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# Mid-term Management Plan 2025

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# **Orchestrating** a brighter world

NEC creates the social values of safety, security, fairness and efficiency to promote a more sustainable world where everyone has the chance to reach their full potential.

# **Seize the Future Together**

We are fulfilling our Purpose by connecting digital technologies and human hopes to implement a vision of a brighter future world.



Purpose

Life

Bringing people together and filling each day with inspiration

Society Nurturing prosperous cities with inclusive and harmonious societies Creating sustainable societies by shaping new industries and workstyles Sharing hopes that transcend time, space, and generational boundaries

## Environment

Living harmoniously with the earth to secure the future

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#### **Realization of a decarbonized society**

#### Implementation of global warming countermeasures

**Guaranteeing food and water security** 

Society Nurturing prosperous cities with inclusive and harmonious societies Creating sustainable societies by shaping new industries and workstyles Sharing hopes that transcend time, space, and generational boundaries

**Democratization of data use / Cities without traffic congestion and accidents** 

**Government services from the consumer's perspective / Social stability** 

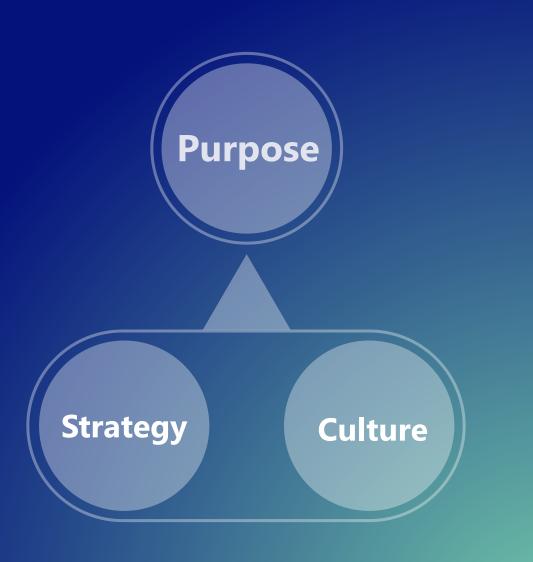
Free and equal communication services / Safe and secure cyberspace



#### Fostering mental and physical well-being and long life

#### **Improvement of lifestyle**

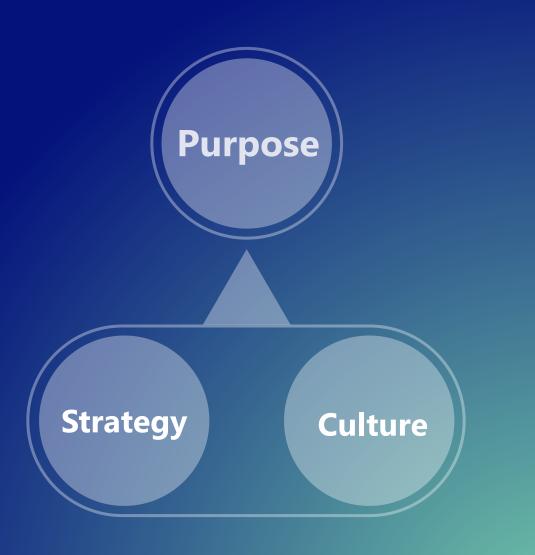
**Free and open learning opportunities** 



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### NEC's current situation: Looking Back on 2020 Mid-term Management Plan

Achieved 6.0% OP ratio by improving our execution capability and ensuring profitability that enabled continuing investments in our growth Global growth and further improving the profitability of our business in Japan

#### **Reform of profit structure**

- Implementation of career transition support measures
- Energy business scale-down, joint venture for display business
- NEC Platforms production structure optimization, Tsukuba Research Laboratories sell off

#### **Achievement of growth**

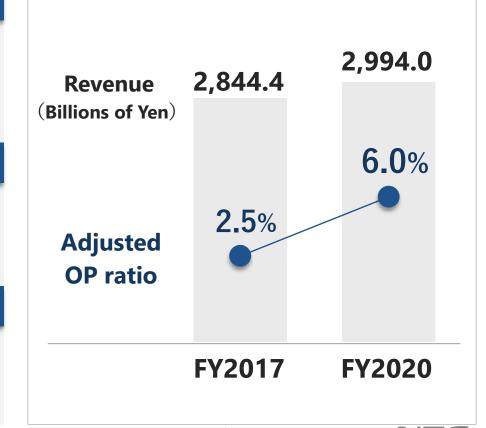
Acquisition of KMD, Avaloq

Strategic alliance with NTT, Rakuten

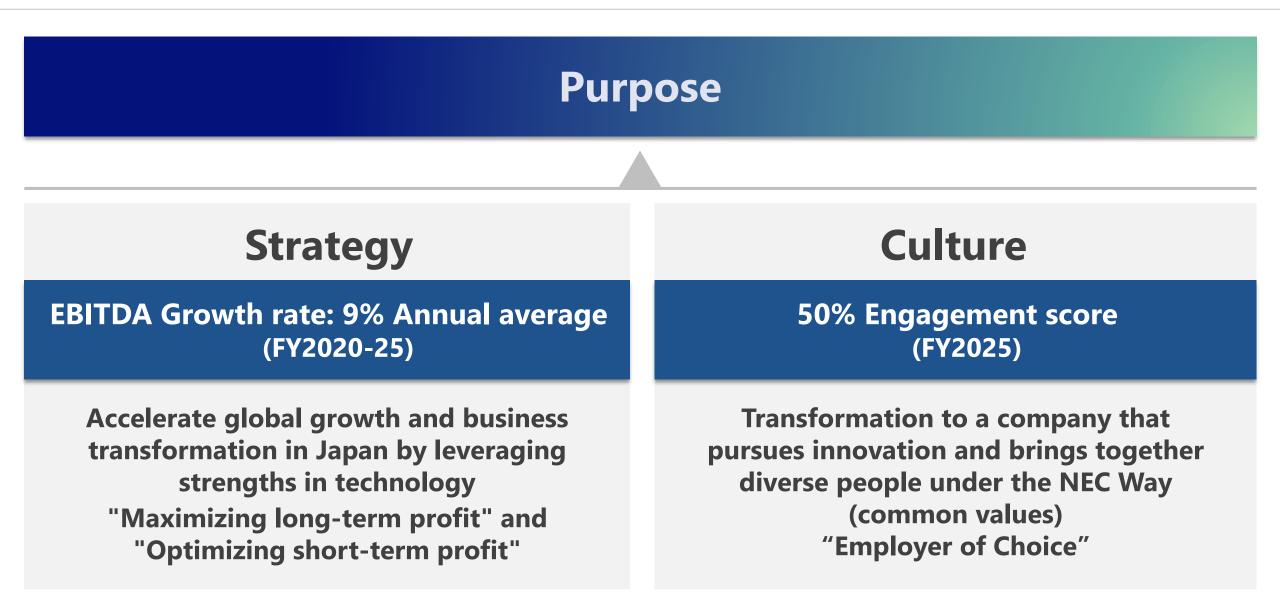
DX business creation, establishment of digital platforms/offerings

#### **Restructuring of execution capabilities**

Establishment of dotData, NEC X; entry to drug discovery business NEC Way revision, corporate officer contract agreement, appointment of persons from outside



## Mid-term Management Targets (1/2)



# Mid-term Management Targets (2/2)

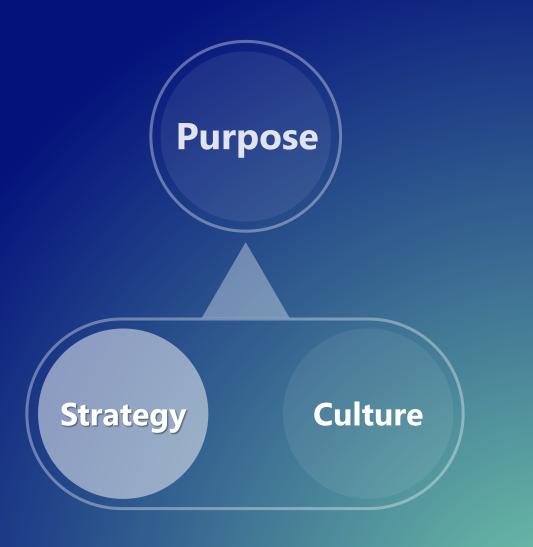
(Billions of Yen)	FY2020 Results	FY2025 Targets
Revenue	2,994.0	3,500.0
(Growth rate from FY2020)	-	3.2%
Adjusted Operating Profit	178.2	300.0
(Revenue %)	6.0%	8.6%
Adjusted Net profit	165.4	185.0
(Revenue %)	5.5%	5.3%
EBITDA <sup>*1</sup>	295.8	450.0
(Revenue %)	9.9%	12.9%
ROIC*2	4.7%	6.5%

\*1 : EBITDA = Gross Profit - SGA expenses + Depreciation/amortization

\*2: ROIC = (Unadjusted operating income - Deemed corporate tax <30.5%>) ÷ (Term-end interest-bearing debt + Term-end net assets <Including minority interest>)

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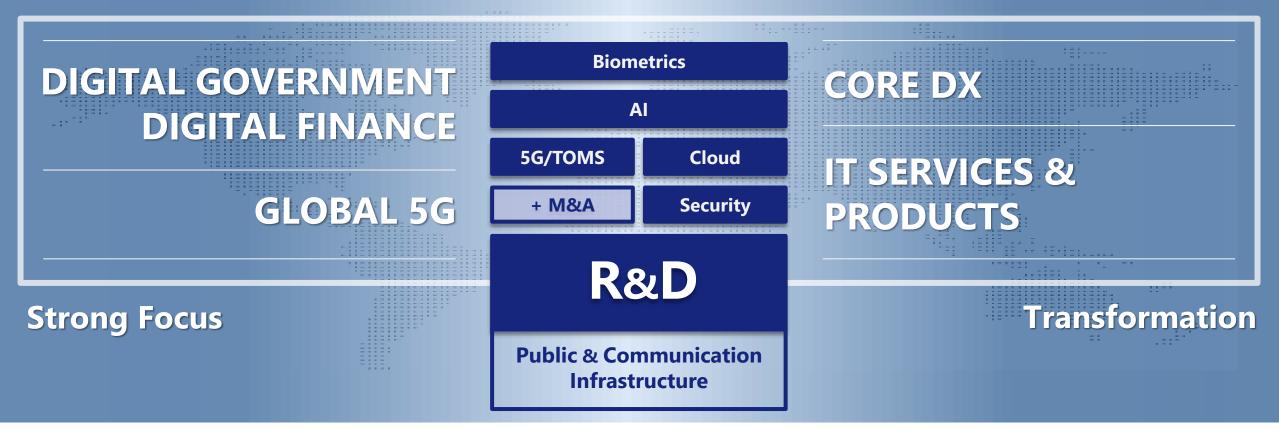
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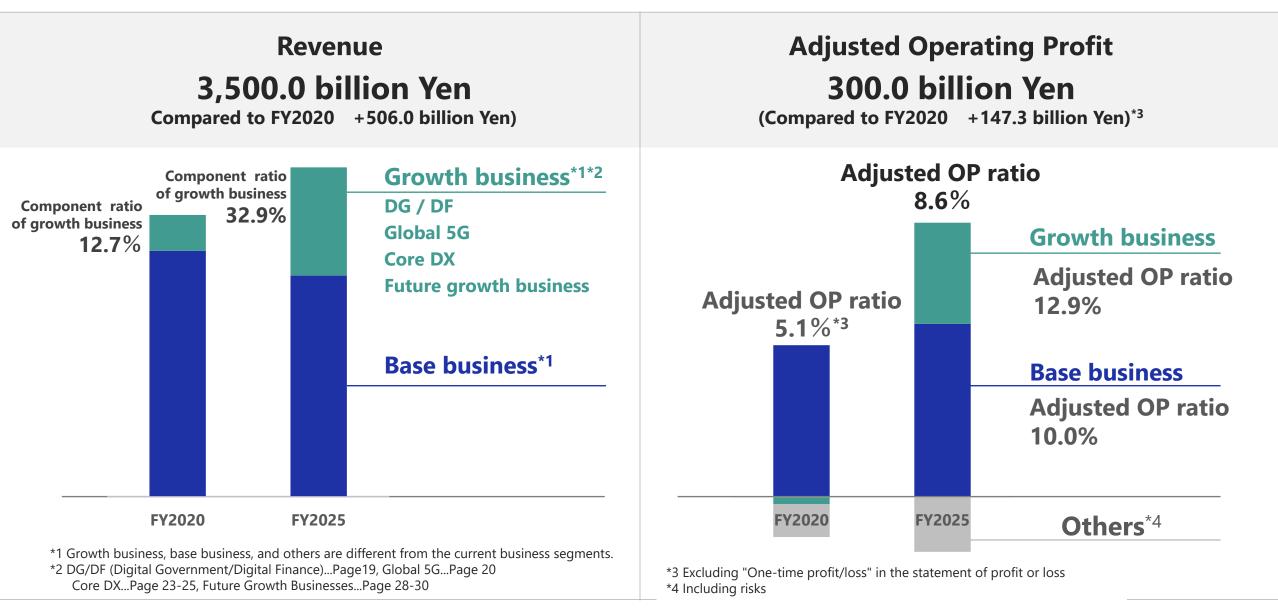
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# NEC's Growth Model

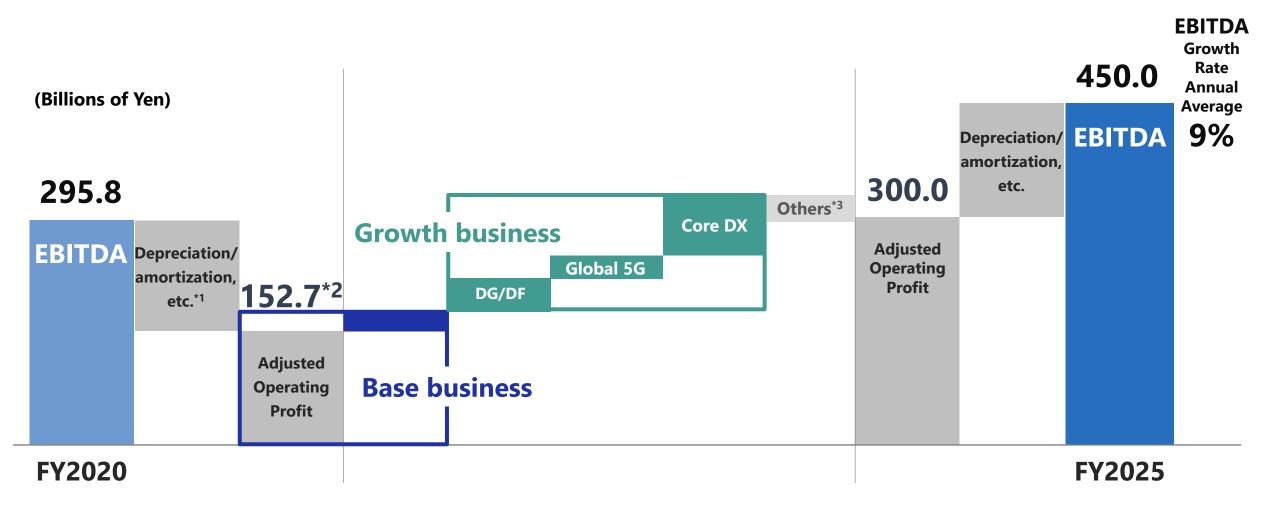
Achieve growth by providing customer value through NEC technology, focusing on our two global business pillars of DG/DX and 5G, and transforming our IT business in Japan



#### Achieve earnings growth through both growth businesses and base businesses



# **EBITDA Growth Drivers**



\*1 "Depreciation/amortization, etc." is Depreciation/amortization - adjustment (difference between Adjusted Operating Profit and Operating Profit)

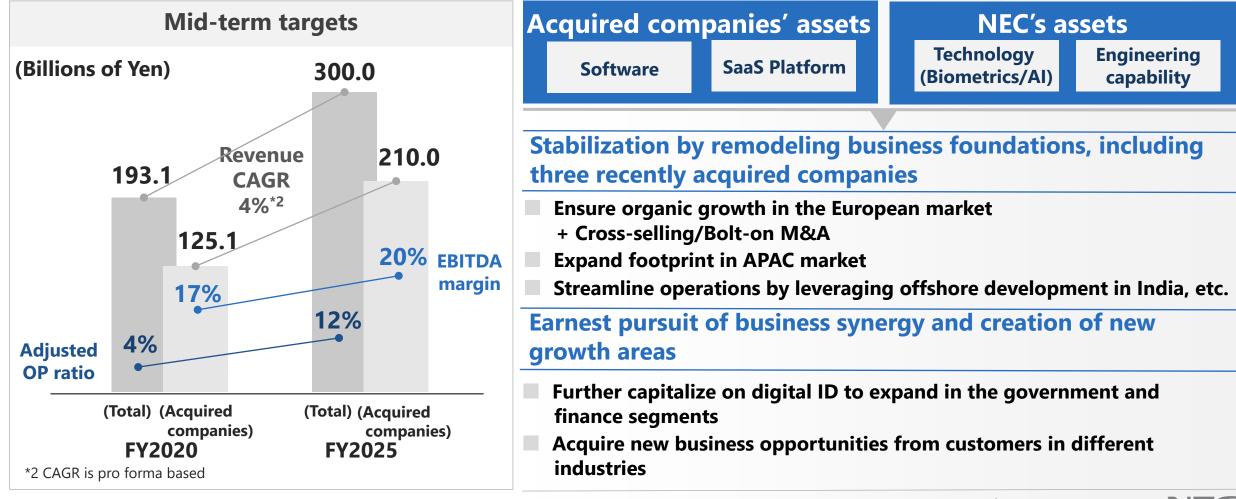
\*2 FY2020 figures exclude "One-time profit/loss" in the income statement

\*3 "Others" includes future growth businesses (Page 28-30), R&D cost increase, risks, etc.

# **Digital Government/ Digital Finance**

Transform into a top-class Vertical SaaS<sup>\*1</sup> vendor in the global DG/DF market

\*1 SaaS for specific industry



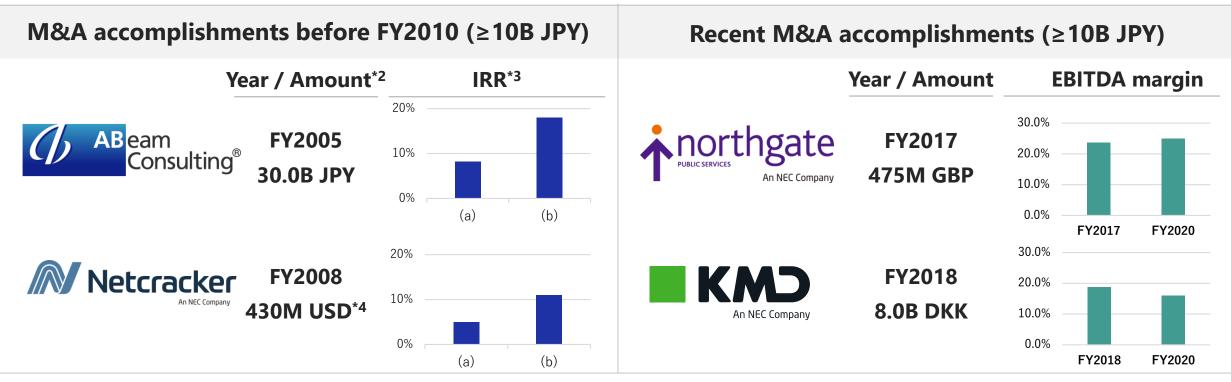
# **Global 5G Business**

Aim for 20% market share in the Open-RAN market in 2030, including expansion in the Japanese market from primarily a base station hardware provider to a full software and hardware solution provider

Mid-term targets	Establishment of Open-RAN vendor position in overseas market	~ 2022
Billions of Yen) 190.0*1 Revenue CAGR 35%	<ul> <li>Globally deploy world-first commercial achievements from alliances with NTT and Rakuten</li> <li>RU*<sup>3</sup> reduces TCO*<sup>4</sup> significantly through small size, light weight, and low power consumption</li> <li>Communication quality achieved through superior full digital beamforming technology and digital coordination technology between distributed antenna elements</li> </ul>	
41.7 <sup>1</sup> 10% Adjusted OP ratio	Expansion of SW/service business segments and acquisition of profit sources	~ 2025
	Shift profit focus from HW to SW licensing by incorporating E2E <sup>*5</sup> Open-RAN solutions <sup>*6</sup> , BSS <sup>*7</sup> and applications	2
FY2020 FY2025	Private 5G aims to improve profits by providing service-based solutions to	
-31%*2 *1 Netcracker is not included *2 Excluding strategic expenses, Profit ratio above segment(Network Services) level	achieve high profits and recurring revenue *3 RU: Radio Unit *4 TCO: Total Cost of Ownership *5 E2E: End to End *6 RU, CU/DU, Core, Orchestration/Operation Support Systems *7 BSS: Business Support Systems	

# **M&A Accomplishments and Future Direction**

# Continue to pursue M&A<sup>\*1</sup> focused on areas of growth and aim to generate global synergies



\*1 Other than above 4 companies, 3 M&As were implemented from FY2005 (CSG, 2012, 227.5M AUD; A123, 2014, 100M USD; Avaloq, 2020, 2.05B CHF)

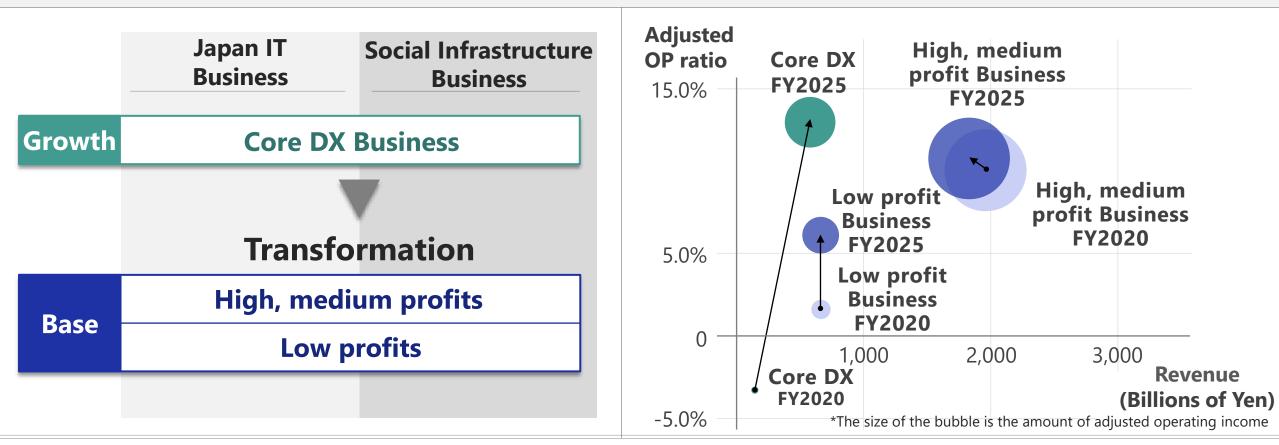
\*2 Year refers to first FY; amount refers to total

\*3 Reference value (a) excludes corporate value; reference value (b) includes corporate value (Computed from time of acquisition to present)

\*4 430M USD for Netcracker is only for its stock acquisition cost. IRR is computed by including loan from NEC to NC.

# IT Business/ Social Infrastructure Business in Japan

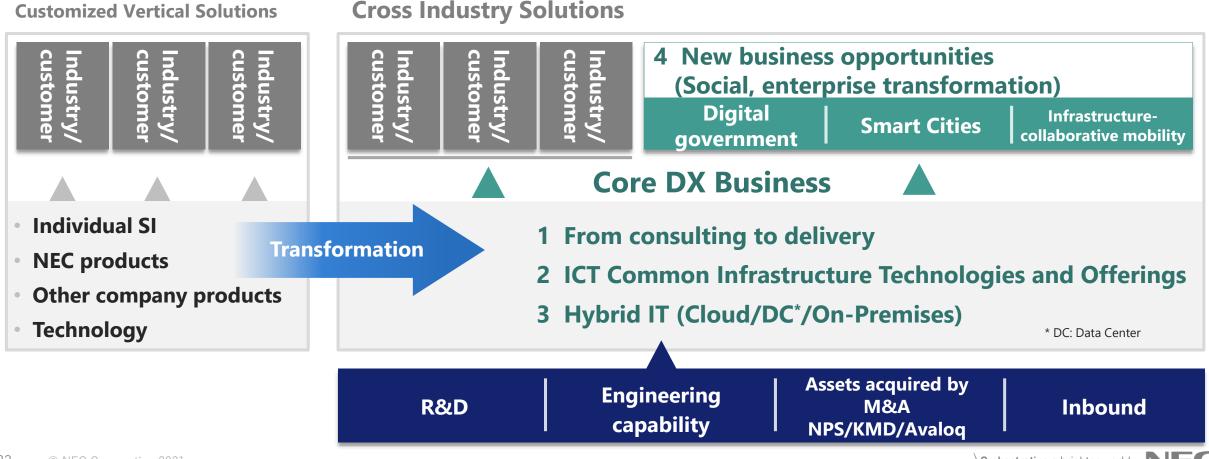
Transformation (DX) of Japan IT Business Maintain and develop Social Infrastructure Business Improve profitability of Base Businesses



Base

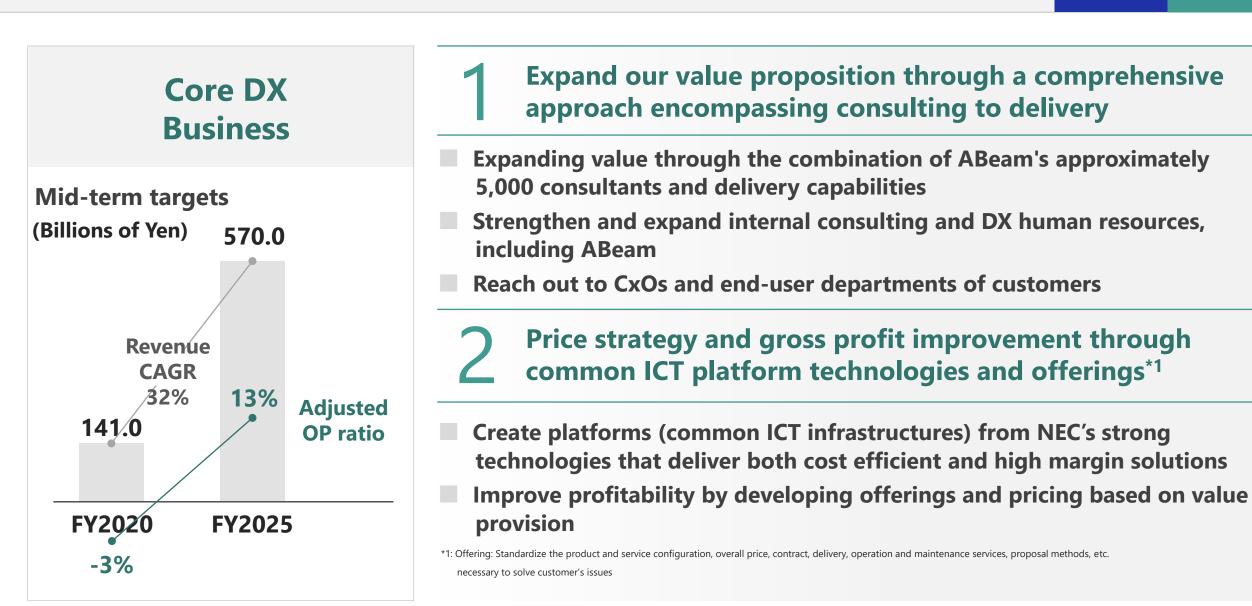
# Transformation of IT Business (DX) in Japan

From Customized Vertical to Cross Industry solutions: Transform base business by leveraging Core DX Business Improve Japan IT business OP ratio from 8% to 13% (FY2020→2025)



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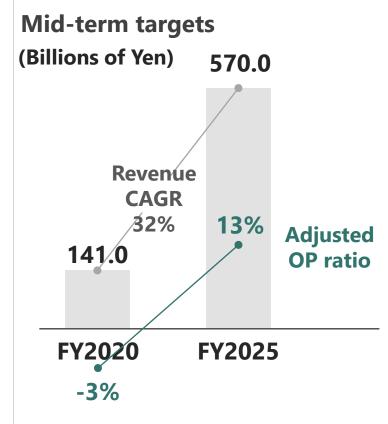
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Base Growth





#### Strengthen competitiveness through hybrid IT (cloud / DC/ On-Premises) alliances and in-house optimization

- Combine mega-cloud and NEC's cloud through global strategic collaboration with AWS (Amazon)/Azure (Microsoft) to strengthen multi-cloud provision capability
- Provide highly secure cloud through company-owned DC/cloud for digital government
  - New business opportunities (Social, enterprise transformation) Expand the DX domain by leveraging the implementation capabilities of technology/policy linkage/E2E\*
- Digital government: Steady promotion of DX in national and local governments, accelerated by the creation of the Japan Digital Agency
  Expanding the provision of services from the perspective of residents
  Smart Cities: Data-driven-based city management transformation
  Infrastructure-collaborative mobility: Government policy coordination, roads with 5G-capable traffic signal management, and become a core for smart cities

## Maintenance and Development of Social Infrastructure Business Base

Maintain and develop deep domain knowledge based on long-term customer relationships and provide a full layer of value in sensing/NW/IT

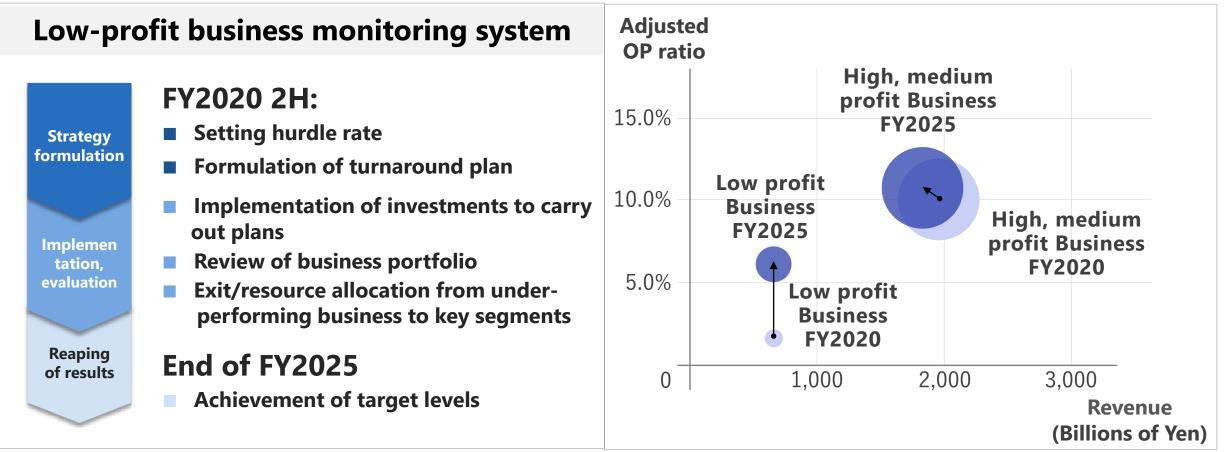
Co-create future concepts for customers based on domain knowledge of public infrastructure, space, defense, network, and other segments, and provide solutions over the long term as a partner in protecting the safety and security of social infrastructure

- Construct and operate mission-critical infrastructure by combining highly functional and absolutely reliable technologies that can withstand harsh environments
- Ensure continued technological capability and deploy strengths in cutting-edge technologies and development. Carry out role in continually creating sources of competitiveness

🛜 Netw	ork	Security		Robotics	
Highly efficient, highly available, and flexible communications		Secure communication technologies underpinning social infrastructures		Highly accurate and stable operation and control technologies	
Software-defined radio	Laser communication	Quantum Cryptography	Privacy-Preserving Data-Analytics	Drone/unmann aircraft contro	

# **Improve Profitability of Base Business**

Maintain profitability above our competitors for our high- and medium-profit base businesses Improve profitability by establishing a monitoring system for low-profit businesses



\*The size of the bubble is the amount of adjusted operating income

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# Creation of future growth businesses

# Create growth businesses that will realize the NEC 2030VISION with strong technologies and inbound innovation

Accelerate business development through fusion of R&D and business development

#### **Disruptive technologies**

Unique technologies that could disrupt current business models (Privacy-Preserving Data-Analytics)

**Defense technologies (Quantum Cryptography, Laser communication, etc.)** 

#### **Inbound Innovation**

Overseas business models and industry-specific knowhow Collaboration with advanced customers, research institutions, and venture capital

#### New business development knowhow

dotData, AI-based drug discovery, and other new business development achievements

**Business development methods**<sup>\*1</sup> utilizing internal and external capital

\*1 Carve-out, M&A, spin-in/spin-out, crowdfunding,.

## **Exploration of Implementation areas**

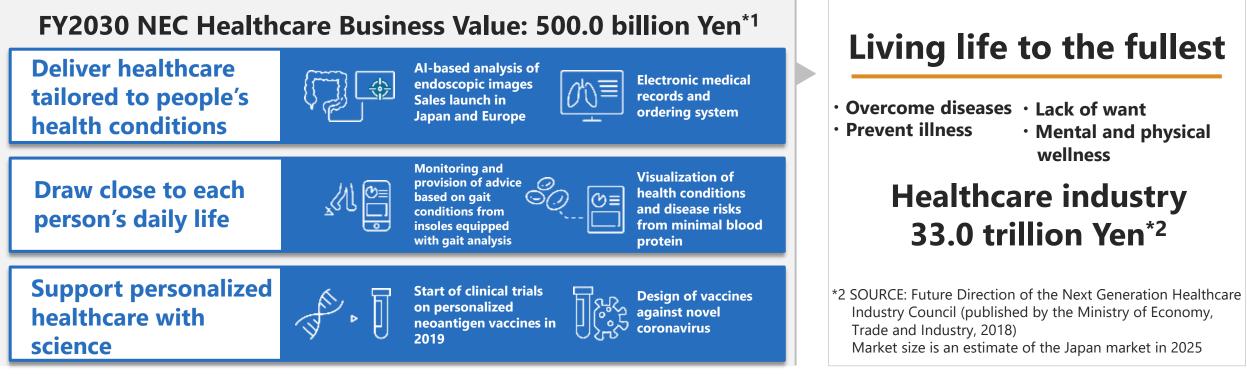
#### NEC 2030VISION



#### Bringing people together and filling each day with inspiration

#### Future Growth Aimed at Social Value Creation: Healthcare and Life Science

Leverage AI and other strong technologies to expand our healthcare and life science business segment including advanced personalized therapies, integrated hospital services, and life support solutions

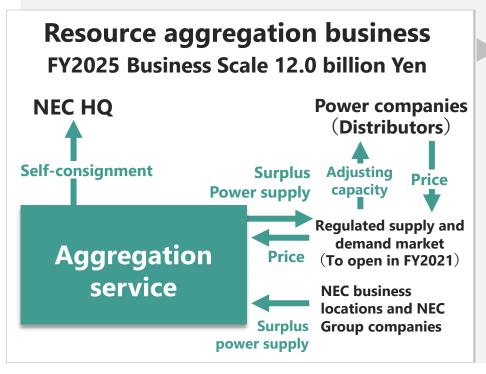


\*1 Calculated using both the comparable company method and the DCF method based on a target for 2030 (sales revenue of 100.0 billion yen).

## Living harmoniously with the earth to secure the future

#### Future Growth Aimed at Social Value Creation: Carbon-Neutrality-Related Business

Foreseen expansion in power demands due to uptake of EV/all-electric housing towards achieving carbon neutrality; Realize efficiency and optimization by market-matching of surplus power generated from renewable energy



#### Expansion of business

De-carbonization management solutions

**Circular economy** 

**Energy management** 

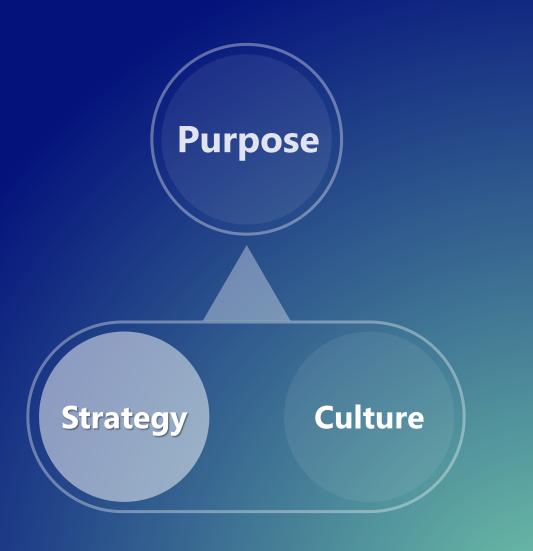
## **Contribution to decarbonized society**

- Uptake of renewable energy
- Improvement of resource productivity of industrial sector

#### CO2 reduction economic effect: 90.0 trillion Yen<sup>\*</sup>

\* Source: From Green Growth Strategy for Carbon Neutrality in 2050 (Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, published in 2020)

Market size is an estimate of the Japan market in 2030



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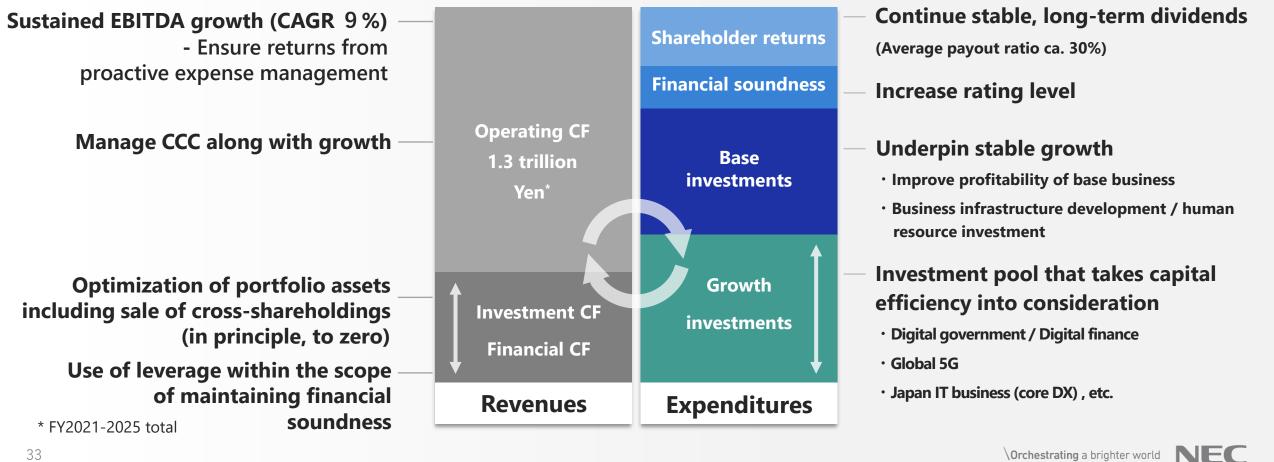
Financial Strategy ("Maximizing long-term profit" and "Optimizing short-term profit")

Use continuously generated cash flow to fund sustainable growth and enhance corporate value through optimal capital allocation and by building robust financial and non-financial measurement methodologies

Augment growth strategies	<ul> <li>Shift from P/L management to management that also emphasizes capital efficiency</li> <li>Achieve investment returns beyond the market expectations (capital cost)</li> <li>Continue activities to improve capital efficiency, such as CCC compression and reduction of cross-shareholdings</li> </ul>		
	Capital allocation focusing on business growth		
Respond to changing business environments without missing out on opportunities	<ul> <li>Building of robust financial and non-financial measurement methodologies aimed at sustainable growth</li> <li>Maintain investment capability to respond to global competitors</li> <li>Reinforce non-financial measurement methodologies to underpin sustainable growth of the company and society</li> </ul>		

# **Profit Cycle and Capital Allocation**

Balance business growth in response to market expectations with maintenance and improvement of financial soundness, and enhance corporate value through cycling of profits



### Reform profit structure by aggressively investing strategic expenses

Measure and manage cost-effectiveness of proactive investments of strategic funds in growth strategies and management foundation reforms to achieve substantial progress in FY2025

Strategic expens effects (Compa	es and expected red to FY2020)	Strategic expense increase FY2021 (Billions of Yen)	Quantitative effects FY2025 (Billions of Yen)	Expected effects	FY2025 Mid-term Management Plan Period Scenario
Growth	expenses9.5SGlobal structureNet Adjusted OP 120.0Image: Structure7.5Image: Structure7.5	DG/DF : Restructuring of business foundation including 3 acquired companies	Adjusted Operating Profi		
Growth business			120.0	5G Service domain expansion/Open-RAN	300.0 billion Yen
		increase	Core DX : Business model transformation/		
Base business		5.0	-	Capturing of replacement demand from existing customers	*14/:+1
Business infrastructure development/ Human resource investment		8.0	Net Adjusted OP 20.0	Durain and my and a /IT actablishes and	*Without
		increase	Human resources: DX personnel reinforcement	FY2020 FY2022 FY2025	
Structural reforms		2.0	SGA reduction <b>1.5 /year</b>	Selection and concentration of overseas base functions	Seed-sowing phase Harvesting phase
		32.0	Also, additional	CapEx investments of 12.5 billion Yen for the above	* Without finding new customers/opportunities ("seed-sowing") (Levels are tentative)

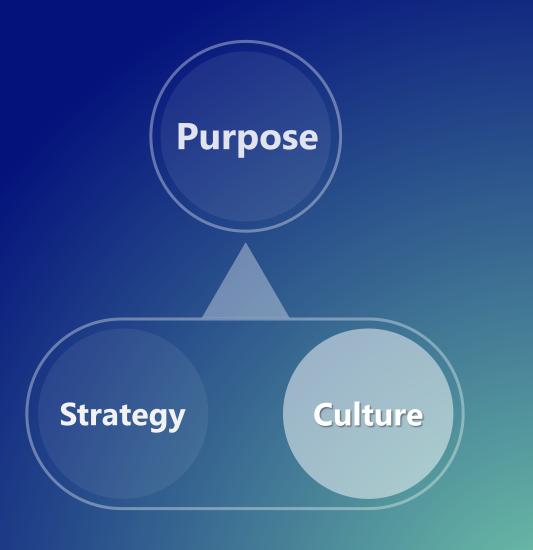


Reinforce non-financial measurement methodologies to underpin sustainable growth of company and society

# Continuously incorporate ESG indexes as indicators of risk minimization and value maximization initiatives

	Key Theme (Materiality)	Main initiatives	FY2025 KPI
Ε	Climate change (De-carbonization)	<ol> <li>Acceleration of environmental management towards achievement of SBT<sup>*1</sup> 1.5 degrees by 2030</li> <li>Contribution to CO2 reduction through customer DX</li> </ol>	1. 33.6% reduction <sup>*2</sup> (Compared to FY2017)
S	Security AI & human rights Diverse human resources	<ol> <li>Development of human resources in advanced security to handle social infrastructure</li> <li>Al provision and utilization prioritizing respect for human rights</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Doubling of internationally certified personnel</li> <li>Incorporated initiatives based on the AI and Human Rights Principles</li> </ol>
G	Corporate governance Supply chain sustainability Compliance	<ol> <li>Further improvement of transparency of corporate governance</li> <li>Strengthening of collaboration with suppliers from a human rights/environmental perspective</li> <li>Eradication of serious compliance incidents</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Suppliers agreeing to procurement guidelines: 75%<sup>*3</sup></li> <li>No. of serious incidents: 0</li> </ol>

\*1 Science-based targets \*2 Scope 1, 2 \*3 Ratio based on procurement amount



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Transformation of Culture and how we work

Transformation to a company that pursues innovation and brings together diverse human resources under the NEC Way (common values)

"Employer of Choice"

50%\* **Engagement Score** (FY2020 25%) FY2025 Target **Transformation Establishment of Creating** a of people and shared vision for business culture infrastructure a brighter future

\*Based on the Kincentric Survey of a 50% score which is a Tier 1 Level and in the Global top 25 Percentile



**Bolster diversity as a source of innovation and** implement workstyle reforms supporting diverse talent





#### Establishment of Business Infrastructure

Create a Transformation Office directly under the CEO that establishes a new foundation for how we work and generates competitiveness

**Reforms in 3 domains: business processes, systems, and IT** 

#### Major initiatives to date

- $\cdot$  Start of work-from-home (IT+ systems) 2000 $\sim$
- $\cdot$  Unification of in-house mission-critical systems 2008 $\sim$
- Shift to shared services for corporate staff operations  $2014\sim$
- $\cdot$  Simplification and digitalization of approval processes 2015  $\sim$
- $\cdot$  Smart Work (IT+ systems) 2019 $\sim$

#### **Initiatives under the new MTP**

- Cloud transition of company-wide missioncritical systems (HR, procurement, etc.)
- Integrated redesign of processes, systems, and IT
- Enhancement of data-driven management (Al utilization, data structure optimization)



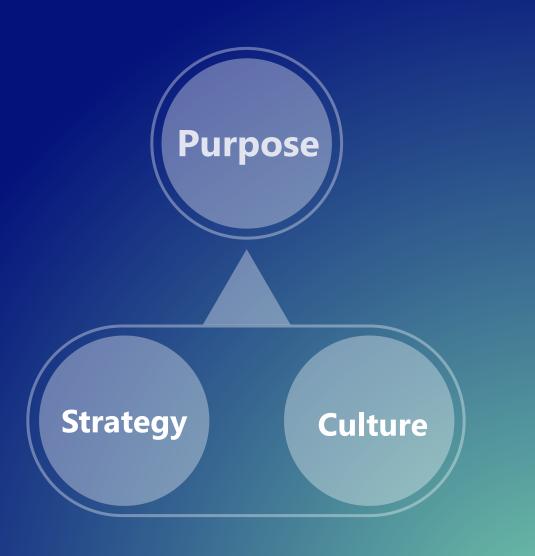


Creating shared vision for brighter future with our customers

Dissemination of the future vision for society as a market leader and creation of new customer value

## Full-scale launch of Thought Leadership activities

- Refine our future vision based on social/market insights
- Dissemination of social system innovations
- Strengthen general research capability and collaborate with other thought leaders



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# Strategy

**EBITDA Growth Rate Annual Average: 9%** 

#### **NEC's Growth Model**

"Maximizing long-term profit" and "Optimizing short-term profit"

Non-financial measurement methodologies to underpin sustainable growth

# Culture

#### **Engagement Score: 50%**

Transformation of people and culture Establishment of business infrastructure

Creating shared vision for a brighter future with customers

Purpose

### **Cautionary Statement with Respect to Forward-Looking Statements**

#### <Cautionary Statement with Respect to financial statements as of and for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2021 Statements>

As of the date of this material, audit on our financial statements as of and for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2021 in accordance with the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act has not been completed, and the financial information as of and for such fiscal year included herein is so unaudited.

#### <Cautionary Statement with Respect to Forward-Looking Statements>

This material contains forward-looking statements regarding estimations, forecasts, targets and plans in relation to the results of operations, financial conditions and other overall management of the NEC Group (the "forward-looking statements"). The forward-looking statements are made based on information currently available to the Company and certain assumptions considered reasonable as of the date of this material. These determinations and assumptions are inherently subjective and uncertain. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, and actual operating results may differ substantially due to a number of factors.

- The factors that may influence the operating results include, but are not limited to, the following:
- · adverse economic conditions in Japan or internationally;
- foreign currency exchange and interest rate risks;
- changes in the markets in which the NEC Group operates;
- · the recent outbreak of the novel coronavirus;
- potential inability to achieve the goals in the NEC Group's medium-term management plan;
- fluctuations in the NEC Group's revenue and profitability from period to period;
- · difficulty achieving the benefits expected from acquisitions, business combinations and reorganizations;
- · potential deterioration in the NEC Group's relationships with strategic partners or problems relating to their products or services;
- difficulty achieving the NEC Group's growth strategies outside Japan;
- · potential inability to keep pace with rapid technological advancements in the NEC Group's industry and to commercialize new technologies;
- intense competition in the markets in which the NEC Group operates;
- · risks relating to the NEC Group's concentrated customer base;
- · difficulties with respect to new businesses;
- · potential failures in the products and services the NEC Group provides;
- potential failure to procure components, equipment or other supplies;
- difficulties protecting the NEC Group's intellectual property rights;
- · potential inability to obtain certain intellectual property licenses;
- the NEC Group's customers may encounter financial difficulties;
- · difficulty attracting, hiring and retaining skilled personnel;
- · difficulty obtaining additional financing to meet the NEC Group's funding needs;
- potential failure of internal controls;
- · potentially costly and time-consuming legal proceedings;
- risks related to regulatory change and uncertainty;
- · risks related to environmental laws and regulations;
- · information security and data protection concerns and restrictions;
- potential changes in effective tax rates or deferred tax assets, or adverse tax examinations;
- · risks related to corporate governance and social responsibility requirements;
- risks related to natural disasters, public health issues, armed hostilities and terrorism;
- risks related to the NEC Group's pension assets and defined benefit obligations; and
- risks related to impairment losses with regard to goodwill.

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# Appendix

# **Reference Information: Segment Information**

#### Relationship of targets and growth businesses in FY2020 by segment

		Public Solutions	Public Infrastructure	Enterprise	Network Services	Global Business	Others
CAGR from FY2020 to FY2025		About 0%~1%	Flat	About 1%~5%	About 3%~8%	About 4%~6%	_
FY2025 Targets: Estimated Adjusted OP ratio		About 10%	About 10%	About 13%	About 10%	About 11%	_
<b>Growth Business</b>	Digital Government/ Digital Finance	Х	Х	Х		Х	
	Global 5G				Х		
	IT business transformation in Japan	Х	Х	Х	Х		
	Future growth business creation						Х

# Results of stockholder returns: NEC's stock price vs TOPIX



# **Track Record of Business Portfolio Transformation**

#### Acquisition of key segments

