

A Message from the New President

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1. Message



We are deeply concerned by the slowdown of our earning performance under the impact of dramatic changes in the external environment since we formulated Medium-Term Management Plan 2023.

We have been restructuring our business models, which were approaching their limits of growth, using an approach based on backcasting from 2030. However, we now recognize that we will not be able to achieve the desired improvements in our business and social value without urgent action guided by an order of priorities that matches the current environment.

We share our perceptions of the issues with stakeholders, and we are determined to become a sustainable company.

2. Strategies for the Next Fiscal Year



In the next fiscal year, we will pursue business strategies designed to maximize our advantages and restore our business profit to the ¥40.0 billion level.

Processed Foods Business Division

Fresh Meats
Business Division

Overseas Business Division

Baseball Club Business and others

Group-wide strategy

We will accelerate efficiency improvement strategies in order to reduce costs.

We will improve our profit ratios through the recovery of flagship brands and the development of new brands.

We will expand our profits by further strengthening our advantage in food sales. We aim to achieve major profit growth by expanding domestic production and enhancing our procurement structures for imported fresh meats.

We will sell BPU and centralize our beef business in Australia.

We expand our processed product sales in North America and work toward substantial growth.

We will create a new income model following the opening of Hokkaido Ballpark F Village.

We will create new specialized units to market processed products manufactured by Nippon Food sales and build efficient logistics structures within the Group.

3. Medium/Long-Term Strategies



Ensure reliable supplies of protein through a continuing commitment to challenge of urgent and resolute action to transform business models. Achieve dramatic improvements in our social and business value.

Structural reforms

Pursue portfolio optimization.

Develop an asset-light structure through labor-saving measures, mechanization, and the utilization of external assets.

Processed Foods Business Division

Prioritize the allocation of management resources to high-added-value products under an optimized supply structure.

Growth strategies Bu

Fresh Meats Business Division

Overseas Business Division Build an overwhelming advantage in the procurement of domestic fresh meats. Maximize earnings by achieving a 25% market share.

Sustainability strategy

Stabilize earnings from the beef business and expand the scale of the Processed Foods Business.

Group-wide strategy

Build a competitive advantage for the future through the convergence of initiatives to solve issues identified in the materiality with business strategies.

Use DX to create new businesses and establish a Group logistics business.

4. New Executive Team—Management Structure as of Late June 2023 (planned)



We will enhance the objectivity of the Board of Directors and strengthen its functionality by separating the roles of Chairperson and President.

Management structure as of late June 2023 (planned)

Position	Name	Responsibilities
Chairperson and Director	Tetsuhiro Kito	Chairperson of the Board of Directors
President and Representative Director (President and CEO)	Nobuhisa Ikawa	
Director and Managing Executive Officer	Fumio Maeda	General Manager of Fresh Meats Business Division
Director and Managing Executive Officer	Masahito Kataoka	In charge of Accounting & Finance Department and Sustainability Department; General Manager of Tokyo Branch Office
Director and Managing Executive Officer	Kohei Akiyama	In charge of Human Resources Department, Legal Affairs Department, General Affairs Department, Public & Investor Relations Department and Secretarial Office
Director (Outside)	Yasuko Kono	
Director (Outside)	Hideo Arase	
Director (Outside)	Tokushi Yamasaki	

5. New Organization as of April 1, 2023



