Vector, Inc.

Financial Results – FY '20



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The spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) caused delays in collecting balance confirmation at certain consolidated subsidiaries, which led to a lag in settlement procedures. As a result, the FY2020 financial results announcement was put off from April 14 until today, April 22.

We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience and concern caused to our shareholders and investors.



FY '20 / Highlights

Consolidated Performance	 Net sales and operating profit increased YoY, with revised performance targets achieved. The Media domain returned to profitability in 4Q and the HR domain realized profitability in 3Q and 4Q, portraying signs of recovery. Net Sales: 37,540 million JPY (124.5% YoY) Operating Profit: 3,324 million JPY (116.4% YoY) 					
PR	Sales increased and profit decreased YoY due to higher SGA expenses caused by rising personnel numbers and a decline in profitability at a production subsidiary. In FY2021, policies will be executed to boost added value and efficiency in the PR domain. Net Sales: 17,930 million JPY (107.4% YoY) Operating Profit: 1,855 million JPY (87.5% YoY)					
Press Releases (PR TIMES)	Sales and profit increased YoY due to steady growth in the no. of user companies following aggressive advertising. FY2021 will include new initiatives such as expanding regional development to boost the no. of user companies.Net Sales: 2,891 million JPY (126.5% YoY)Operating Profit: 560 million JPY (108.1% YoY)					
Video Releases (NewsTV)	Sales and profit were up YoY despite surging advertising and personnel costs due to a growing business base.In FY2021, focus will continue on strengthening sales structure and HR development to further expand business base.Net Sales: 1,873 million JPY (113.8% YoY)Operating Profit: 326 million JPY (102.0% YoY)					
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FY '20 / Highlights

Direct Marketing	Sales and profit were up YoY by actively investing in advertising for mainstay Vitabrid C and new products.In FY2021, effective and efficient use of advertising is expected to further boost profits.Net Sales: 8,537 million JPY (131.0% YoY)Operating Profit: 557 million JPY (121.6% YoY)
Media	Sales down and profit up YoY due to a change in business structure <u>with full-year profit of 7 million JPY in</u> <u>EBITDA</u> . In FY2021, we will strengthen our profit base by boosting sales of owned media and developing new businesses.
	Net Sales: 935 million JPY (80.0% YoY) Operating Profit: –223 million JPY (Up 47 million JPY YoY)
Human Resources	Achieved profit in 4Q as in 3Q, <u>with full-year profit of 197 million JPY in EBITDA</u> . In FY2021, we will create a stable profit base by focusing on sales of stock-earning cloud products.
(ASHITA-TEAM)	Net Sales: 4,404 million JPY (184.2% YoY)Operating Profit: -253 million JPY (Up 9 million JPY YoY)
Other (Signage and	Sales and profit increased YoY due to solid signage business with 10,000 units installed. In FY2021, Cyber Security Cloud, Inc. that we have invested in will be listed on the stock exchange, and our investment business will also contribute to performance.
investment)	Net Sales: 2,644 million JPY (479.1% YoY)Operating Profit: 505 million JPY (Up 528 million JPY YoY)



Review of Full-Year Financial Forecasts

Full-Year Financial Forecast for FY2020 (million JPY)	ecast for FY2020 Revised Forecast FY '20 Results		Achievement Rate
Net sales	37,410	37,540	100.3%
Operating profit	3,230	3,324	102.9%
Ordinary income 3,360		3,755	111.8%
Profit (loss) attributable to owners of parent	0	(315)	_

■ Concerning profit (loss) attributable to owners of parent

Although Vector Group business was favorable overall and we expected to post 255 million JPY in profit attributable to owners of parent, we conservatively estimated goodwill in the HR domain and recorded an impairment loss of 570 million JPY, which resulted in loss attributable to owners of parent of 315 million JPY.



Consolidated net sales for 4Q of FY2020 were a record high 9,762 million JPY (109.5% YoY)





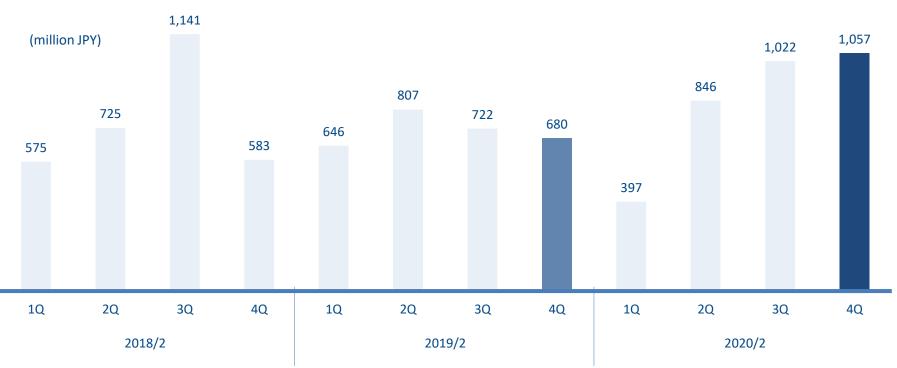
EBITDA

EBITDA for 4Q of FY2020 was a record high 1,394 million JPY (132.4% YoY)



*EBITDA = Operating profit + Depreciation + Amortization of goodwill





Consolidated operating profit for 4Q of FY2020 was a record high 1,057 million JPY (155.3% YoY)



Sales were up and profit down in 4Q of FY2020 YoY <u>due to the recording of allowance for doubtful accounts</u> at Brand Control Inc. and investment in development.

In FY2021, we will introduce measures to enhance added value and efficiency in the PR domain in order to achieve further growth.



Net Sales: 4,491 million JPY (101.5% YoY)

Operating Profit: 349 million JPY (62.3% YoY)

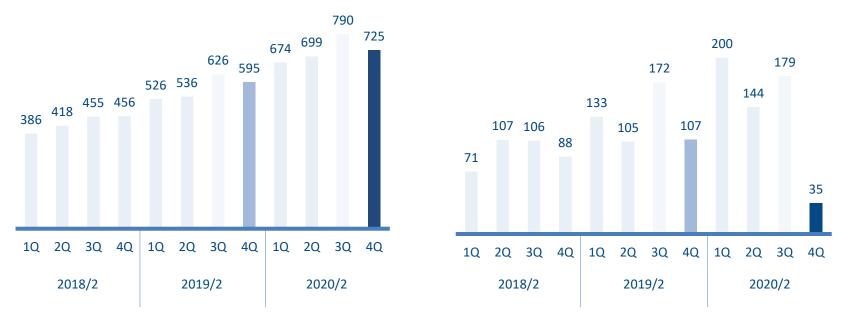




Record high 4Q sales were posted for 4Q of FY2020 while <u>investment in advertising</u> led to a decline in profit despite an increase in sales YoY. In FY2021, we will undertake new measures such as improving functions and expanding local and regional developments in order to further increase the number of companies using this service.

Net Sales: 725 million JPY (121.9% YoY)

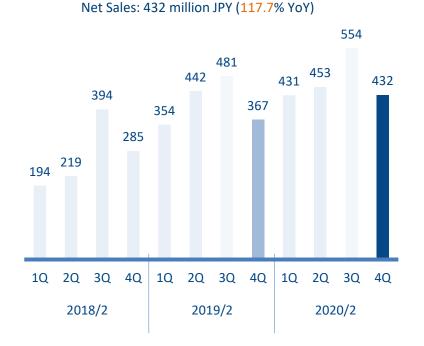
Operating Profit: 35 million JPY (32.6% YoY)



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This business <u>achieved record 4Q highs in net sales and operating profit</u> in 4Q of FY2020 by bolstering advertising and personnel. In FY2021, focus will remain on strengthening sales structure and developing human resources to further expand business base.







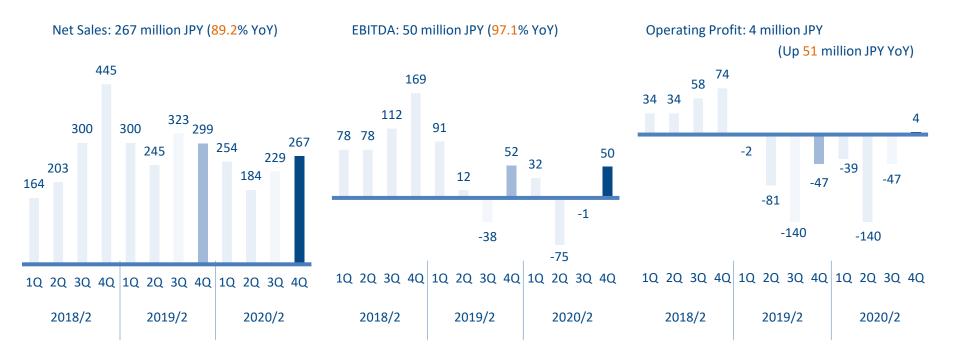


Sales and profit increased YoY in 4Q of FY2020, <u>with sales at a record high</u> due to the effects of aggressive investment in advertising. In FY2021, we will actively invest in advertising from 1Q while expanding product lineup with the expectation of further increasing profit.





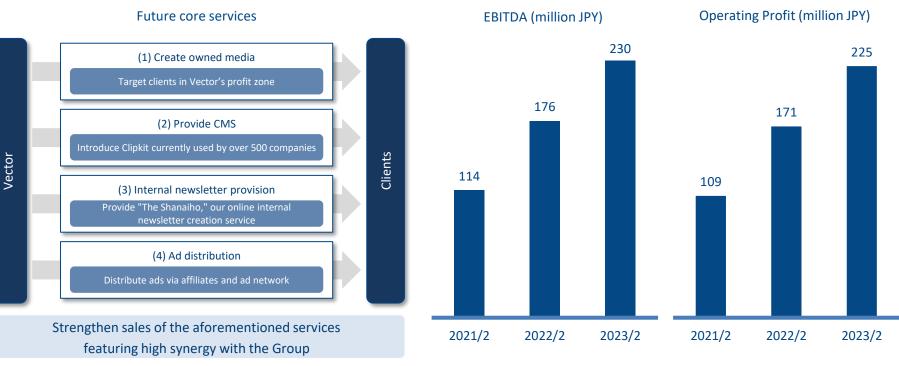
This business <u>achieved profitability in 4Q</u> of FY2020 by improving efficiency in existing media and solid sales of owned media. In FY2021, we forecast further improvement in profit due to growth in existing businesses and the absence of goodwill due to impairment loss.





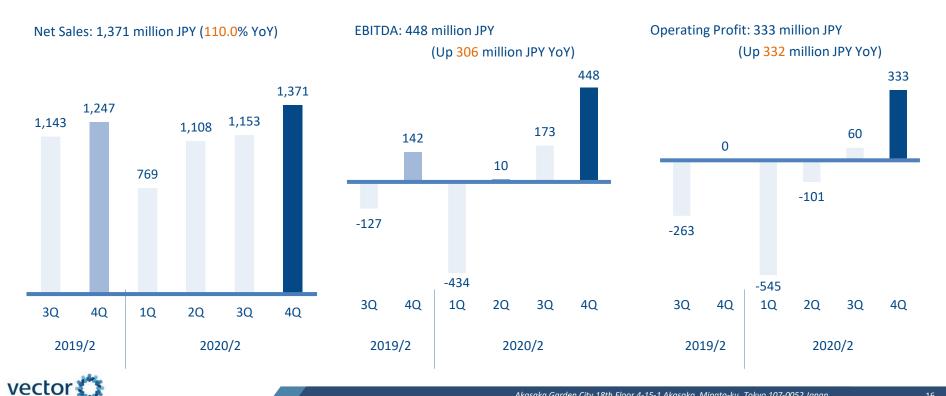
Vector will nurture new businesses into new pillars for future growth while strengthening sales of owned media boasting exceptional group synergies.

We forecast a significant increase in operating profit in FY2023 to 225 million JPY based on expectations of contribution from new businesses in addition to existing businesses.

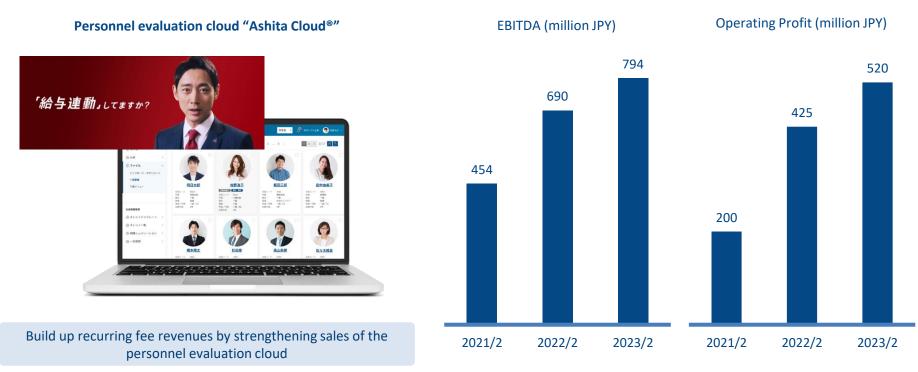




In this business, we achieved record-high operating profit in 4Q of FY2020 by increasing orders received while maintaining appropriate costs. In FY2021, we will build a stable profit base by maintaining costs and focusing on selling subscription-based cloud products.

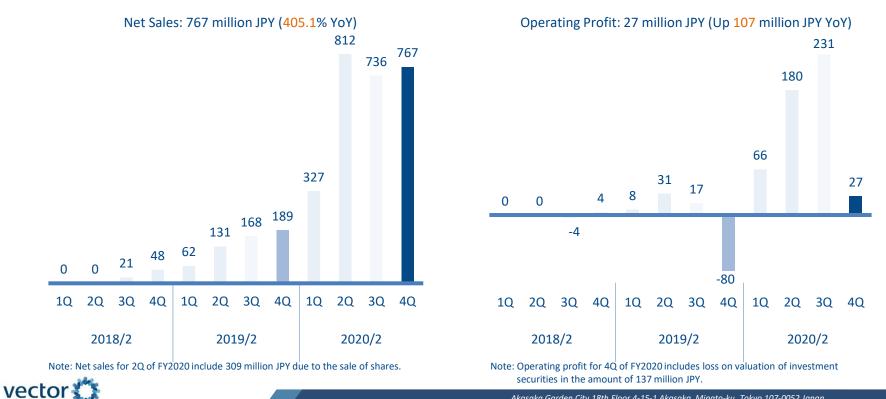


Vector will focus on selling subscription-based cloud products while maintaining an appropriate cost structure through restructuring. Our aim is to expand operating profit to 520 million JPY in FY2023, assuming an increase in sales achieved by bolstering sales of personnel evaluation cloud solutions.





Despite a valuation loss on investment, the signage business contributed to higher sales and profit YoY in 4Q of FY2020. In FY2021, we project the signage business to keep growing through expansion into new areas other than taxis such as "ChargeSPOT."



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(million JPY)	FY '19	FY '20	Difference	YoY	
Net Sales	30,141	37,540	+7,399	124.5%	
Gross Profit	18,974	23,864	+4,890	125.8%	
EBITDA	4,020	4,649	+629	115.6%	
Operating profit	2,857	3,324	+467	116.4%	
Ordinary income	3,020	3,755	+734	124.3%	
Profit before income taxes	1,856	2,072	+216	111.6%	
Profit (loss) attributable to owners of parent	28	(315)	-344	_	
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(million JPY)	FY '19	FY '20	Difference	YoY Change
Total assets	26,908	25,302	-1,606	94.0%
Cash and deposits	6,063	7,889	+1,826	130.1%
Goodwill	3,735	1,343	-2,391	36.0%
Operational investment securities + investment securities	7,048	4,331	-2,717	61.5%
Other	10,061	11,737	+1,676	116.7%
Total liabilities	14,169	12,801	-1,368	90.3%
Borrowings + bonds	9,079	5,799	-3,279	63.9%
Other	5,090	7,001	+1,911	137.5%
Net assets	12,738	12,500	-237	98.1%



(million JPY)	FY '19	FY '20	YoY Change	Main Reasons for YoY Change
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	4,320	6,038	+1,717	
Cash flows from operating activities	816	3,030	+2,214	Unprofitable businesses recovering Profitability of existing businesses improved
Cash flows from investing activities	(4,941)	2,098	+7,040	New investment currently frozen Increased due to gain on sales of investment securities
Cash flows from financing activities	5,857	(3,273)	-9,131	Suppressed new borrowings Repaid debt
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	6,038	7,884	+1,846	Made cash flow situation healthier in the above indicators



Consolidated Financial Forecast for FY'21



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Full-Year Financial Forecast for FY2020 (million JPY)	FY '20 (Results)	FY '21 (Target)	YoY	FY2021 1H Target	FY2021 2H Target
Net sales	37,540	37,000– 44,800	98.6%– 119.3%	17,460– 19,440	19,540– 25,360
Operating Profit	3,324	2,300– 3,850	69.2%– 115.8%	(80)–750	2,380– 3,100
Ordinary Income	3,755	2,300– 3,850	61.2%– 102.5%	(80)–750	2,380– 3,100
Profit (loss) attributable to owners of parent	(315)	630–1,700	_	(490)– 130	1,120– 1,570

This range assumes as a best scenario the weakening of the impact of the novel coronavirus in the short term and the marketing needs of our client companies to recover quickly, and as a worst scenario, stagnation in the marketing needs of client companies for a prolonged period and delays in recovery, particularly for strategic PR subsidiaries.



Medium-term Profit Plan

Medium-term Profit Plan (million JPY)	FY '20 (Results)	FY '21 (Target)	FY '22 (Target)	FY '23 (Target)
EBITDA *	4,649	3,090–4,640	6,000	7,000
Operating profit	3,324	2,300–3,850	4,820	6,000

Vector's dividend policy is to ensure a consolidated payout ratio for shareholders aimed at 20%.

- No dividend will be paid for FY2020.
- The EBITDA target for FY2021 has been revised in light of a decrease in goodwill amortization due to the impairment of goodwill.
- Vector expects to record an appropriate level of profit attributable to owners of parent from FY2021 onward.

*EBITDA = Operating profit + Depreciation + Amortization of goodwill



Although we are heartened by the fact that Vector was able to create a strong business model centered on a growing PR business in the aftermath of the Lehman shock, the impact the coronavirus outbreak will have on business remains unclear.

PR Business

• In Japan, although the outlook is uncertain due to the cancellation and postponement of PR events, etc., we expect recovery to ensue once the coronavirus has been brought under control.

• Overseas, China is already on a recovery track while other places are similarly expected to recover as time passes.

Press Release Distribution Business

• Although the number of press release distributions has decreased due to the cancellation and postponement of PR events, etc., we expect recovery to ensue once the coronavirus has been brought under control.

Video Release Distribution Business

• Although the number of video release distributions has decreased due to the cancellation and postponement of PR events, etc., we expect recovery to ensue once the coronavirus has been brought under control.

Taxi Signage Business

• Although some ad placements have been canceled or postponed due to fewer people taking taxis, we expect recovery to ensue once the coronavirus has been brought under control.



Despite uncertainty in the business environment due to the coronavirus, we can offset the negative impact by switching to online support and leveraging the strengths of the Vector Group such as robust direct marketing capabilities.

PR Business / Press Release Distribution Business

• The negative impact on business has been reduced by switching to live streaming of PR events and presentations, etc.

Direct Marketing Business

• Sales of the mainstay product Vitabrid C and popular influencer-based cosmetics brand "RICAFROSH" have been solid.

Human Resources Business

• Taking advantage of the spread of telework, we have poured more effort into online seminars and proposed cloud-based products that are subject to subsidies.

Livestreamer Production Business

• The development-type livestreamer production service "pino live" has grown rapidly following an upsurge in interest in the live streaming market due to the increased consumption of people at home on account of self-isolation.







What is the future growth outlook for the PR Business?

Vector expects continued high growth going forward through the commercialization of "CompanyTV" and "Hiromeru."

Although growth is slowing in the PR Business, it is assumed that we can expect future growth by enhancing added value and efficiency in PR services through the commercialization of "CompanyTV" and "Hiromeru," which will be described later.



Enhance the added value of PR services through "CompanyTV" Improve efficiency in sales of PR services through "Hiromeru"

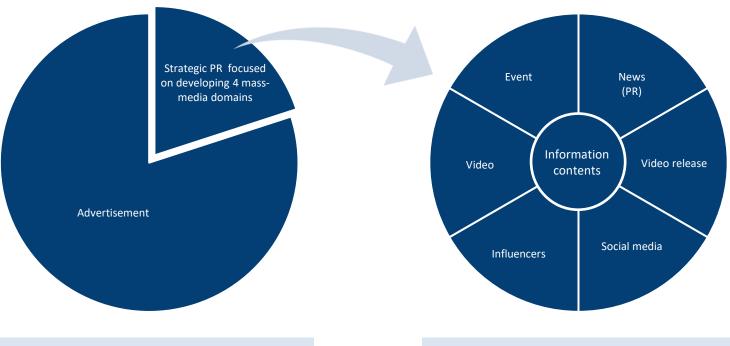


From #1 PR Firm... PR market in Japan worth 100 billion JPY

...to a Fast Company in Advertising Industry Target advertising market worth 6 trillion JPY

Advertising industry disrupter

"Low Cost" "Middle Quality" "Speedy" Revolutionize the advertising industry like fast fashion did in the apparel industry

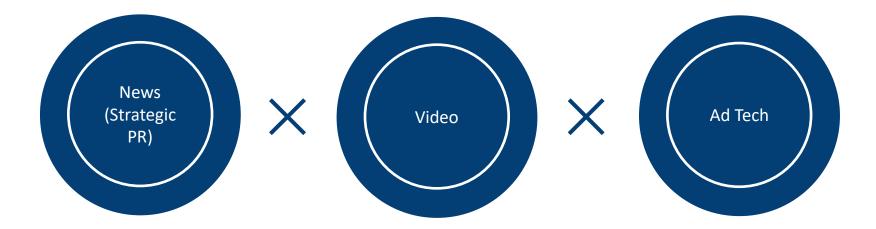


Run ad on TV and in newspaper/magazine using press conference and news release, etc.

Promote communication with a focus on developing content for PR ideas

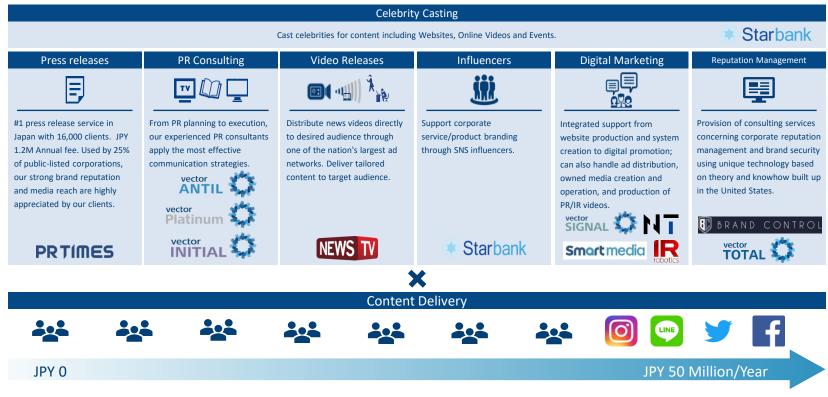


Next-generation communication that delivers Content to target segments using Information Communication Infrastructure and Ad Technology





"Spreading the word" at about 10% of traditional model's cost





Expand service domain via "FAST COMPANY"



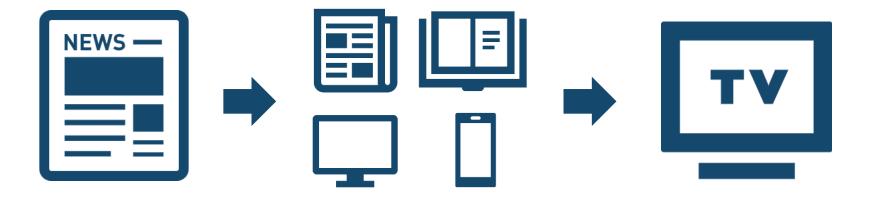




Communications platform to help spread the word Enhance the added value of PR services by offering comprehensive support built around video news that ranges from the creation of a platform to help spread information to the production of actual content.



The spread of information has traditionally started with the distribution of a press release.



Distribution of press release

Publication in newspaper, magazine, online media

Introduction on TV program



We are now moving into an era in which companies and individuals spread information via video news.



Transmission of unedited, on-the-spot video content

Spread on social media to make hot topic Publication of this phenomenon by online media Introduction as hot topic by media such as TV program



Maesawa Yusaku: Use video to deliver personal life.

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Upload to YouTube channel



Deliver the same video on Twitter



Taken up by news medias



A different person is in charge of each type of information to be communicated, meaning the content coming out of a company lacks consistency.

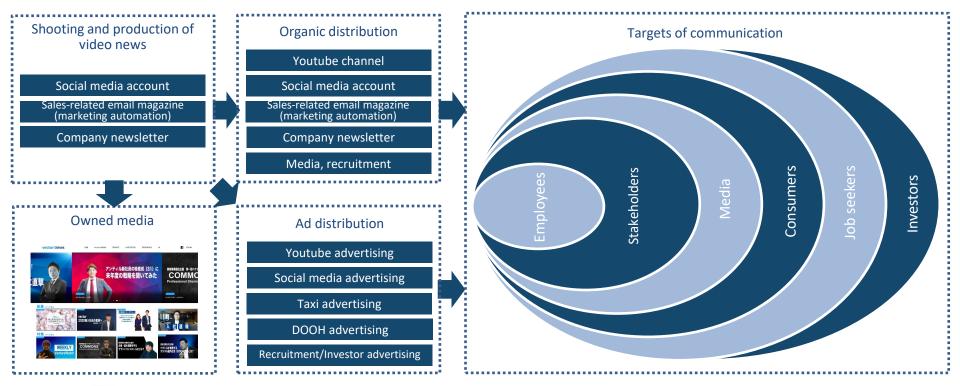




"CompanyTV" solves a company's communication issues.

"CompanyTV" is a distribution and content management platform in which corporate information is produced as video news.

Creation of a distribution platform in which companies can spread information via video news





Quick creation of owned media for a company at a reasonable price through the use of the owned media content management system "Clipkit"

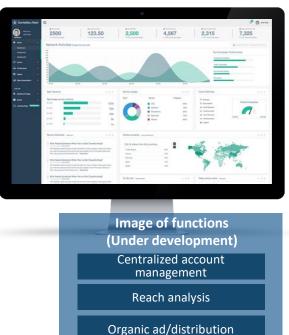




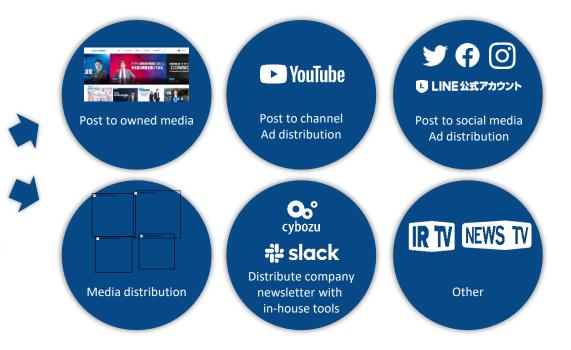


Implementation of a CMS platform enabling video management and distribution to various media

CMS Platform



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Creation of an environment for filming on a smartphone





"Toyota Times" developed by TOYOTA is a successful case of owned media utilizing video distribution.





Content Scenarios

News axis 01.	Company 02. newsletter axis	President axis 03.	Product/service 04. axis	Event axis 05
 New services New products Hot topics 	 Introduction to executives' beginnings with the Company Special feature on next- generation leaders Employee roundtable 	 Dialogue with experts Dialogue with industry leaders Dialogue with media editors 	 Event coverage Reviews of user experience Product presentations by managers Customer opinion 	 Press conferences Appearance at outside events Employee meetings
Celebrity axis 06.	Brand context 07.	Recruiting axis 08 .	IR axis 09.	Archive axis 10.
 Appearance at in-house events Celebrity service experience 	 Dialogue between industry leaders Dialogue between president and well- known industry figures 	 Employee introduction A close-up look at interviews by the president Summary of corporate 	 Financial results briefings Shareholder meetings Dialogue with investors 	 Introduction to corporate strategy Introduction to divisions Corporate history President's presentations



Example of Content Scenario (Company Newsletter/IR Axes)

Content that is difficult to convey in text is distributed in video format based on application.



New president discusses future strategy (Company newsletter axis) Manager of listed company discusses growth strategy (IR axis)





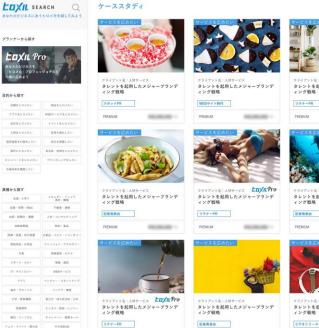
Ad industry e-commerce sites Increase efficiency in sales processes by creating a platform enabling online ordering of Vector Group's PR menu



Hiromeru

Digitally share extensive PR menu providing services offline







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クライアントキ:人材サービス タレントを起用したメジャープランデ

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Hiromeru

Possible to select from professional talent





> プライバシーボリシー > 利用規約 > お問い合わせ

PRマーケティング	デジタルマーケティング	デザイン&コンテンツ制作	AD
ブランナーから選ぶ 野市	ブランナーから選ぶ Pro	プランナーから選ぶ 部部	メニューから選ぶ
PRブランナー メニューから選ぶ	AD運用プランナー SNSプランナー	WEBディレクター デザイナー 映像プランナー	タクシー広告 ローカルCM
プレスリリース ビデオリリース リテナーPR スポットPR	メニューから選ぶ AD運用 SNSマーケティング インフルエンサー	メニューから選ぶ Cl/ロゴ WEB/LP新作 動画	タレントマーケテ メニューから選ぶ
			タレント起用プロモ タレントキャスティ インフルエンサー





Celebrity casting

Increase unit price per customer by casting celebrities who are a good fit for the client company's products and services.



Celebrities

Build trust and sense of being a major player by casting celebrities





Corporate promotional video

Example: SYLA Co., Ltd.



Top page of corporate website

Example: X-Mobile, Co., Ltd.

loTマンション経営 SYLA



Example: GOOD LUCK Inc.





Corporate promotional video



Top page of corporate website



Corporate promotional video





Creation of new businesses to expand service domain

Use knowhow from taxi signage business to grow service domains and start new businesses that leverage Group synergies and partner strengths.



Provide signage to over 10,000 taxis in Tokyo belonging to the Minnano Taxi network. Broadly deliver video ads to 7 million businesspeople in Tokyo every month.



Start "GROWTH" digital signage advertising service for taxis in April 2019 Number of signage units installed in taxis in Tokyo^{*1}

10,000

Average time spent in taxi

Approx. 18 mins.

Usage rate among businesspeople (Company employees, public servants, freelancers, managers)

Over 80%

Monthly reach

7 million people

Coverage rate of taxi users in Tokyo*²

Approx. 40%

Average of at least 11 taxi rides per month

Approx. 30%

- *1. This will be the number of units installed in a digital signage network throughout Tokyo's 23 wards , Musashino City and Mitaka City.
- *2. This refers to the rate of users covered relative to the 27,576 corporate taxis in Tokyo's 23 wards, Musashino City and Mitaka City.

Note: Taxi user data is based on studies of findings from questionnaire concerning taxis in FY2017 (26th time).



Vector has leveraged its knowhow built up in the taxi signage business to enter the Digital-Out-of-Home (DOOH) domain. Services started in December 2019 on two large outdoor display screens in the Shibuya district, where such screens are highly popular.



Started services on VECTOR VISION SHIBUYA (Shibuya MK Vision) as media owner and at Under Armour Vision as a general sales agency. HAMATOMO Vision synchronizes with these two displays to simultaneously promote products and services through "Shibuya Triangle VISION Broadcasting."



Vector has signed a partner agreement with INFORICH INC. for the development of a sharing service for smartphone chargers called "ChargeSPOT."

We started providing digital signage service at the more than 10,000 ChargeSPOT locations nationwide.



Number of units nationwide **12,000 or more** Number of units in Tokyo

5,000 or more

Regions covered

47 prefectures



We aim to provide new services that are ahead of the times by combining Vector Group's customer base and marketing communication capabilities with the strengths of partner companies.

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Customer issue	As data-driven business expands, how personal data is handled has become a pressing issue. The challenge is to balance data utilization and privacy protection.	Demand for video communication is on the rise, which has led to such issues as time required for editing and the lack of personnel in-house who are proficient at editing.
Partner	Intimate Merger, Inc.	Sony Network Communications Inc.
Partner strengths	A leading DMP specialist with one of the largest databases in Japan, boasting data for 470 million audience members	Advanced technologies such as AI and IoT within the Sony Group
Service provided	"Trust 360," a management platform for user consent of personal data, etc.	"SoVeC Smart Video" automatic video generation cloud service utilizing AI



Going forward, the "privacy tech market" is forecast to expand alongside growing needs for handling personal information within data volumes. Priv Tech, Inc., a joint venture with Intimate Merger, Inc., was established in March 2020 in anticipation of market expansion.



As a first solution, the company started providing "Trust 360," a management platform for user consent of personal data, etc. "Trust 360" builds trusting relationships between consumers and CMP companies that can obtain consent regarding the acquisition and use of personal data when required without obtaining the data unnecessarily online. The service is also used by companies to ensure compliance with the Act on the Protection of Personal Information, violations of which will be subject to severe penalties in the future.

*CMP: Consent Management Platform



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SoVeC Corp., a joint venture with Sony Network Communications Inc., was established in March 2019. It started providing the automatic video generation cloud service "SoVec Smart Video" utilizing AI in November 2019.





SoVeC Smart Video

"響く"プロデザイナー 品質の動画を簡単に

専門知識は一切不要。動画ノウハウが凝 縮したフォーマットを選ぶだけで、貴社 の情報を魅力的に伝えます。



定額作り放題を リーズナブルに

業界トップクラスにリーズナブルなプラ イスで、動画はつくり放題。SNS用のシ リーズ動画や大量に配信する動画広告な どにも何本でも作成可能です。

Latest design video format



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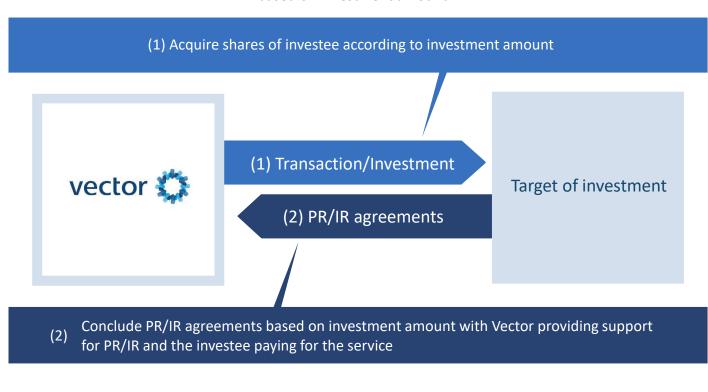
急ぎの動画も安心。「動画作成は数週 間」という常識を取り払い、リッチな動 画もすぐにリリースできます。

New Investment Policy



In FY2020, new investments were temporarily frozen as we prioritized the rebuilding of unprofitable businesses.

In FY2021, our policy is to make new investment centered on transactions and investments after concluding PR/IR agreements based on investment amount.





Supporting corporate growth through investment and PR/IR (Total of 16 companies)

March 24, 2020	Cyber Security Cloud, Inc.	TSE Mothers Market cap: 71,570 million JPY (As of April 21)
December 18, 2019	BuySell Technologies Co., Ltd.	TSE Mothers
December 17, 2019	WILLs Inc.	TSE Mothers
October 8, 2019	AI CROSS Inc.	TSE Mothers
June 25, 2019	infoNet inc.	TSE Mothers
June 21, 2019	Branding Technology Inc.	TSE Mothers
March 19, 2019	MINKABU THE INFONOID	TSE Mothers
February 22, 2019	Shikigaku Co., Ltd.	TSE Mothers
December 11, 2018	PIALA	TSE Mothers
December 13, 2017	Global Link Management	TSE Mothers (December 13, 2018: Listed on TSE 1st Section)
December 12, 2017	Ikka Dining Project	TSE Mothers
August 3, 2017	Sharing Technology	TSE Mothers
December 20, 2016	ReNet Japan Group	TSE Mothers
November 18, 2016	Phil Company, Inc.	TSE Mothers
March 31, 2016	AirTrip Corp.	TSE Mothers (March 31, 2017: Listed on TSE 1st Section)
March 31, 2016	PR TIMES	TSE Mothers (August 29, 2018: Listed on TSE 1st Section)





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