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#### Presentation

**Suzaki:** Thank you very much for watching. I am Hiroaki Suzaki, Representative Director, President, and Executive Officer of ARATA Co., Ltd.



The points of the presentation are the following 3 points, as you can see.

The first one is the results for the FY ended March 31, 2021.

The second one is the factors for the FY ending March 31, 2021 and earnings forecasts for the FY ending March 31, 2022.

The third one, I would like to explain the Medium-Term Management Plan 2023.

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■連結損益計算書 (単位: 百万円)						
		2021年3	月期 実績	2021年3	3月期 予想	
	2020年3月期	金額	前年比(%)	金額	予想実績比(%)	
売上高	796,227	834,033	104.7	814,000	102.5	
売上総利益	81,833	85,708	104.7	-	_	
販管費	72,507	74,186	102.3	-	-	
営業利益	9,326	11,521	123.5	10,800	106.7	
経常利益	10,124	12,099	119.5	11,300	107.1	
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First, I would like to talk about the results for the FY ended March 31, 2021.

The consolidated statements of income are as you can see.

Net sales, gross profit, operating income, ordinary income, and net income attributable to the shareholder, as well as the parent company, were all higher than the previous year.

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■連結貸借対 2020年		:	2021年	3月期 (	単位 : 百万円)		
<u>流動資産</u> 181,744	流動負債	136,239		流動資産	184,700	流動負債	<u>5</u> 133,754
72.8%	54.	.6%		72	.3%	52	.4%
	and the second	30,571 <b>.2%</b>				<u>固定負債</u> 12	30,682 . <b>0%</b>
<u>固定資産</u> 67,968 <b>27.2%</b>	<u>純資産</u> 33	82,901 <b>.2%</b>		固定資産	70,754	<u>純資産</u>	91,017
総資産	249,71	.2		27.	7%	35	.6%
	-			総	資産	255,4	55

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Consolidated balance sheets are as you can see.

Total assets were JPY255,455 million, an increase of approximately JPY5.7 billion from the end of the previous fiscal year.

Net assets were JPY91,017 million, an increase of approximately JPY8.1 billion from the end of the previous fiscal year.

Equity ratio was 35.6%.

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This is a graph of capital adequacy ratio and ROE transition over the past 5 years.

The capital adequacy ratio has been improving steadily, and ROE has remained at a level of 9%.

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We will explain dividends.

The Company's basic policy is stable dividends, and after securing necessary internal reserves, and taking into account the profits of each fiscal year, the Company uses the dividends as a source of financial resources.

The dividend forecast for the FY ending March 31, 2021 was JPY90 for the full year, which is an increase of JPY5 from the previous year. But the year-end dividend was further increased by JPY5 to JPY95 for the full year.

In addition to increasing dividends by JPY5, we plan to pay another dividend of JPY5 for the 20th anniversary of the Company establishment for the FY ending March 31, 2022, and eventually to JPY105 for the full year.

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Next, I would like to explain the factors for the FY ending March 31, 2021 and our earnings forecasts for the FY ending March 31, 2022.

Sales by category are as you can see.

Health & Beauty, which accounts for 31.2% of the total, includes hygiene-related products, such as masks and hand soaps, and has 30% growth due to corona disasters, while cosmetics and other products have been sluggish due to self-restraint at home and mask wearing.

Household for detergents, et cetera, increased significantly to 10.6%.

In addition to the continued strong performance of large-capacity refill products, the growth of highperformance detergents with high disinfection effects due to increased awareness of infectious disease countermeasures is a factor.

As for home care, demand for pest control has increased due to longer hours at home, and insecticides and other products are up 9.9%.

The previous year's cracking of paper products was largely due to panic demand for tissue paper and toilet paper from February to March 2020.

In addition, household goods and pet products are expanding steadily.

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In sales by business type, drugstores increased by 6.2%, significantly higher than the previous year, as has been the trend in the past few years.

In addition, sales at supermarkets increased by 6.5% from the previous year due to changes in purchasing behavior due to the corona disaster.

Even in the face of severe economic conditions throughout society, we were 100% more than the previous year in all business areas.

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We handle a wide range of products, and do business with retailers in various business categories throughout Japan. With this broad trading structure, we have flexibly responded to major changes in demand and purchasing behavior due to corona disasters.

In addition, in order to have a social mission to handle daily necessities, we have been improving the environment for systems and logistics from the perspective of BCP.

As a result, we were able to start online meetings and business negotiations smoothly from the early days of corona disaster, and continue sales activities without delaying communication between our business partners and the Company.

In addition, we are continuously operating distribution centers with sufficient infection control.

Our foundation and functions, which we have built from the perspective of stable and sustainable business growth, have been successful.

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## ■2022年3月期 業績予想

	「収益認識に関する 会計基準」適用後の <b>金額</b>	2021年3月期に当該会計基準 を適用し算出した 前年比		
売上高	8,310億円	100.1%		
営業利益	115億円	100.7%		
経常利益	121億円	100.0%		
親会社株主に 帰属する 当期純利益	80億円	97.6%		
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Our earnings forecast for the FY ending March 31, 2022 is approximately the same as for the FY ending March 31, 2021.

The figures are the amounts after accounting standards for revenue recognition applied from the FY ended March 31, 2022, and the YoY rate of change is compared to the figures that applied the same standard in the FY ended March 31, 2021.

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Finally, I would like to explain the Medium-Term Management Plan 2023.

The target figures for the FY ending March 31, 2023, the final year of the medium-term management plan, were JPY845 billion in sales, JPY11.5 billion in operating income, JPY12.0 billion in ordinary income, and 9% ROE.

But as a result of strong results for the FY ended March 31, 2021, we achieved our targets for operating income, ordinary income, and ROE in the first year.

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In response to this, we are currently reviewing our targets for the FY ending March 31, 2023, which is the final FY, and plan to disclose them during the first half of the FY ending March 31, 2022, which is currently underway.

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In August of 2019, we formulated the Long-Term Management Vision 2030, and the ongoing Medium-Term Management Plan 2023 is positioned as the first milestone in our long-term vision.

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With regard to our long-term and medium-term strategies, we will continue to expand our business domain over the course of 10 years, with functions aimed at solving changing environmental and social issues, with a focus on wholesale business.

By continuing to improve productivity while strengthening management soundness as the core, we will refine efficiency and lead to expansion of growth ability and various business strategies.

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2021年3月期 実績	2021年3	月期 要因	中計2023
■成長性の拡大			
商品戦略:自社開発商	商品、専売品の	販売強化	
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メーカーとの共 自社開発商			コスメ専売品 外ブランド商品
高品質、高付加 他に無い機能を持つ			とした韓国コスメ 高まる中国コスメ <sup>など…</sup>
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In order to expand growth ability, we are strengthening our own products development and exclusive products as a product strategy.

It is a self-developed product that started as a service for retailers who do not have PB, but with the change of the environment, value-added products are required.

We aim to break away from wholesale private brands and establish them as attractive and unique brands.

In addition, we have recently started initiatives such as handling popular overseas brand cosmetics as exclusive products, and we can expect it as one of our product strategies.

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With regard to overseas business, we concluded a comprehensive business alliance with The Shuu Ue Group in China in September 2020, and are currently in discussions for a capital alliance.

In order to respond to the huge market of China, collaboration with leading local partners is effective, and we are promoting partnership strategies while focusing on the functions of the Shuu Ue Group and our company, and are searching for new strategies, such as product development utilizing our excellent in-house factories.

In October 2020, we established a local subsidiary in Vietnam.

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In addition, in order to improve productivity, we will strengthen our management base by leading to sophistication and efficiency through cross-sectional DX that responds to all operations such as sales, logistics, and management.

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# ■ESGへの取り組み

長期経営ビジョン2030の社会的価値創出に向けた活動を実施し、 社会課題の解決、SDGsの目標達成に貢献。



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Next, I would like to talk about ESG initiatives.

With a view to contributing to the achievement of each SDGs goal, we are promoting activities by broadly divided into 3 goals.

The first is environmental initiatives through a virtuous cycle in the supply chain.

The second is our efforts toward human resources.

The third is efforts to contribute to local communities.

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Contributing to the environment is achieved by streamlining the entire supply chain by demonstrating its function as an intermediate distribution.

Regarding 3R activities that play a role of connecting the Ministry of the Environment with retailers and manufacturers, Choose! 3R Campaign has been implemented at approximately 12,000 stores nationwide, reducing the amounts of resources.

We have positioned the return reduction activities we have been promoting so far as an important initiative for a virtuous cycle throughout the supply chain, and we are steadily reducing them year by year. In addition to reducing waste, it also reduces CO2 emissions and costs for trucking in return processing.

In addition, we have completed the switch of our logistics center lighting to LEDs, and we are systematically promoting the switch of company vehicles to environmentally friendly vehicles.

We implement various measures as environmentally friendly wholesalers by reducing energy consumption, such as the implementation of solar power generation.

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As an initiative for human resources, we aim to be a company that is rewarding for employees.

In order to create a workplace environment that is easy for all employees to work in and can play an active role for a long time, and to make it visible.

We will set targets for obtaining various certifications in any country, improve the environment, and expand the system, leading to the improvement of the ratio of female managers, which is one of our issues.

In addition, we are enhancing welfare benefits for part-time employees who support the stable operation of our distribution centers.

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In addition, as a contribution of the local community, we have participated in cleanup activities in each region and accepted students' work experiences, and we will continue to promote exchanges with the communities where people working at our company live.

In addition, we will strengthen our relationships with local communities from the perspective of BCP, such as by partnering with the city on agreements to supply daily goods in the event of an emergency.

In the FY ended March 31, 2021, we started supporting sora petit kids camp, which operates campsites for children fighting in-difficult diseases and their families, and will implement system design to contribute to the local community.

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Finally, I would like to explain our efforts to strengthen governance. As disclosed in a timely manner on March 23, 2021, a proposal for the transition to a company with an Audit and Supervisory Committee will be submitted at the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders scheduled to be held next month.

The aim is to further strengthen governance and strengthen management capabilities through management transparency, strengthening supervisory functions, speeding up decision-making, promoting reform of the Board of Directors, actively supervising independent outside directors, and the triangular management capabilities of directors who are not audit and supervisory committee members, directors who are audit and supervisory committees.

In the FY ended March 31, 2021, the Nominating and Compensation Committee held group discussions in addition to its activities so far as an effort to develop the next management team. We will continue to implement initiatives to develop for the next management and successors.

With the above, that's all for my presentation. Thank you very much for your participation.

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