikata. Co., Ltd. was established (now a consolidated subsidiary)
Sep. 2021	YGC Co., Ltd. was established (now a non-consolidated subsidiary) Bend Co., Ltd. was acquired (now a non-consolidated subsidiary)

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<b>Date</b> Oct. 2021	Overview  Dontokoi Inc. was acquired (now GAKKEN CC Inc. a non-consolidated subsidiary)
Dec. 2021	Gakken LEAP Co., Ltd. was established (now a consolidated subsidiary)
Mar. 2022	GPlusMedia Inc. was acquired (now a non-consolidated subsidiary) Gakken Shanghai Trading Co., Ltd. was established (now a non- consolidated subsidiary)
Apr. 2022	Transferred from first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange to the Prime Market due to market restructuring Syoei Co., Ltd. was acquired (now a non-consolidated subsidiary)
Oct. 2022	Absorbed the four companies of Gakken E-mirai Co., Ltd., Gakken Plus Co., Ltd., Gakken Medical Shujunsha Co., Ltd., and Gakken Shuppan Service Co., Ltd., then changed its name to Gakken Inc. (now a consolidated subsidiary) Gakken Famille Co., Ltd. was established (now a non-consolidated subsidiary)
Apr. 2023	Acquired shares of DTP Education Solutions JSC (now an equity method affiliate)
May 2023	NE Holdings Co., Ltd. was acquired (now a consolidated subsidiary)
Jul. 2023	Turned Ichishin Holdings Co., Ltd. into a consolidated subsidiary Changed Gakken Sta:Ful Co., Ltd. to an equity method affiliate
Nov. 2023	Acquired all shares of Grand UniLife Care Service Co., Ltd.
Sep. 2024	Kirihara Shoten K.K. was acquired (now a consolidated subsidiary)
Oct. 2024	Acquired shares of Kodansya Pal and then changed its name to Gakken Link Co., Ltd(now a non-consolidated subsidiary) Gakken Area Market Co., Ltd. merged Early Childhood Education Division of Gakken Inc. and then changed its name to Gakken SEED Co., Ltd.
Dec. 2024	Gakken Juku Holdings Co., Ltd. changed its name to Gakken Kyoiku Holdings Co., Ltd.

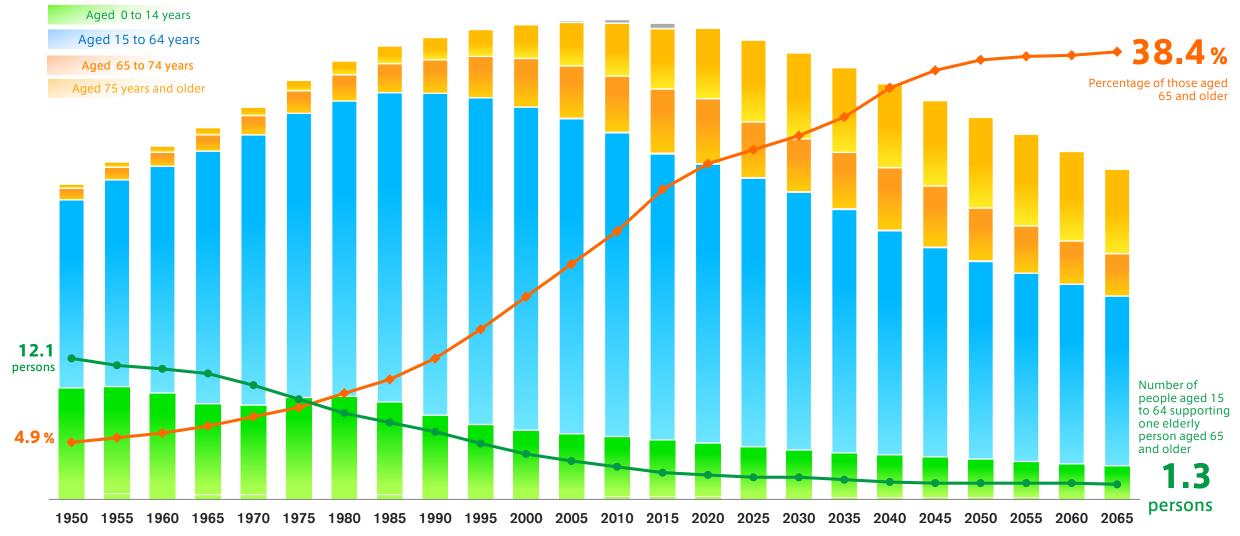
# **External Environment**

The decreasing birthrate in Japan is rapidly progressing, and the number of births for 2024 decreased 5.5% to around 687,000.

On the other hand, the aging population is rising steadily, with a diversification in the lifestyles and needs of the elderly. We introduce the external environment and business opportunities surrounding Gakken group.

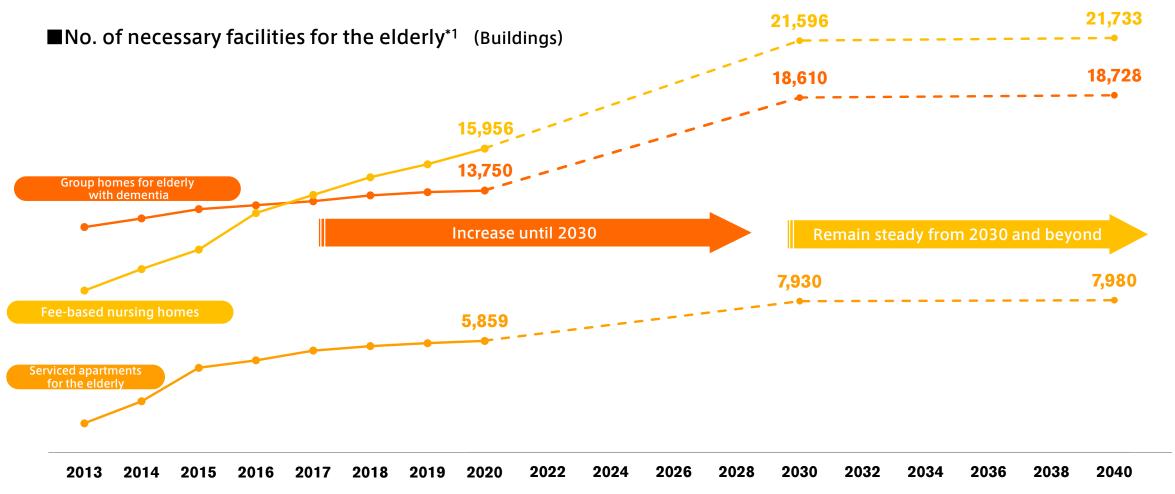
# Japan, Where the Birthrate is Declining and the Population is Aging

The number of elderly aged 65 and older, shown in orange, estimated to continue growing until 2042. The market for the elderly business is expected to continue expanding. On the other hand, the number of people aged 15 and under, shown in green, is rapidly decreasing.



# Demand for Facilities for the Elderly Expected to Increase Steadily Until 2030

Currently, the number of the elderly aged 65 or older has exceeded 35 million and is expected to peak in 2042. With this, demand for housing and facilities for the elderly is expected to increase steadily until 2030. Gakken group is proactively opening new facilities to respond to these needs.



# Projected Business Environment and Group Materiality under Gakken 2025

While securing base demand, we will capture new demand and meet customers' expectations through initiatives to address materiality.

New Demands **Recurrent Education and Reskilling** 

New Education Business Opportunity Using Digital Technology

New University Entrance Exam Formats
(Holistic Admission, School Recommendation, National Exams)

Southeast Asia & Global South Business Expansion

**Healthy Life Expectancy** 

**Home Health and Nursing Care** 

**After-school Centers & Special Needs Education** 

Children with Developmental Disabilities and Truant Children

# Materiality (Key Issues)

Creating human capital who can actively deliver value to the world and embrace the challenge of new education

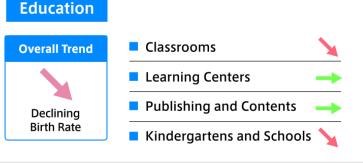
Contributing to the elimination of regional and economic disparities in education, and healthcare and nursing services

Achieving well-being through lifelong growth

Improving the value of human capital throughout the industry

Building a sustainable supply chain

Base Demands





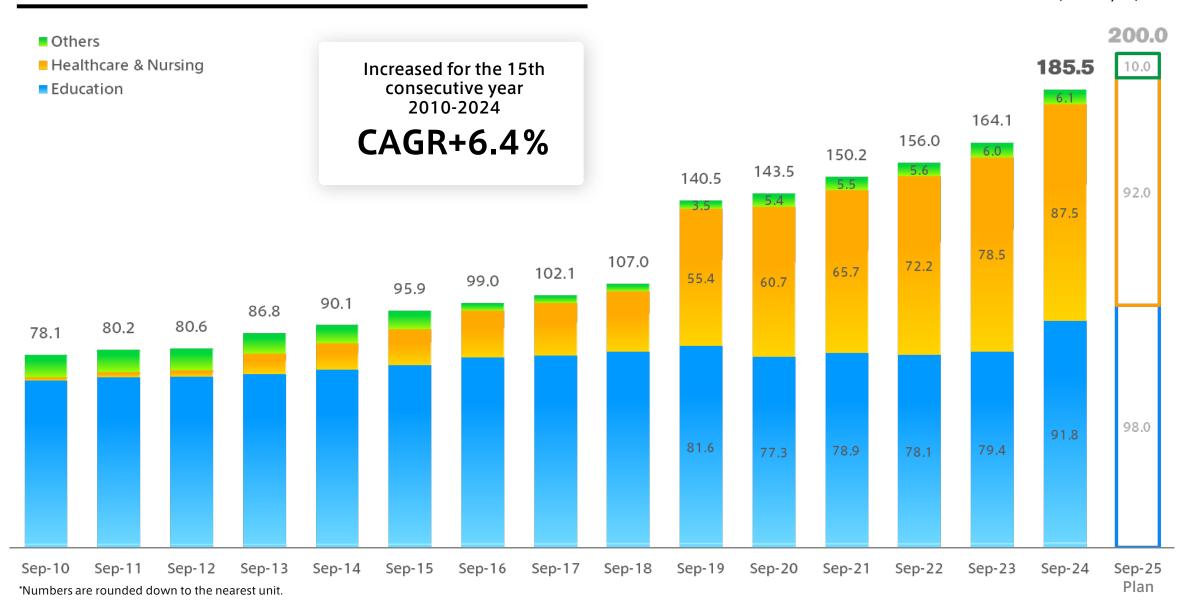
# Consolidated Performance Trends

Gakken group has continued to grow steadily after switching to a holding company system in 2009. In the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, we achieved an increase in revenue for the 15th consecutive fiscal year.

As for shareholder returns, we keep progressive dividends

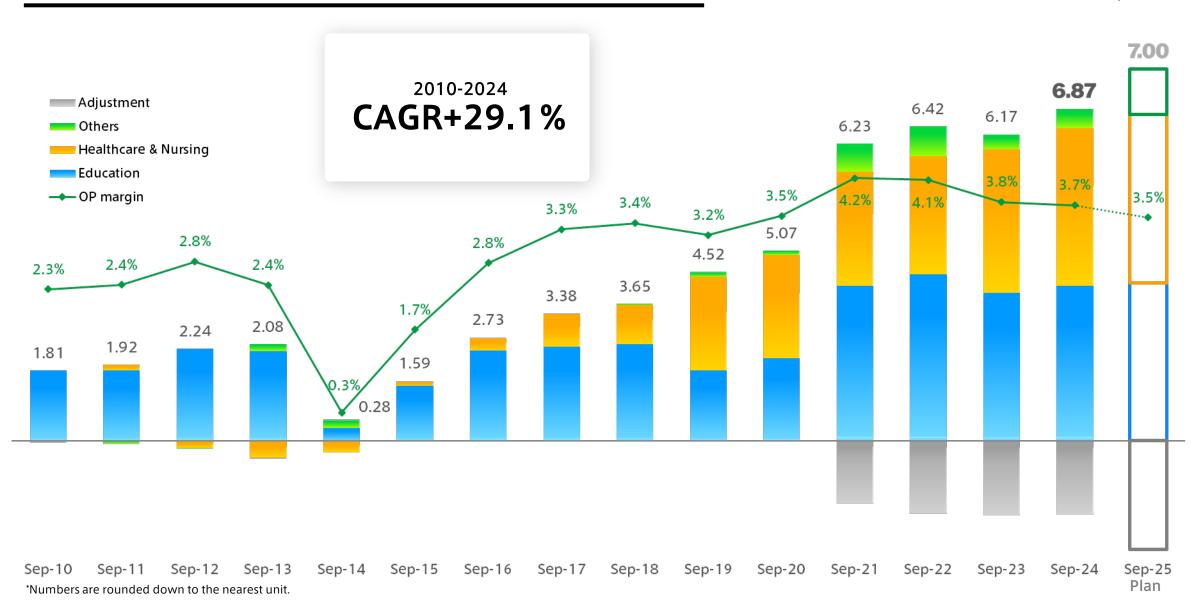


(Billion yen)

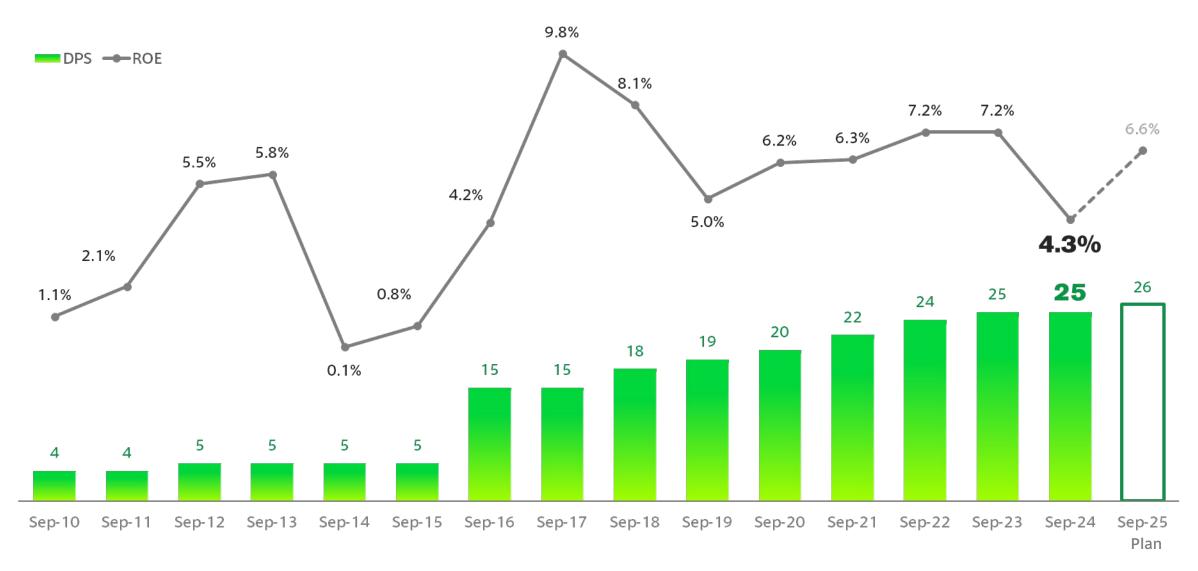


# **Full-year Trends in Consolidated Operating Profit**

(Billion yen)

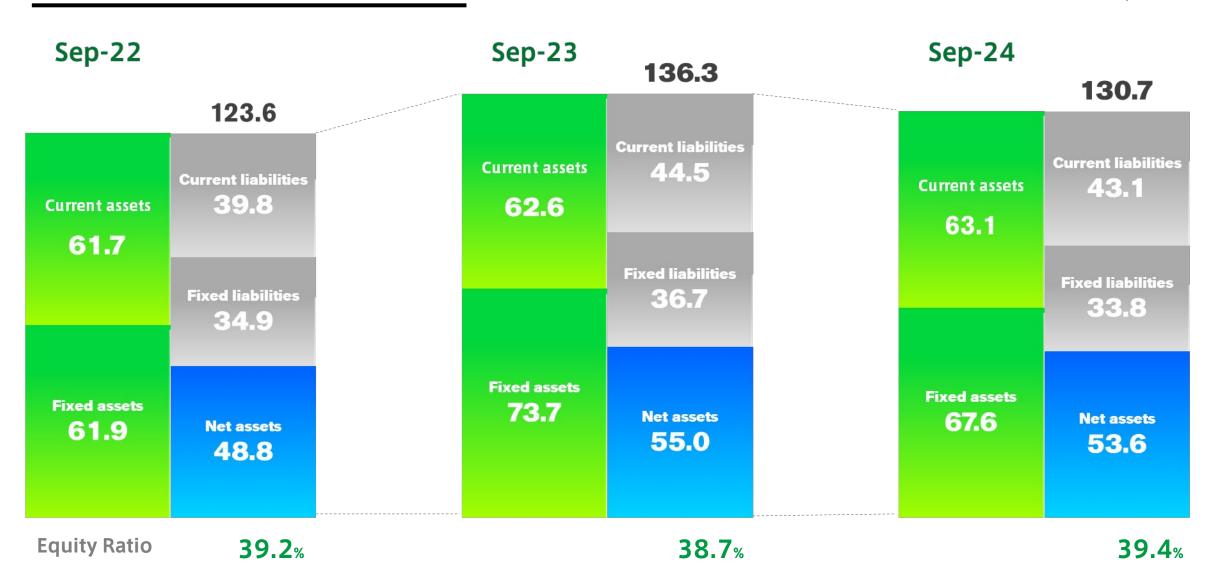


# Trends in ROE and Dividends per Share



### **Consolidated Financial Position**

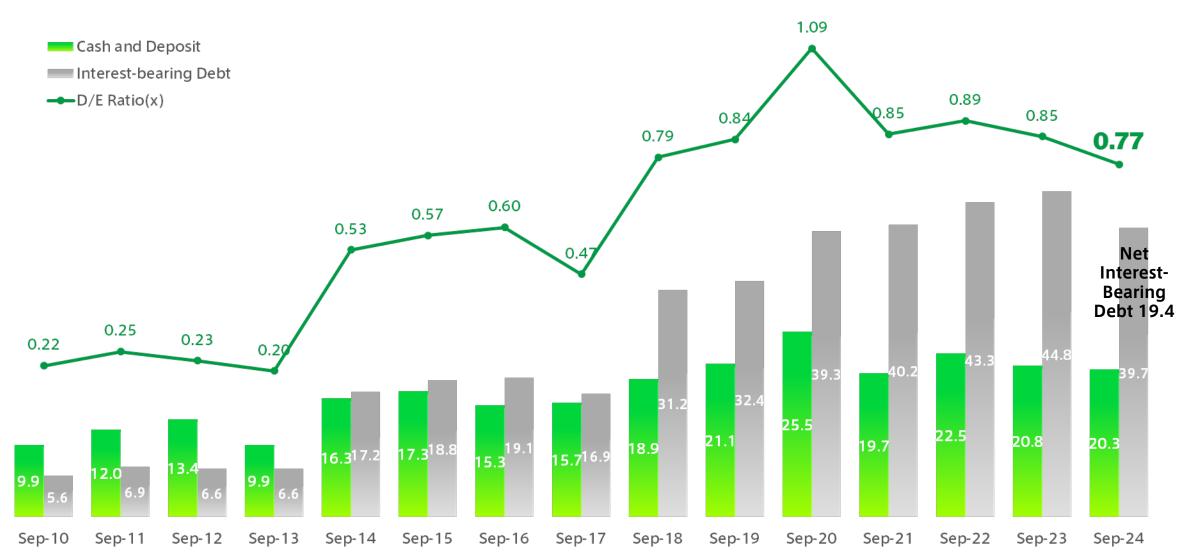
(Billion yen)



<sup>\*</sup>Numbers are rounded down to the nearest unit.

# Trends in Cash and Deposits and Interest-Bearing Debt

(Billion yen)



<sup>\*</sup>Numbers are rounded down to the nearest unit.

# Main Businesses

Gakken group has developed diverse businesses in both domains of Education and Healthcare and nursing. We foster our customers' learning and lives with a full line-up of unique content, services, and even the operation of facilities.

With close coordination between each business, Gakken group is pressing ahead with portfolio management in order to create new value of its own.

#### **Two Pillars of Business Domains**

#### **Education**

#### Classroom and learning center

- -Operations of preschooler classes and Gakken Classroom
- -Operation of digital services for classrooms
- -Operation of learning centers
- -Operation of ViSC (Virtual Smart Campus)
- -Publishing for learning centers

#### Publishing and content

- -General publishing (children's books, study-aid books, guide books, specialized books, etc.)
- -E-learning for nurses
- -Operation of experience-based English learning facilities
- -Online English conversation lesson
- -Corporate training

#### Kindergarten and school

- -Selling of goods to nursery schools and kindergarten
- -Textbooks for elementary and junior high schools
- -Short essay tutoring for senior high schools
- -Various other services for schools

Digital
Resources
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Global
Operations

# **Healthcare and Nursing**

#### Elderly housing

Planning, development, and operation of serviced apartments for the elderly, bases for elderly care services, etc.

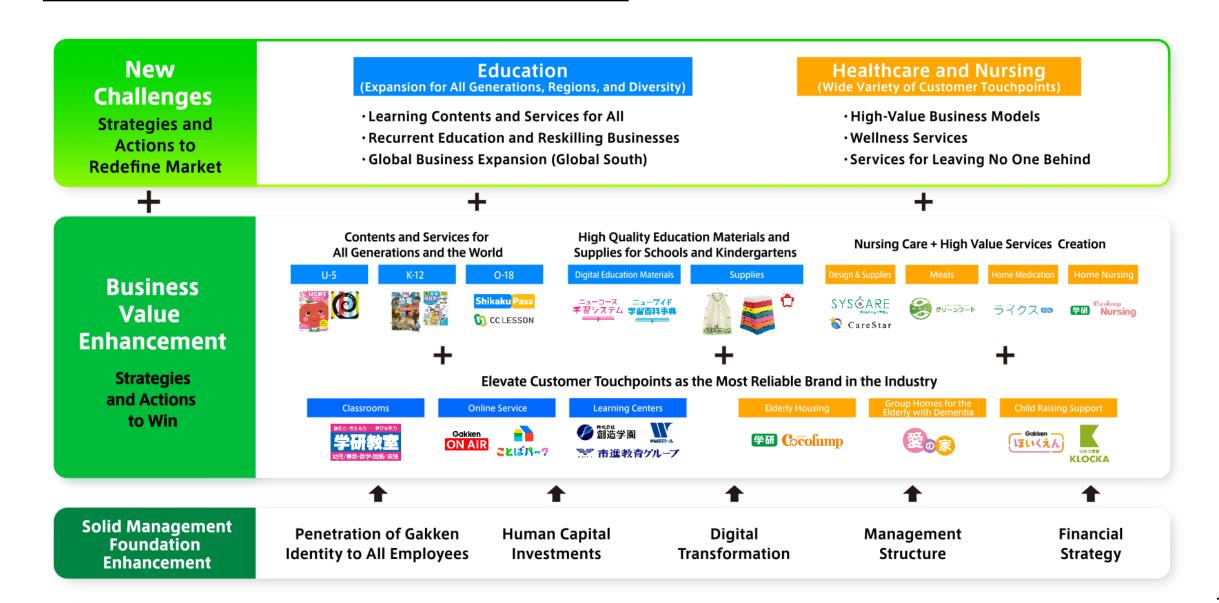
# Group homes for the elderly with dementia

Operation of group homes and planning, development, and operation of related services

#### Child raising support

Planning, development, and operation of nursery schools, children's daycare centers, after-school children's clubs, etc.

# **Group Strategy Overview for Gakken 2025**



# **Education Business**

Focused on the following three businesses extensively supporting learning, with an expanded service menu for workforce development.

- 1)Classroom and learning center: Operation of preschooler classes and Gakken classrooms supporting learning in everyday life, and learning centers across Japan
- 2)Publishing and content: Production and sale of children's books, study-aid books, and other publications, as well as e-learning content
- 3)Kindergarten and school: Production and sale of goods for kindergartens and nursery schools, and provision of corporate training programs

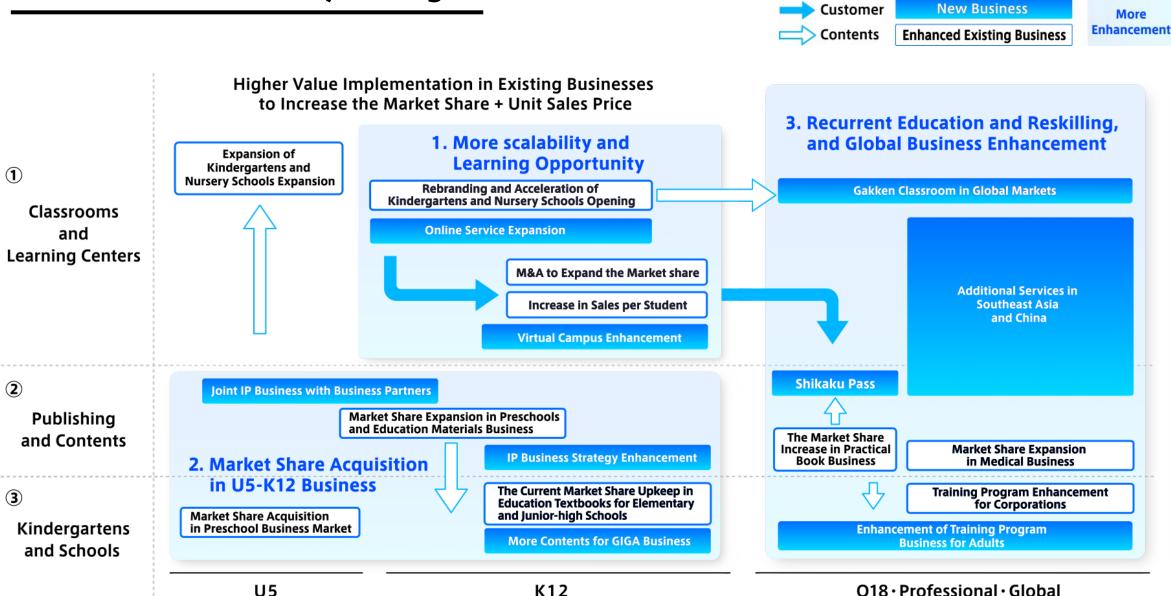
# **Gakken2025 Education Business Key Strategies**

\*Plan for Sep-25 was partially revised in Nov. 2024.



<sup>\*</sup>Numbers are rounded down to the nearest unit.

# **Education Business Key Strategies**



We operate Gakken Classroom, which supports children's learning in everyday life and fosters their ability to learn independently, across Japan

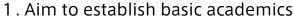
We operate and franchise Gakken Classroom, intended for children from preschoolers to junior high school students. We provide many classrooms in shopping centers, kindergartens, and other places that are close and easy to access.

Domestic and Overseas 18,490 classrooms

No. of Members Approx. 354 thousand



\* Numbers are rounded to the nearest unit, as of September 30,2024,



- 2. Each person is treated with care with the grade-less system
- 3. Develop a self-study attitude and ability
- 4. Emphasis on moral education in an enjoyable and lively manner

With Kotoba Park and Gakken Classroom Online, which allows students to receive instruction from home, our classrooms have continued to evolve to make it easier for students to learn and continue learning.



←Online Japanese language learning service that develops listening, speaking, and reading skills through 25 minutes of conversation



←Manamil, a dedicated app for connecting classrooms with parents, supports safety and security

→Gakken Classroom Online, which allows students to receive instruction from anywhere, eliminates regional differences and inconveniences



Gakken Classroom Online

# **Learning Center Business**

Japan's largest network of learning centers that provide community-based guidance for high school and university entrance exams, taking the characteristics of each prefecture into consideration

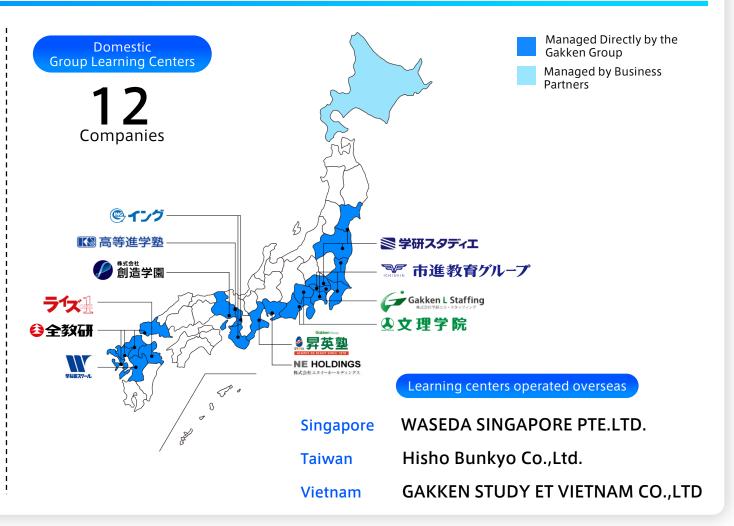
Domestic and Overseas 933 classrooms

No. of Members Approx. 80 thousand

<sup>\*</sup> Numbers are rounded to the nearest unit, as of September 30,2024,



↑ The number of users of ViSC (Virtual Smart Campus) has increased. It has found success because users can learn with enthusiasm while being inspired through communication with their surroundings.



<sup>\*</sup> FAMcampus is a registered trademark of FUJI SOFT INCORPORATED. (For illustrative purposes only)

# **Publishing and Content Business**

We enrich life and learning with a variety of publications from picture books for babies to "Chikyu-no-Arukikata," which is synonymous with travel guides.





# **Workforce Development and Language Learning**

We are strengthening and expanding language education that develops globally competent human resources and workforce development business that meets demand for recurrent and reskilling education.

# Operated by TOKYO GLOBAL GATEWAY Co., Ltd. Number of visitors exceeds 500,000 in its seventh year of operation. Number of school use visitors (cumulative) 80 134 184 298 Experience using English in 12 overseas living zones. 2 facilities in Tokyo.



student can learn Chinese conversation, is also popular.

#### Corporate training

Operated by TOASU Co., Ltd.



We offer training programs for listed companies that are investing in human capital. The programs can address reskilling needs with a wide selection of content.



# Operated by Gakken Medical Support Co., Ltd. Number of contracted hospitals 2,907 The number of contracted hospitals is growing. The content is popular for its user-friendliness, regardless sep-19 Sep-19 Sep-20 Sep-21 Sep-22 Sep-23 Sep-24 Of the scale of hospitals and situations.

# **Kindergarten and School Business**

We offer a wide variety of products and services such as equipment for kindergartens and nursery schools, textbooks for elementary and junior high schools, digital learning materials, and short essay tutoring services for high school students.

#### Publications and equipment for kindergartens and nursery schools



The "Tsunagaru (Making Connections) Picture books" series sold through kindergartens. Supporting growth in accordance with the development of children.



Specialized magazines for kindergartens



Various large-scale play equipment



"hugmo," an ICT system that supports communication between kindergartens and guardians

#### Digital learning materials







#### School textbooks and short essay tutoring service ,etc.



Health education Textbook



Moral education Textbook



Short essay tutoring service



Magazine of special needs education

# **Global Business Development**

# **Expanding Educational Business in Asia Together with Partner Companies**

We have established business foundations in Asia and are rolling out the content services of Gakken group



#### Vietnam business

- · Enhanced partnership with DTP
- · Stable growth in KiddiHub







and an educational portal site.

#### China business

- · Business opportunity expansion in new first-class cities and the second-class cities
- · 3 main businesses: learning center materials, product sales, and IP



Operated by Gakken Shanghai Trading Co., Ltd.



#### Overseas Gakken Classroom

- · Southeast Asia business Expansion
- · New global market entries (Africa and English-speaking countries)

Operated by Gakken Educational Co., Ltd.



↑ Promotion of preschooler classes in Vietnam in coordination with KiddiHub



#### **ODA** business (IC-Net)

- · Middle east and Africa business based on Gakken Turkey (Human talents resources development project for the STEAM industry )
- Active investments in new businesses

Operated by IC-Net Limited



### Consulting service for companies expanding overseas markets

- · Utilization of knowhow based on ODA business
- · Business synergy creation with Gakken group

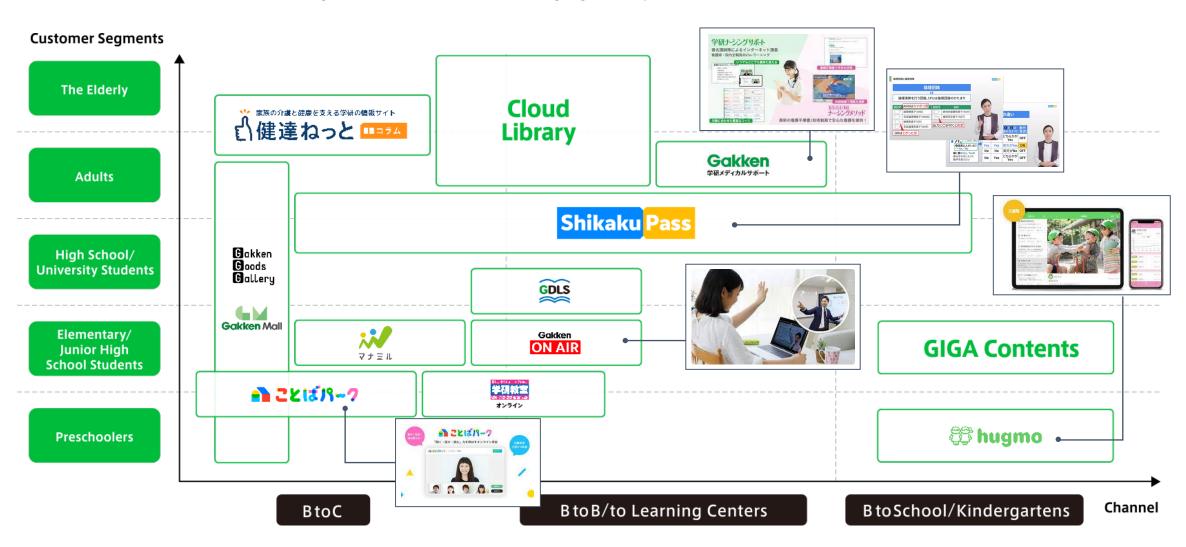
Operated by IC-Net Limited



# **Digital Business Development**

# **Active Investments in Core Products and Services**

Strategic resource allocations in high growth potential businesses for value creations



# Healthcare and Nursing Business

Addressed the social issue of aging society with a declining birthrate to create a community where people of all generations can live with peace of mind in three businesses.

1)Elderly housing: Planning, development, and operation of serviced apartments for the elderly, bases for elderly care services, etc.

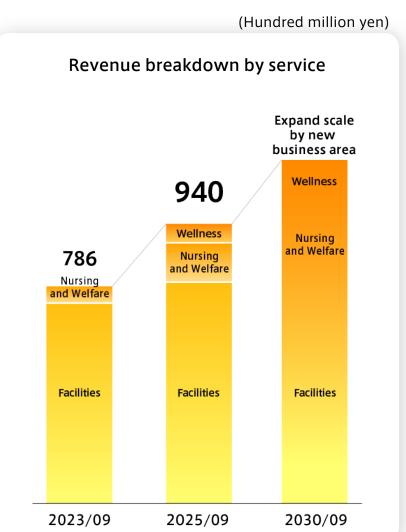
2)Group homes for the elderly with dementia: Operation of group homes and planning, development, and operation of related services

3)Child raising support: Planning, development, and operation of nursery schools, children's daycare centers, after-school children's clubs, etc.

# **Healthcare and Nursing Business Strategy**

Further investments in related services and additional value creation to enhance business while cultivating as the leading company.





# **Healthcare and Nursing Business**

# Features of Facilities for the Elderly and Child Raising Support Facilities

The strong earning power derived from a synergy between our original management expertise and the Gakken brand drives the growth of the entire Group.





Mainly facilities with approximately 50 rooms

#### Serviced apartments for the elderly

Gakken's serviced apartments for the elderly are accessible apartments where medical staff are always on-site and required to confirm residents' safety and to consult residents' way of living. There is more freedom compared with fee-based nursing homes, with the feature of being able to live one's life as before. As our facilities do not require a lump sum payment, customers' initial costs are low.

Operated by Gakken Cocofump Co., Ltd.





Mainly develop facilities with a maximum of 18 people divided into two units

#### Group homes for the elderly with dementia

Group homes have five to nine elderly with dementia living in one group (unit), dividing tasks such as cooking and cleaning. Each group is supported by staff who has specialty knowledge of dementia and assistance skills. The "regionally based service" is in support of those with dementia who can continue

to live in places they are comfortable.

Operated by Medical Care Service Co., Ltd.





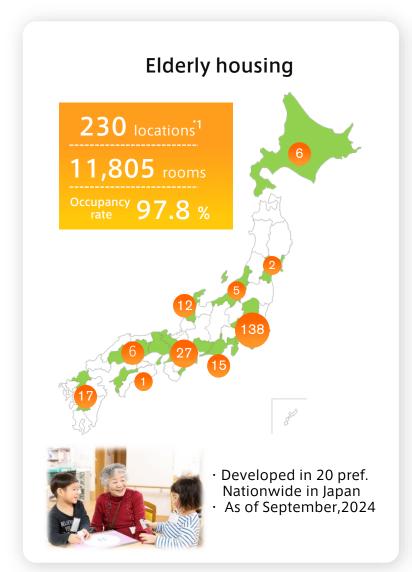
Developed mainly in the Tokyo metropolitan area

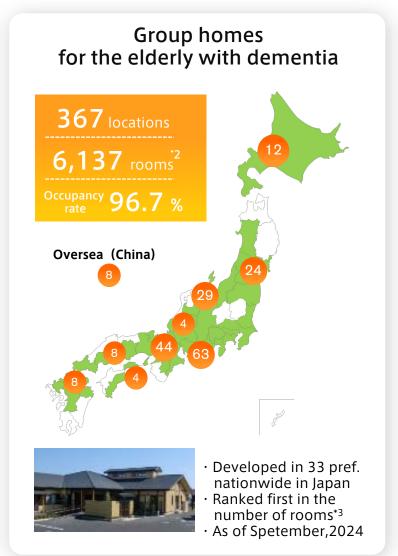
#### Nursery schools, day-care centers, afterschool children's club

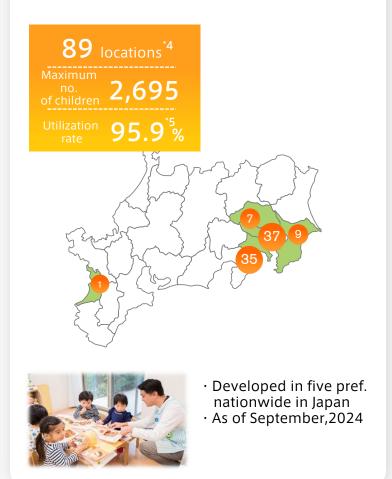
Respecting each child's personality and independence, our childcare brings out "the power of nurture," which all children are born with. Our distinguishing feature is through Gakken content, we create experiences that foster children's identities while valuing household support, safety and security, and connecting with regional society.

Operated by Gakken Cocofump Nursery Co., Ltd.

#### **Healthcare and Nursing Business Location Development Areas**







Child raising support facilities

\*2 Group homes for the elderly with dementia only \*3 Ranking source: Elderly Housing Newspaper

<sup>\*1</sup> Includes two franchise locations

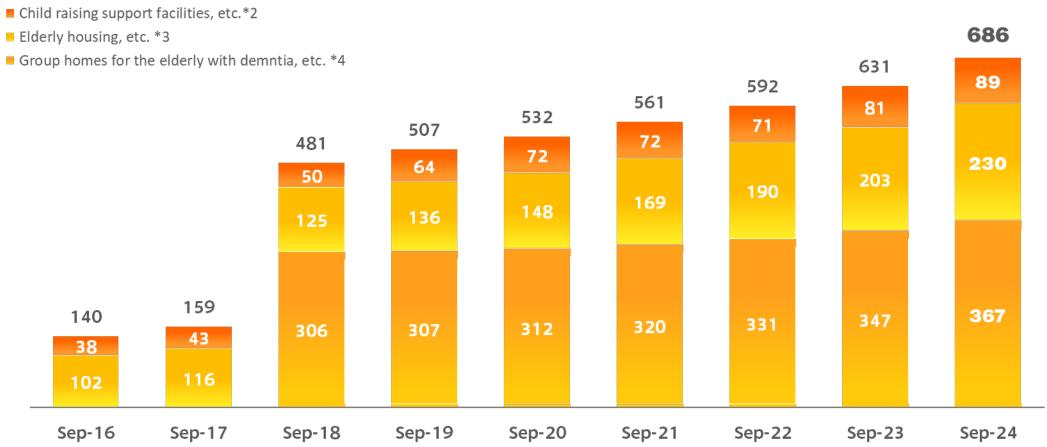
<sup>\*4</sup> Total of nursery school and others

<sup>\*5</sup> nursery schools only

## Healthcare and Nursing Domain No. of Facilities and Plans of New Facility Openings\*1

The number of elderly aged 65 or older in Japan has exceeded 35 million and the housing demand for the elderly continues to grow. On the other hand, facilities for supporting those of child-bearing age is currently insufficient.

We will address the growing market and diversifying needs of customers by proactively opening new facilities.



<sup>\*1</sup> Numbers are net numbers of new openings which is deducted the number of closures. Numbers include oversea facilities.

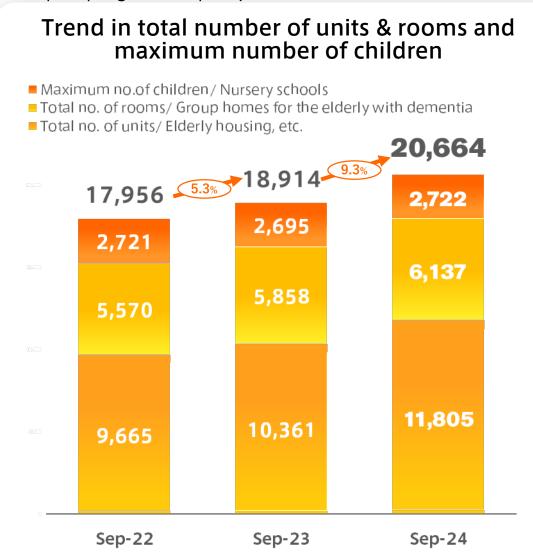
<sup>\*2</sup> Totals of nursery schools, afterschool children's clubs, child development support facilities, and learning support facilities.

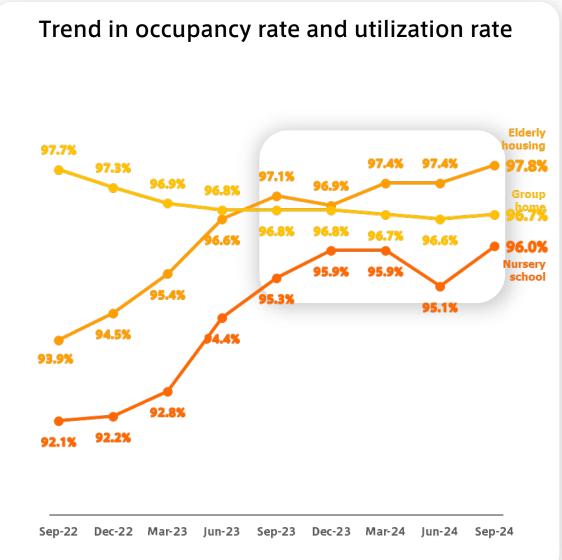
<sup>\*3</sup> Includes facilities in other categories such as home-visit elderly care stations besides serviced apartments for the elderly. The facilities of Grand Unilife Care Service acquired in November 2023 will be included from the second quarter of the fiscal year under review.

<sup>\*4</sup> Includes facilities in other categories such as specified facilities and small-scale multifunctional in-home nursing care facilities besides group homes for the elderly with dementia.

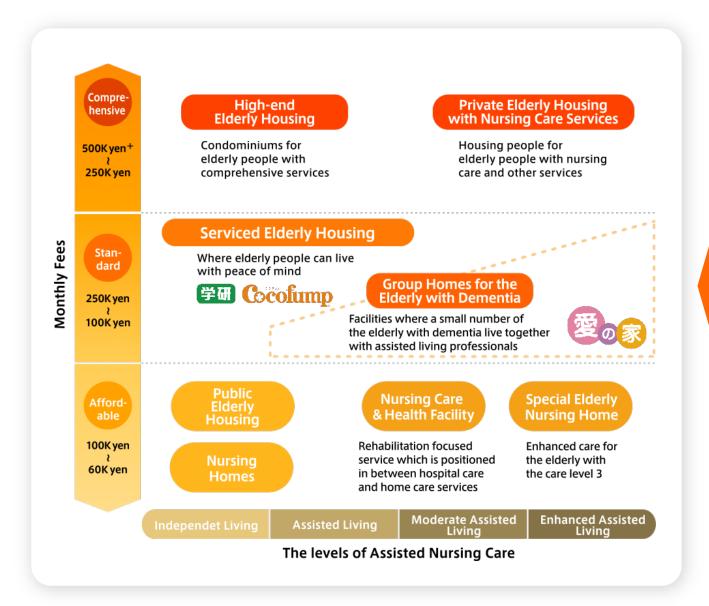
## Healthcare and Nursing Business High Occupancy and Facility Usage Rates Stabilization

We upkeep higher occupancy rate and more tenants due to increase in the number of facilities.





## Healthcare and Nursing Business Expanding the Lineup of High-Value Added Facility



#### **Distinctive Facilities and Services**

#### Intergenerational Interactive Facilities

 Where everyone can continue to live healthy lives and fulfill their potentials



Cocofump Kawasaki Takatsu

Cocofump Suita SST

- High-Value added Facility (High functionality/high price)
- High quality services for more pleasant and safe living environments



#### University-affiliated CCRC

 Development of the independence for the elderly through lifelong learning and interactions with students at university

Functions and assets of university would open full potentials for elderly people

University

Medical Care, Welfare, and Nursing Care (Health and Safety) Active Learning and Self-improvement (Intellectual Stimulation

Intergenerational Interactions and Community Activities (Community Establishment) (Intellectual Stimulation)

Culture·Residence (Comfortable Living)

## Healthcare and Nursing Business × Education Business Gakken's Community-based Integrated Care System



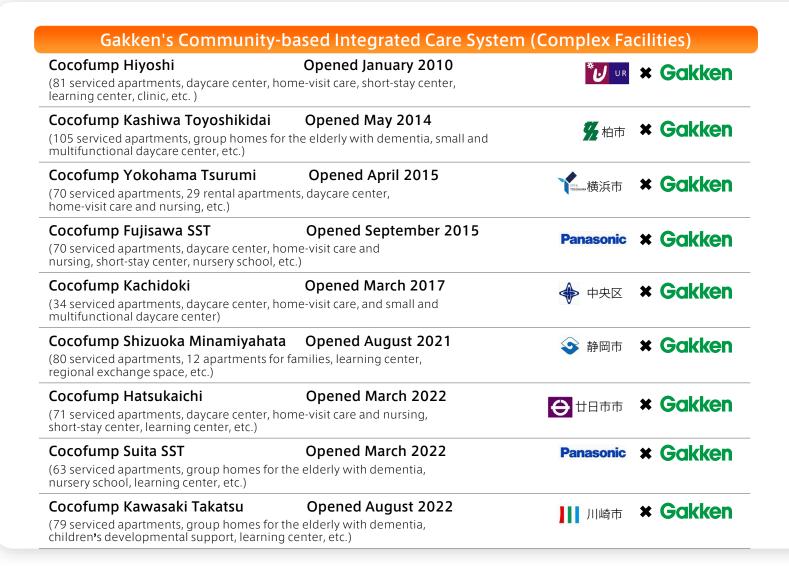
### A town where people of multiple generations can live with peace of mind while supporting each other

Gakken's Community-based Integrated Care System is an initiative to cooperate with regions to build towns providing integrated life support. Unifying Gakken group's resources such as housing for the elderly, elderly care, nursing, welfare for people with disabilities, childcare support, medical and nursing content, education services, and employee development based in serviced apartments for the elderly as hubs, we provide services where people at any stage of their lives from 0 to the elderly over 100 years old can realize their own way of living.

People can continue to live freely in regions where they are comfortable and through exchanges with multiple generations. These are the towns that Gakken group aims for.

## Healthcare and Nursing Business × Education Business Case Examples of Gakken's Community-based Integrated Care System

Proceeding to open complex facilities which will become hubs for Gakken's Community-based Integrated Care System centered on regional and multi-generational exchanges, while cooperating with local governments, universities, and private companies.





Cocofump Shizuoka Minamiyahata, opened in August 2021



Recital held in an exchange hall

## Gakken2025 Corporate Strategy

The theme of Gakken 2025, the new medium-term management plan announced in November 2023, is SHIFT. In it we declared our intention to continue embracing the challenge of being a company that "inspires unlimited potential" through 2025 and beyond that to 2030. This section introduces the Group's management and investment policies, financial strategies, and other approaches that serve as the basis for the plan.

#### Gakken Toward to 2025 and to 2030

## Gakken 2023

#### Building the Foundation for Continuous Growth

DX Acceleration and Global Business Expansion



Creations of New Learning and Diverse Learning Opportunities



Aiming to Become the Leading Company by Contributing to the Creation of Sustainable Societies

2021-2023

# Gakken 2025 SHIFT

Shift Toward Gakken 2030 by Solving the Remaining Issues from Gakken 2023



Enhancement in the Prioritized Businesses and Challenge for New Businesses



Enhancement in Healthcare and Nursing Business and Pursue Sustainability to Become the Top Company

2024-2025



Inspire Unlimited Potential

2026 - 2030



## SHIFT

#### Vector

Clear Changes in Strategic Directions

#### Resource

Active Resource
Allocation
in Growth Markets

#### Speed

Fast
Decision-making
and Action

#### Gakken2025 2-year plan

Unit : Billion yen

Consolidated	Sep-24 Plan	Sep-24 Result	Sep-25 Plan
Net Sales	185.0	185.5	200.0
Education	92.0	91.8	98.0
Healthcare & Nursing	87.0	87.5	92.0
Others	6.0	6.1	10.0
Operating Profits	6.4	6.8	7.0
Education	4.9	4.1	4.2
Healthcare & Nursing	4.2	4.2	4.5
Others	(2.7)	(1.5)	(1.7)
EBITDA	9.6	11.1	11.3
Ordinary Profits	6.6	6.9	7.2
Net Profits	2.7	2.2	3.5
ROE	5.2%	4.3%	6.6%

#### **Gakken2025 Key Principles**

1	Proactive Portfolio Managements	×	Optimize decision-making process to assess unprofitable businesses and allocate assets and resource effectively
2	Improve Competitiveness in Focused Businesses	ııÎ	Active investments to acquire more market shares in the industry with cost management optimization
3	Acceleration in New Business Creation and Innovation		Investments in global markets (Southeast Asia), recurrent education and reskilling services, and nursing care related businesses
4	Strategic M&A to Establish New Core Revenue Generating Businesses	Things	Strategic M&A planning and execution to transform group for further growth
5	Cost Management Optimization		Organizational and operational optimizations by integrating shared & back-office tasks
6	Active Investments in Talent Aquisitions, Digital and Global Business Foundations	Å	Invest in talent acquisitions, human capital, and human resource reallocation in focused businesses

#### **Gakken2025 Investment Strategy**

15 Billion yen For Growth Investments Over the Next 2 Years

#### **Organic Growth**

- Investments in Active Human Talents Acquisitions
- New Services Creation
- Development of Healthcare and Nursing Facilities



#### **Inorganic Growth**

- More M&A in Focused Business Areas
- Active Business Alliances
- Investments in Startups

#### **Potential Targets**

#### **Education**

- · Competitive Learning Centers
- · Various Education Contents Holders

#### Global

Southeast Asia Business
 Strategy Reinforcement

#### Healthcare & Nursing

- New Services
- Service Enhancement in Nursing Care Related Business

#### **New Business**

 Companies in Line with the Investment Strategy

#### **M&A Strategy**

High Growth Potential



Synergy

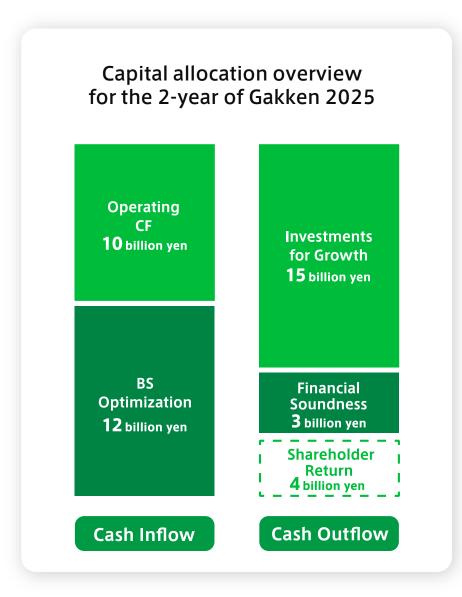
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Value Creation

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7%⁺ IRR

#### **Gakken2025 Investment Strategy**



#### **Priority policies**

Cash Inflow

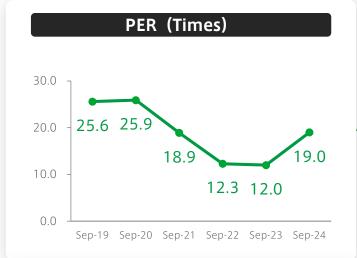
- Operating CF
   Profitability Optimization in Each Businesses
- BS Optimization
   Portfolio Optimization by Selling of Cross-shareholding and Working Capital Strategy

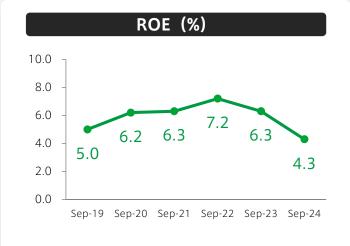
Cash Outflow

- Investments for Growth
   Active M&A and Investments for Potential Targets
- Financial Soundness
   More than 30% Equity Ratio by Reducing Liabilities
- Shareholder Return
   Dividend Payout Ratio Over 30%
   Acquisition of Treasury Stock in a Timely Manner

#### Actions to achieve Cost of capital and Stock price Conscious Management







#### Steady implementation of growth strategies

#### Accelerate new business development

Continue active investment in global (Southeast Asia), recurrent re-skilling fields, and in the related business of healthcare and nursing domain.

#### Strategic M&A to build the Group's earnings pillar

Strategically implement M&A that contribute to the Group's transformation and growth.

#### **Capital efficiency improvement**

#### Portfolio consolidation and conversion

Monitoring unprofitable businesses and shifting resources to growth areas

#### Capital Cost conscious growth investments and M&A

Investment decisions made with WACC and IRR in consideration

#### Shareholder return

#### Dividends and Share buybacks

Dividend payout ratio of 30% or above, conducting flexible share buybacks

## **Sustainability Promotion**

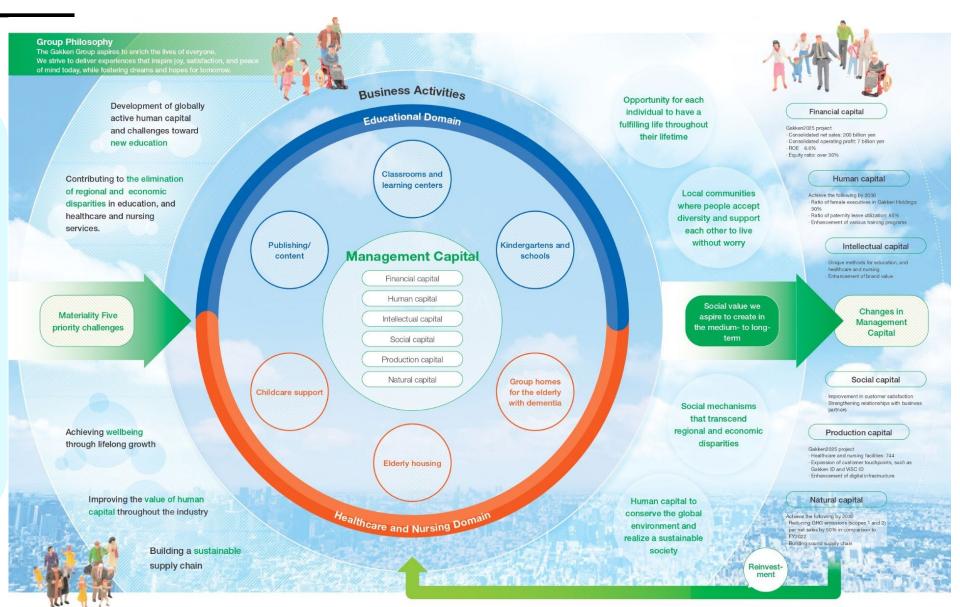
It is not an exaggeration for Gakken group, which has made positive efforts to solve social issues since its founding, to say that improving sustainability of society and our own company is an issue of the utmost importance.

In 2023, we stepped up our efforts by updating our value creation process and promoting changes in facilities for the elderly to meet ZEB ready requirements.

#### **Value Creation Process**

The Education, Healthcare and Nursing business that our group engages in are characterized by the fact that the Group's capital is transformed beyond the creation of social value by first conducting business to solve the social issues that surround its customers.

In order to increase this cycle of value creation, we will continue to promote our business while constantly asking ourselves where social issues exist.



#### **Sustainability Management Initiatives**

#### Improvement and enhancement of ESG indicators

For the first time, the company was selected as a constituent of the FTSE Blossom Japan Sector Relative Index, an index that shows the performance of stocks of Japanese companies that excel in ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) initiatives in July 2024. We will continue our efforts to have the index adopted by other ESG Indexes.



FTSE Blossom Japan Sector Relative Index

#### [About FTSE Blossom Japan Sector Relative Index]

The FTSE Blossom Japan Index series are ESG investment indices designed by FTSE Russell, a member of the London Stock Exchange Group. The FTSE Blossom Japan Sector Relative Indexes reflect the relative performance of Japanese companies that excel in environmental, social and governance (ESG) performance in their respective sectors. The GPIF, one of the world's largest public pension funds, has also used this index as a passive ESG investment index, and it is used by investors around the world as an important criterion for investment decisions.

#### The ESG indexes currently selected for us as constituents are as follows

S&P/JPX Carbon Efficient Index, FTSE Blossom Japan Sector Relative

#### Approach to \* ZEB Ready certification

Aiming to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by strengthening sustainability initiatives along with business growth 【ZEB Ready facilities in FY9/2025】 4 facilities expected (218 units), 3 facilities under pipeline (194 units)

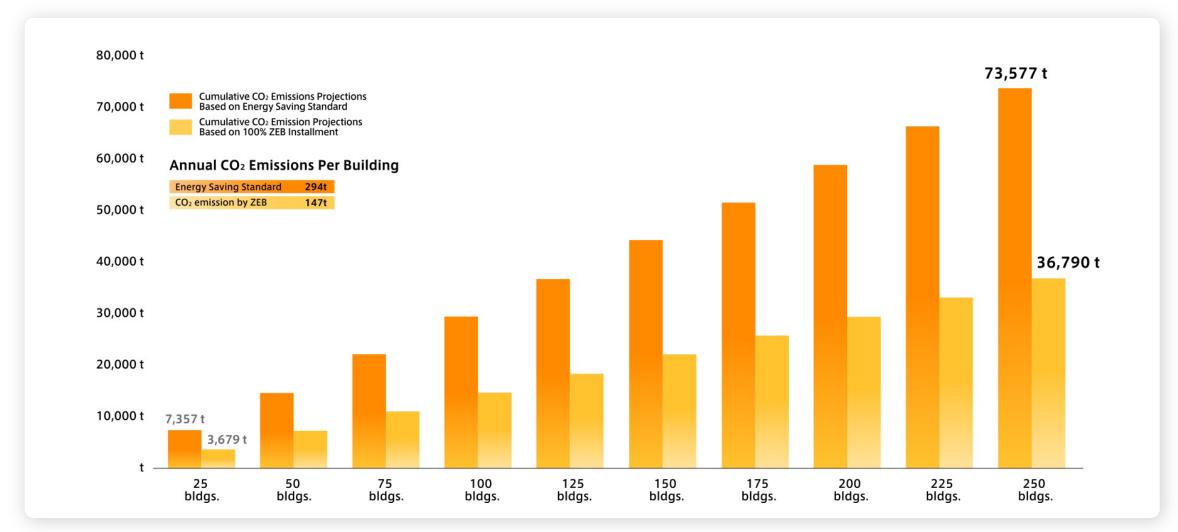
\*ZEB Ready: An advanced building with a highly insulated envelope and high-efficiency energy-saving equipment, with a view to becoming a ZEB (Zero Emission Building) (Source: Ministry of the Environment).

#### **Establishment of Diversity & Inclusion Division**

To promote an environment in which all employees with diverse backgrounds can exercise their abilities without being restricted by their attributes, we will establish a new division in March 2024 to achieve the target of increasing the ratio of our female executives to 30% or more by 2030 and further promote human resource development throughout the Group.

#### Enhanced Sustainability Initiatives (Reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions)

We will open 25 ZEB ready certified facilities per year by Gakken Cocofump in order to achieved estimated CO₂ emission reduction effects.



\*ZEB: Zero Emission Building

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