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Hibiya Engineering Group

## Seventh Medium-term Management Plan

April 2020 - March 2023

A framework for more progress for the entire Hibiya Engineering Group

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# A framework for more progress for the entire Hibiya Engineering Group

Representative Director & President & Chief Executive Officer

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#### The new Seventh Medium-term Management Plan has started

Our group's new Seventh Medium-term Management Plan was announced in November 2020. This is a new starting date for the plan. This plan is based on a rigorous reassessment of changes in our business climate and reflects the difficulty of predicting the upcoming effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A dramatic change has started to take place in the environment for our business operations. For the time being, our business plans will have to incorporate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Furthermore, our plans must reflect two social challenges: the increasing use of digital technologies and the growing need for sustainability.

This new plan aims to take the Sixth Medium-term Management Plan to an even higher level. In addition, the new plan has strategies and initiatives that accurately reflect ongoing changes in the business climate. The overall objective is to take a new step to "Create the Future of HIBIYA."

#### Aiming for growth and contributions to society

We have a strong commitment to accomplishing the plan's two central goals. First is strengthening core businesses and increasing corporate value. Second is making contributions to achieving a sustainable society. By building on accomplishments of the previous medium-term plan, we will continue our progress involving life cycle total solutions and making our core businesses more profitable. Cost-based competition is becoming more intense in Japan's construction industry. At the same time, customers' needs are becoming more advanced and diverse. Our success will require providing outstanding quality and determining the types of added value that we need to create.

Continuing to make aggressive ICT investments will be essential for the creation of new forms of added value. One goal is formulating new ideas for customers by using the digital transformation for adding new forms of core value to the Hibiya Engineering Group. We are currently using numerous activities, demonstration tests and other measures to accomplish this goal. In addition, keeping pace with the increasingly advanced

and diverse needs of our customers will demand more than the effective use of our group's own resources. I believe we must also use "co-creation" by working with a broad spectrum of stakeholders. Co-creation needs to encompass the NTT Group as well as the telecommunication-sector construction, design, electric and gas supply, consulting, leasing, and many other business fields. Building these relationships will enable us to enlarge our activities to cover more business domains.

People are at the heart of the quality of all our business operations. Our people must have the skills that make our customers want to return again and again. I believe this is the most critical point regarding our ability to maintain high quality standards and to grow side-by-side with our customers. This is why we will reinforce our training programs in order to give our people knowledge about the latest technologies as well as many categories of technologies. We have also started upgrading our IT systems for working style reforms that include laborsaving measures at job sites and more efficient ways to perform administrative tasks.

#### Activities to "Create the Future of HIBIYA"

As part of the new medium-term plan, we have established the Create the Future of HIBIYA Working Group. The group includes younger people with leadership roles in many of our departments and has the mission of creating a vision for the future of the Hibiya Engineering Group. Members of the working group have already started thinking about our future by looking ahead to cities and buildings of the future and the creation of new types of added value. Meeting the expectations of investors, such as by consistently paying dividends, is another important element of our "Create the Future of HIBIYA" investments. Furthermore, I believe this plan is a framework for progress during the plan's three-year period as well as in the following years.

Although the outlook is unclear, I am confident that retaining a focus on medium to long-term goals will make the Hibiya Engineering Group even more attractive to all of our stakeholders

#### [Seventh Medium-term Management Plan] Fundamental goals / Core strategies

**Business Climate** 

Uncertainty continues due to the need to assume COVID-19 will continue to affect the economy for the foreseeable future. However, the impact of this pandemic is small, other than in some sectors of the building construction and equipment categories.

Markets (Demand for building construction and equipment) Companies have stopped placing new orders in some sectors (hotels, stores and others), but the demand for new buildings is strong in many sectors (data centers, logistics facilities and others). Also, demand remains strong for large redevelopment projects and renovation projects.

Society

The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed many social issues and is speeding up the pace of social changes.

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#### **Fundamental goals**

Business and corporate value growth by making core businesses more profitable and creating new business opportunities

Help create a sustainable society through the convergence of people and technologies

#### **Core strategies**

#### **Business Strategy**

More advanced life cycle total solutions that can benefit all stakeholders

#### **Human Resources Strategy**

"Smart WORK" working style reforms and workforce diversity

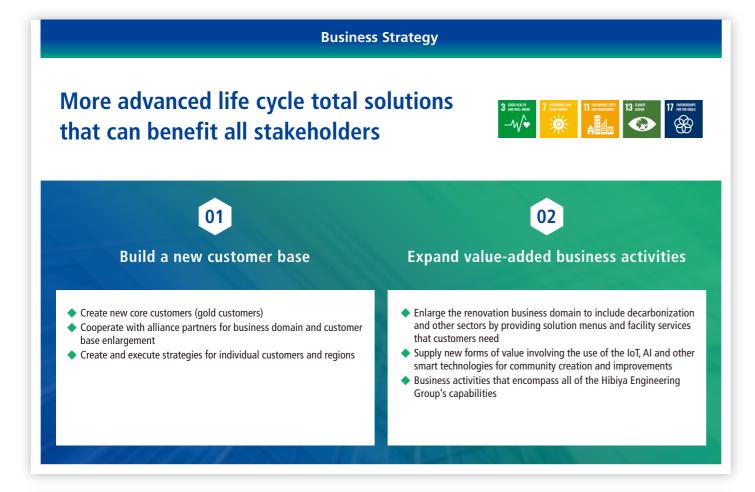
#### Technology Strategy

Leading-edge technologies for higher productivity

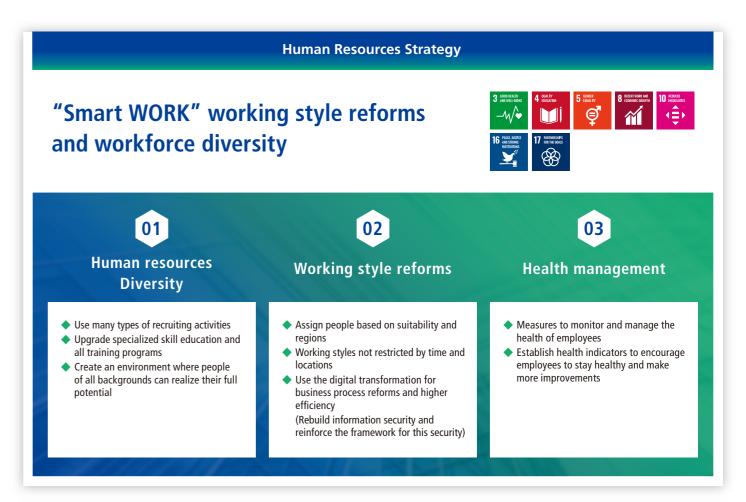
#### Governance

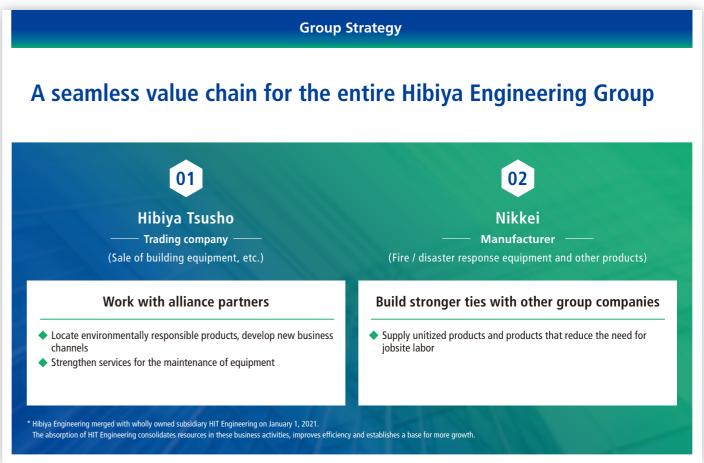
An infrastructure for sound management of the Hibiya Engineering Group

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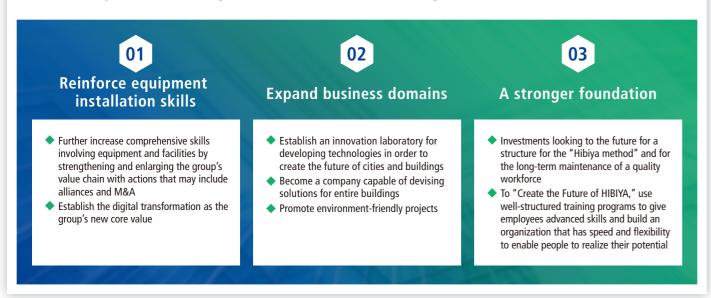
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#### **Create the Future of HIBIYA**

Hibiya Engineering is looking ahead to the future by focusing on the following themes, all based on the concept of "creating new added value by envisioning the cities and buildings of the future."



### **Financial Strategy** Consistent growth by building a stronger profit structure for achieving the goals of the Seventh Medium-term Management Plan 02 Investments to **Shareholder distributions** "Create the Future of HIBIYA" Alliances, M&A and other actions to strengthen and enlarge the Maintain and increase the dividend while using profit targets as the group's value chain Reinforce the base for the digital transformation to improve business Repurchase stock processes and productivity Upgrade technology development, proposal creation, and human resource development capabilities Earn a return on investments that exceeds the cost of capital

