# Financial Results Briefing

The 1st Quarter of the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2025

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**GEECHS Inc.** 

**TSE Standard Market: 7060** 

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#### FY3/25 1Q: Executive Summary

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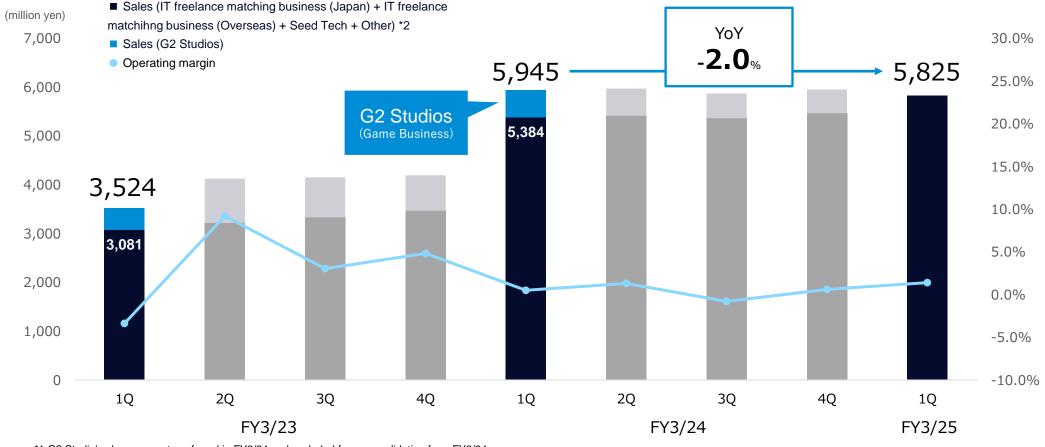
- IT freelance matching business (Japan) continue to be in high demand, achieving record quarterly sales of over 3.69 billion yen.
- IT freelance matching business (Overseas) started in line with the company's plan.
- Seed Tech business is steadily progressing, primarily focus on offshore development.
- Strengthening M&A sourcing and hiring of professionals are progressing well in anticipation of the mid-term growth strategy.

(JPY)	Sales	EBITDA	Operating Income	Net Income*	
1Q	5,825м	107м	80м	58м	
YoY	( - 2.0% )	( + 7.2% )	( + 175.8% )	( + 1,150.1% )	

<sup>\*</sup>Net income attributable to owners of parent for the quarter

#### FY3/25 1Q: Financial Highlights (Gross Sales, Operating Margin)

■ G2 Studios business\*1 was excluded from the consolidation, resulting in 1Q sales of 5.82 billion yen, 2.0% YoY decrease. However, sales excluding G2 Studios business showed a solid growth of 8.2% YoY.



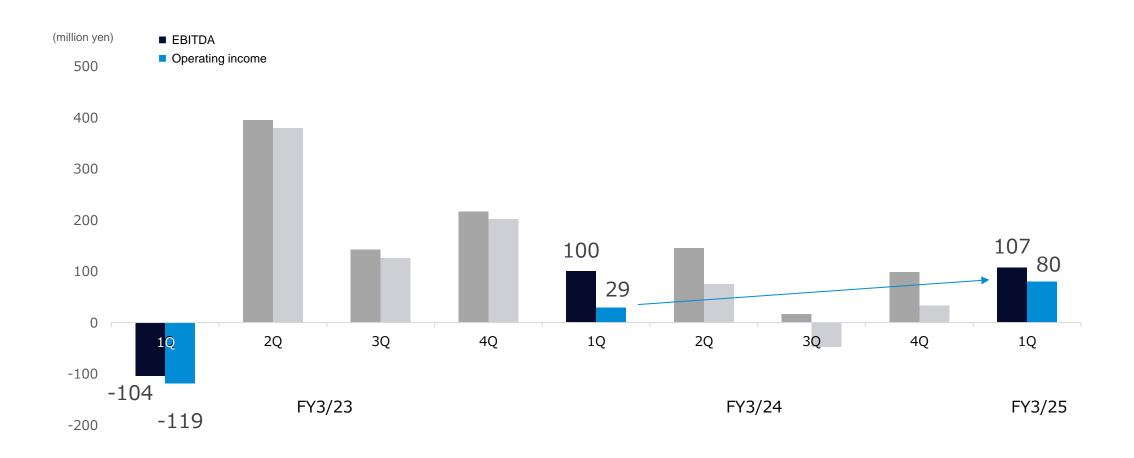
<sup>\*1</sup> G2 Studio's shares were transferred in FY3/24 and excluded from consolidation from FY3/24.



<sup>\*2</sup> Started consolidation of IT freelance matching business (Overseas) from 1Q FY3/24.

#### FY3/25 1Q: Financial Highlights (EBITDA, Operating Profit)

Operating profit for 1Q amounted to 80 million yen, <u>175.8% YoY growth</u>.



#### FY3/25 Full-year: Financial Highlights by Segment

■ IT Freelance Matching Business (Japan)

: Achieved record sales of 3.69 billion yen. Despite an increase in personnel expenses, operating profit remained at 295 million yen.

■ IT Freelance Matching Business (Overseas)

: Sales reached 2.04 billion yen, 11.3% YoY growth, progressing in line with the company's plan.

Seed Tech Business

: Sales reached 72 million yen maintaining a strong growth of 37.5% YoY.

■ Group-wide Expenses and Adjustment Costs : Appropriate cost control as per company plan.

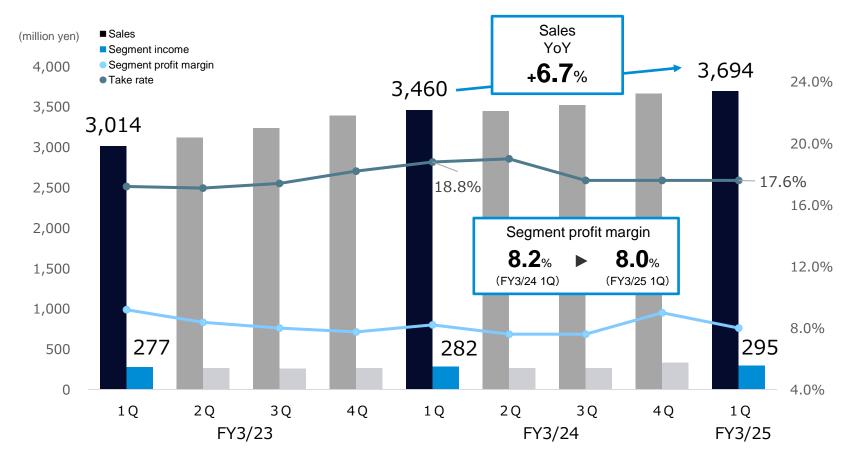
(million yen)		FY3/24	FY3/25	V-V	Full-year Forecast		
		1Q	1Q	YoY	Forecast	Achievement rate	
IT Freelance Matching	Sales	3,460	3,694	+6.7%	15,800	23.4%	
Business (Japan)	Income	282	295	+4.5%	1,280	23.1%	
IT Freelance Matching	Sales	1,840	2,048	+11.3%	10,000	20.5%	
Business (Overseas)	Income	-21	-36	-	0	-	
Seed Tech Business	Sales	52	72	+37.5%	400	18.1%	
Seed Tech Dusiness	Income	-9	-13	-	50	-	
Other	Sales	33	14	-55.3%	100	14.8%	
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Group-wide Expenses an Adjustment Costs	d	-151	-155	-	-630	-	

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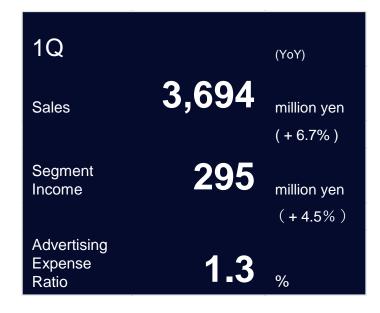


# IT Freelance Matching Business (Japan) (Sales, Segment Income and Advertising Expense Ratio)

- 1Q sales and progressed in line with the company plan, reaching a record high of 3.69 billion yen.
- While we controlled the advertising expense ratio to 1.3%, the increase in expenses due to planned hiring of new graduates and mid-career employees resulted in the segment profit margin of 8.0%.
- Take rate is 17.6%, maintaining the same level to the previous quarter.

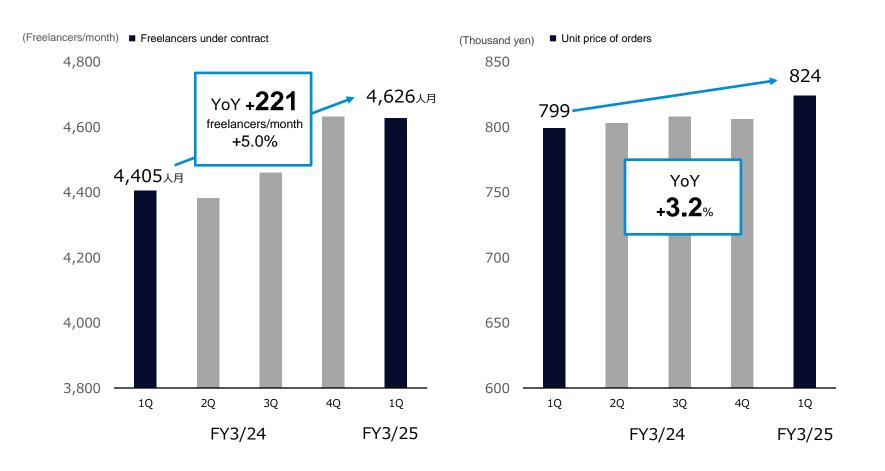


<sup>\*</sup> Take rate is calculated by deducting the compensation paid to IT freelancers from the gross sales profit, and then dividing it by the total transaction volume.



#### IT Freelance Matching Business (Japan) (Freelancers Under Contract, Unit Price of Orders)

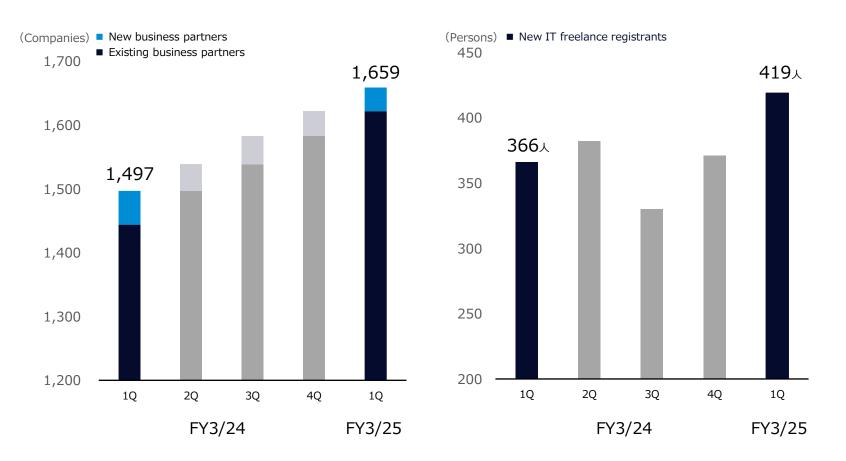
- With an increase in the enterprise system related projects, the number of completed projects by the end of March increased, resulting in 4,626 man-months worked in 1Q.
- The average unit price of orders increased 3.2% YoY to 824 thousand yen.
- The demand for IT talent remains strong, with the project ratio at 7.50 times (7.88 times in the same period last year).





#### IT Freelance Matching Business (Japan) (New Business Partners, New Registrants)

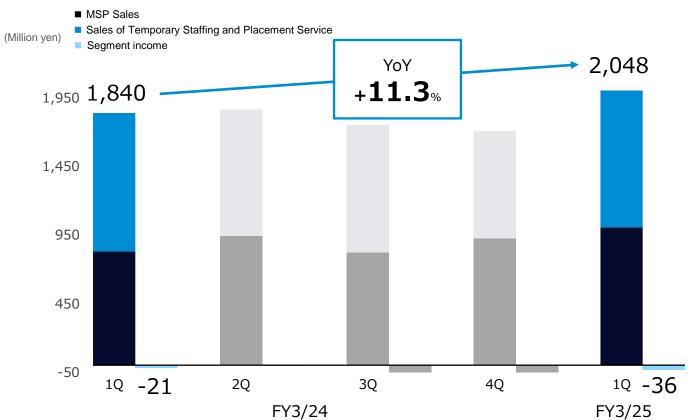
- In 1Q, the number of new business partners increased by 37 companies, bringing the total number of business partners to 1,659.
- The number of new registrations for IT freelancers was 419, showing steady growth while keeping advertising expenses under control.

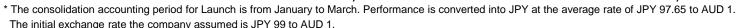




# IT Freelance Matching Business (Overseas) (Sales, EBITDA and Segment Income)

- Sales reached 2.04 billion yen, 11.3% YoY increase with the plan to focus on building up sales after the second half of the year.
- Due to switchover the client, the gross profit for MSP decreased, resulting in a segment loss of 36 million yen; however, this is progressing in line with the company's plan.
- Under the new CEO appointed in April 2024, proceeding to strengthen the recruitment of career consultants.

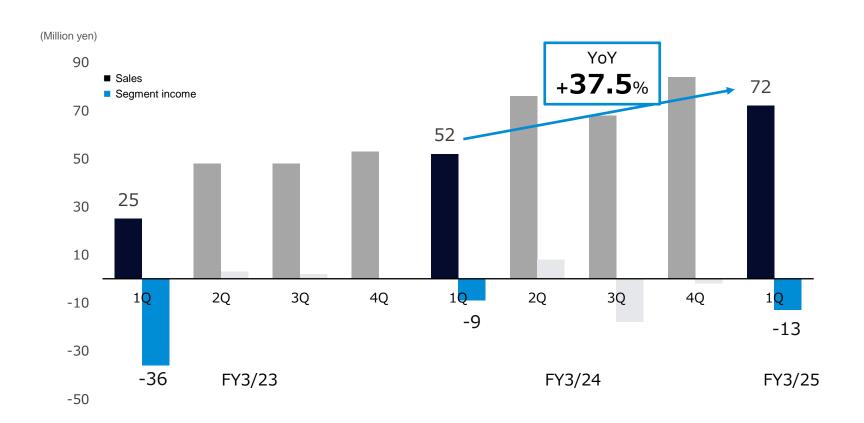






#### Seed Tech Business (Sales, Segment Income)

- Sales was 72 million yen in 1Q, 37.5% YoY increase.
- In addition to strong offshore development, demand for study abroad programs for corporate clients is also progressing steadily in preparation for the summer demand season.
- Although the segment profit was loss of 13 million yen in 1Q, we plan this segment to become profitable 2Q onwards.





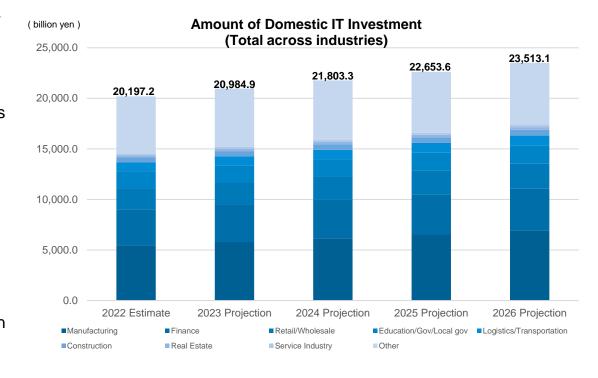
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#### **GEECHS Group's Future Growth Strategy**

We have been operating businesses in IT freelance sharing agent, offshore IT human resources utilization, and IT human resources development since establishment. As a result, we have acquired over 3,500 clients from IT and internet service providers, and our IT freelance matching business (Japan) has grown into a company with sales exceeding 14 billion yen.

Moving forward, as the domestic IT market continues to expand, we will actively pursue a strategy of mergers and acquisitions (M&A) and expand our business scope into areas such as DX/IT human resources and organization consulting, IT consulting, PMO, and system development. This will enable us to participate in upstream processes of corporate DX/IT promotion projects. In the development phase, we aim to utilize IT freelancers and offshore IT human resources that we have cultivated, with the goal of becoming a group that provides comprehensive IT solution services.



**Domains of Expansion** 

DX/IT Human Resources and Organization Consulting

IT Consulting, PMO

**System Development** 



#### **New Domain of Expansion**

3<sup>rd</sup> Domain

From IT Human
Resources Supply to
Solution Providers

2<sup>nd</sup> Domain

IT Engineer Development
Offshore IT Lab

1<sup>st</sup> Domain

IT Freelance Sharing Agent Possess IT consulting, PMO, and development capabilities within the group to provide comprehensive support.

Through M&A execution, we aim to strengthen consulting capabilities and expand into DX/IT human resources, organizational consulting, and IT system development. We will hire delivery engineers for each role, utilize registered IT freelancers, and offshore IT talent to expand our business scope from upstream processes to implementation.

IT human resources development by "Sodatech". Offshore Lab operation support.

With expertise in IT human resources development, we have a wealth of training experience with for both companies and individuals. Additionally, we have contributed to the formation of development lab teams based in Philippines. We have expanded our business to utilize "Sodatech" for inhouse human resources development and even established a nearshore lab.

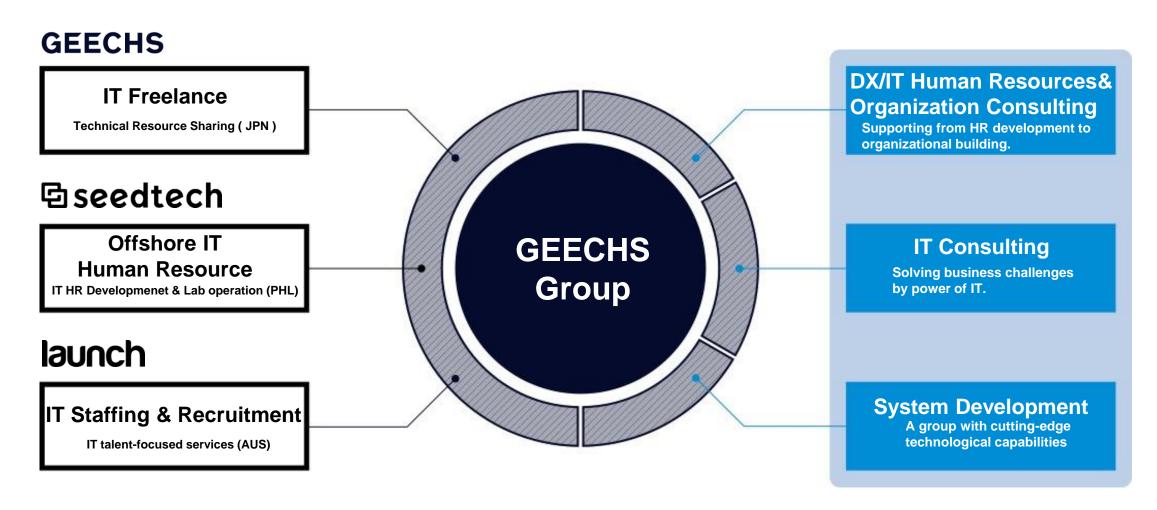
Supporting Japan's internet industry through freelance utilization

We possess a database of over 20,000 registered IT freelancers with diverse skills and experiences, as well as partnership with over 3,500 client companies. Since the late stages of Web1.0, we have been a leading player in the market and continue to lead the industry up to the present day.



#### **Group Image Through Strategic M&A**

Aiming to achieve a one-stop solution provision as a company that solve the shortage of IT human resources.



#### **Basic M&A Policy**

Target scopes and companies for M&A in alignment with the mid-term growth strategy.

M&A Target Scope	Potential Company	Criteria
DX/IT Human Resources, Organizational Consulting	<ul> <li>Companies with proven track record and expertise in strategic planning and execution</li> <li>Sales 500 million yen and above</li> </ul>	
IT Consulting	<ul> <li>Companies with an excellent customer base</li> <li>Sales 500 million yen and above</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Expected group synergies</li> <li>Reasonable acquisition price         (No loss of goodwill)</li> <li>Expected to contribute to sales and profit at an early stage</li> </ul>
System Development	<ul> <li>Companies possessing technological capabilities</li> <li>Companies with business succession needs</li> <li>Sales 500 million yen and above</li> </ul>	

#### **Initiatives to Enter New Domains**

#### Considering multiple ways to expand while strengthening promotion of M&A

#### Optimize methods of entering new domain

- Consider M&A potential companies at appropriate valuations.
- Consider new business creation through hiring professional personnel at the same time, and work on it in an optimal manner with a sense of speed.

### Strengthen M&A Sourcing

Sourcing numbers for the second half of the previous year reached 97 cases, despite limiting the target scopes, improving both accuracy and speed.

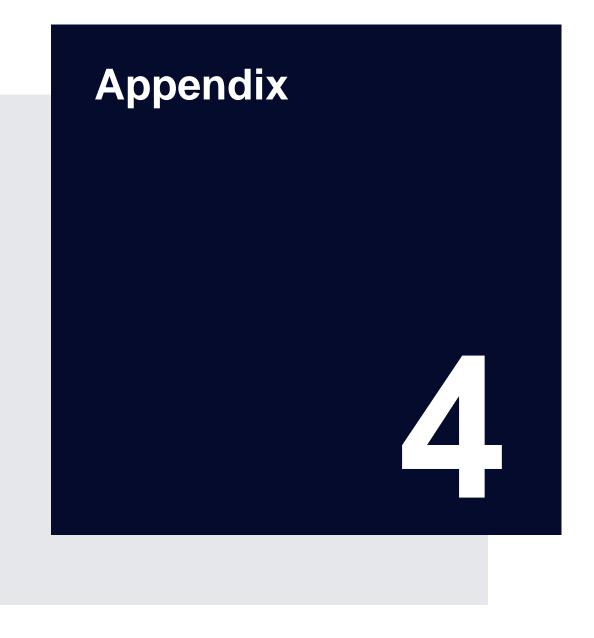
#### Establishment of new business and/or new company

Consideration of ways to expand through new businesses or establishment of new companies.

### Recruitment of **Professionals**

Simultaneously begin recruiting key professional personnel in the areas of expansion.

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#### **About GEECHS**

# Solving the Shortage of IT Human Resources in Japan

IT Resource Crisis Is Our Business

Make the biggest impression in the 21st century

**GEECHS supports the work styles of IT freelancers,** 

**sharing** their skills and experiences with companies that face a shortage of IT human resources.

GEECHS also continues to provide globally-oriented businesses by utilizing foreign IT freelancers overseas,

develops IT freelancers from scratch regardless of whether they work for a corporation or for themselves,

creating IT human resources from within organizations through **reskilling**, and provides an environment

that will increase the number of people who wish to build a career as an IT freelancer in Japan.

In such way, GEECHS contributes greatly to the future of Japanese society.

#### **Group Corporate Profile**

**Group companies** 

**GEECHS** 

IT Freelance Matching Business (Japan)

launch

IT Freelance Matching **Business (Overseas)** 

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**Seed Tech Business** 

President and CEO

Head office

Company name

Naruhito Sonehara

**Established** August 23, 2007

Shibuya Scramble Square, 2-24-12 Shibuya,

GEECHS Inc. (TSE Standard Market: 7060)

Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, JAPAN

Capital 1,112 million yen (as of June 30, 2024)

**Business** description

IT Freelance Matching Business (Japan)

IT Freelance Matching Business (Overseas)

Seed Tech Business

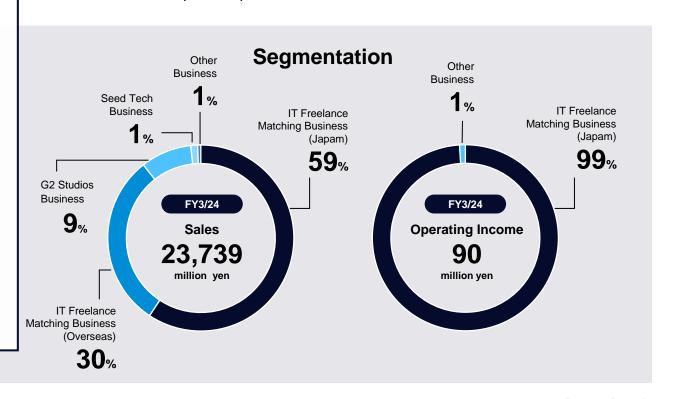
Sales volume JPY 23,739 million (as of March 31, 2024)

**Employees** 278 (as of June 30, 2023)

Tokyo Head Office, Osaka Branch, Offices

Fukuoka Branch, Nagoya Satellite Office

Australia, Philippines



#### **GEECHS Social Impact Flow**

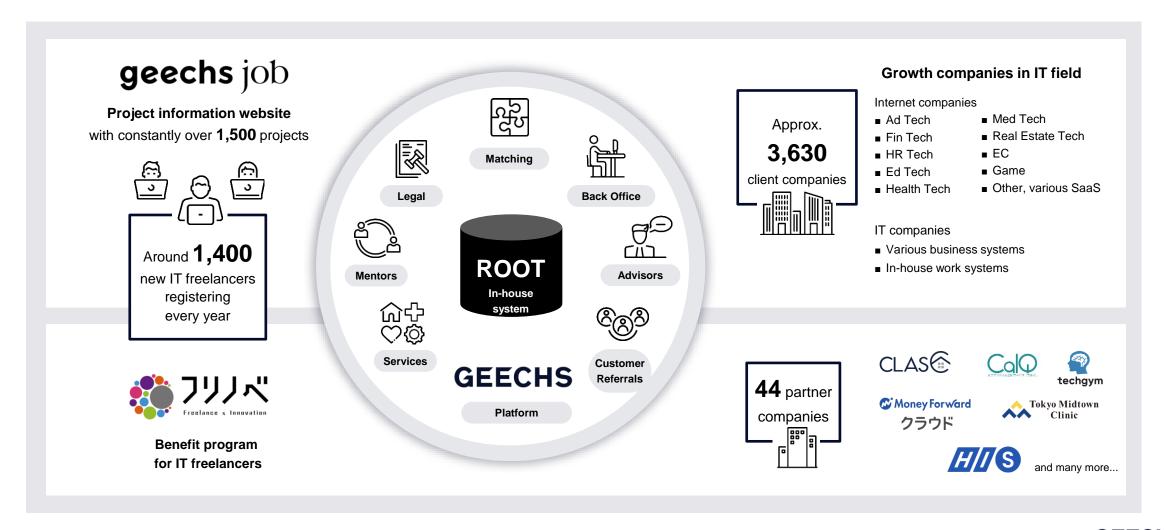
#### **Group Synergies Through Business Activities** Input Output Outcome **Evolution of the IT freelance sharing business** Creating a new "normal" Make the biggest impression **Financial Capital** through the integration of know-how and resources way of working in the 21st century Growth investment between countries backed by strong CAGR in business performance Materiality 1 Sharing and streamlining Bringing growth to the IT **Human Capital** of technology resources industry in Japan and Cross-border Trust and track record as overseas management skills Domestic market Overseas market one of Japan's largest IT · Female/foreign ratio freelance business launch **GEECHS** ŇŧŧiŤ 4 Mの高い教育を みんなに Improving economies in **Intellectual Capital** developing countries and Materiality 2 Technology investment **Global Strategy** local areas by creating 8 集さがいる 経済成長も · Patents and licenses iobs Growth and reskilling of DX/IT freelancers 1 \* \* Accumulation of skill and **Synergies** expertise Domestic market Overseas market Contributing to social Seed Tech School ■ IT freelancer Over 15 years of trust **Natural Capital** ソダテク development through and track record in the IT development expertise Offshore growth and creation of IT and track record freelance business development office Offshore development Expertise and skills as an freelancers In-house base system MSP\* capability Materiality 3 Developing an environment where Expanding industry and Social and freelancers can work with peace of mind employment opportunities **Relationship Capital Materiality 4** Strengthening corporate governance through cross-border IT freelancer collaboration · Relations with client **Materiality 5** companies Formation and expansion of partnerships

External partners

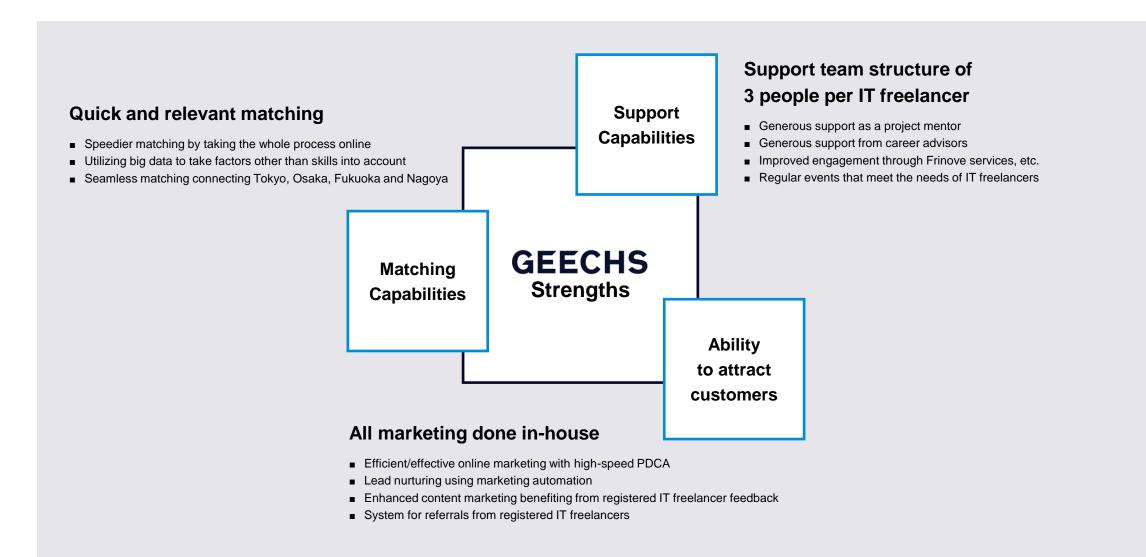
<sup>\*</sup>Owning a proprietary Vendor Management System as a Managed Service Provider (MSP)

#### IT Freelance Matching Business, Japan

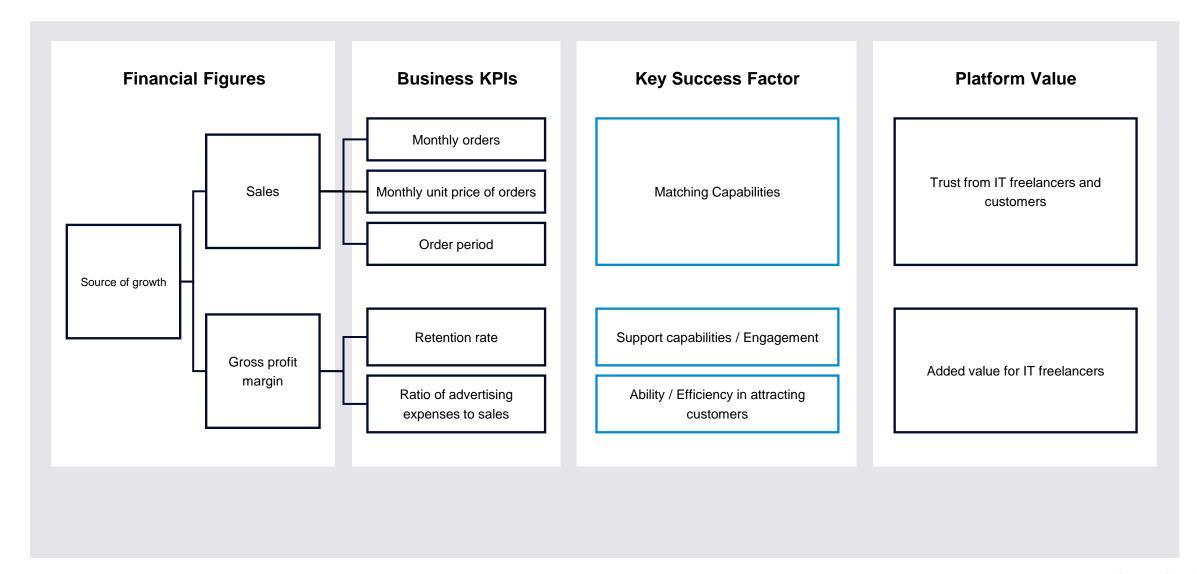
#### **Technology Resource Sharing Platform**



#### **GEECHS Strengths**



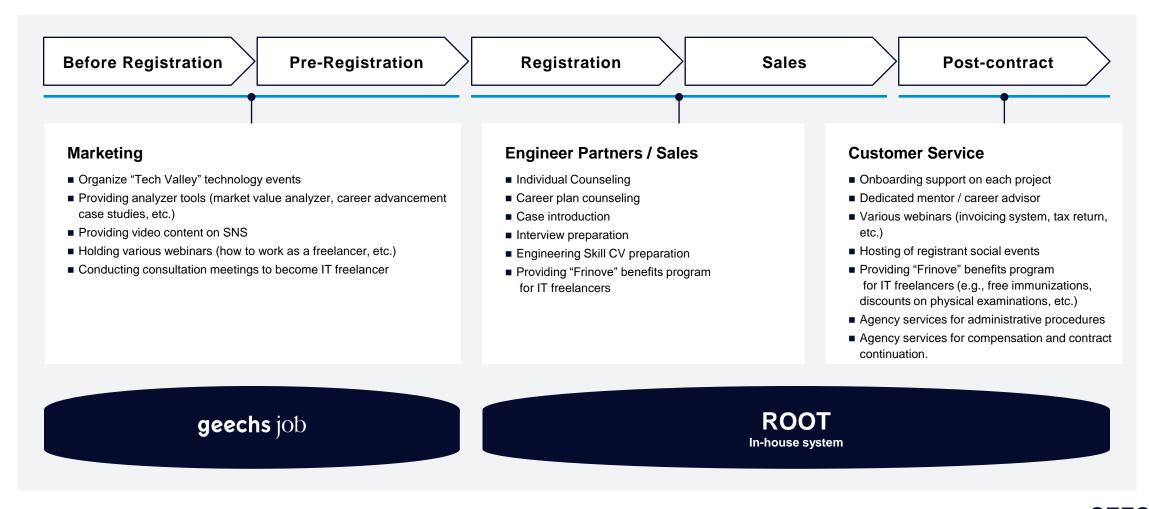
#### **Source of Growth**



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#### Measures to improve engagement of IT freelancers

Improve engagement by having effective touch points with IT freelancers over the long term.



#### **Differences from Similar Businesses**

#### Developing a platform specifically for mid- to high-spec, professional IT freelancers

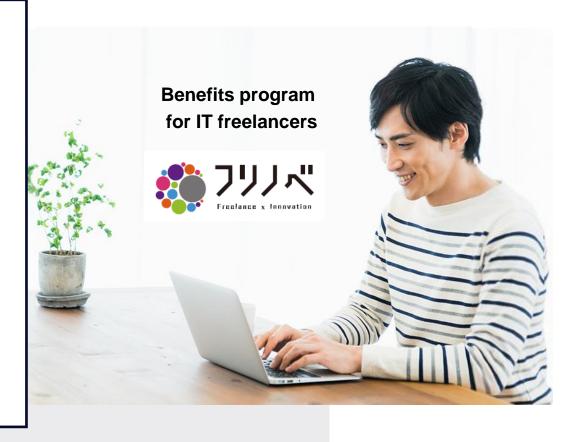
	GEECHS	Crowdsourcing	IT Engineers Dispatch
Registrant	IT freelancers (main job)	Freelancers (side/main job), and others	Dispatched workers
Main clients	Growth companies in IT field	Medium-sized and large companies	Major system integration companies
Type of contract	Quasi contract	Service contract	Worker dispatch contract
Pay basis	Per hours worked/month	Per deliverables	Per hour
Contract term	From 1, 3 or 6 months and longer	Based on project	From one month
Main type of work (projects)	Internet service development	Wide variety of low-cost projects, such as design production	<ul><li>Managing legacy systems</li><li>Developing work systems</li></ul>
Employment relationship	None	None	Employment relationship with temping agency

#### **Engagement**

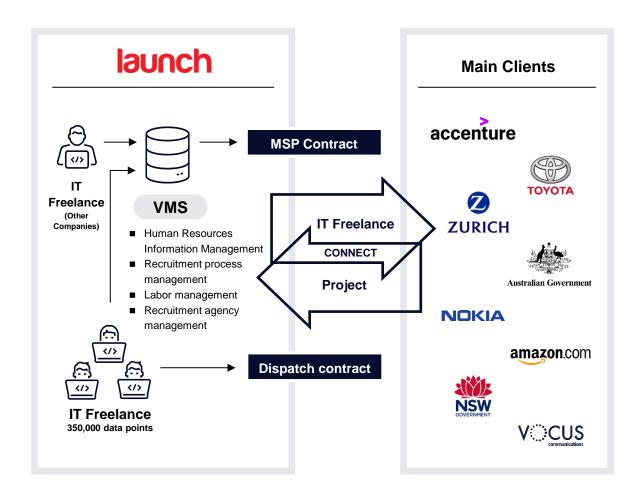
## Strengthening ongoing partnerships to maximize business by increasing engagement with IT freelancers

Offering **54** services which enable our IT freelancers to work for extended periods without the undue stress of instability

- Seminars on how to file a tax returns
- Discounts on accounting software
- Support via various online learning services
- Discounts for medical checkups and health screenings
- Special offers on English study abroad programs
- Special benefits for marriage and other life events
- Discounts on mortgage administration fees
- Affiliated credit cards and other benefits
- Benefits to support learning of AI technology etc.



#### IT Freelance Matching Business, Overseas (Launch Group)



#### 1. Australian IT freelance service pioneer

Established in 2006, Launch has earned trust and a track record as a venture company in the IT staffing service industry. Launch has been doing business continuously with more than 50% of its customers for more than five years.

#### 2. Extensive IT freelancer database

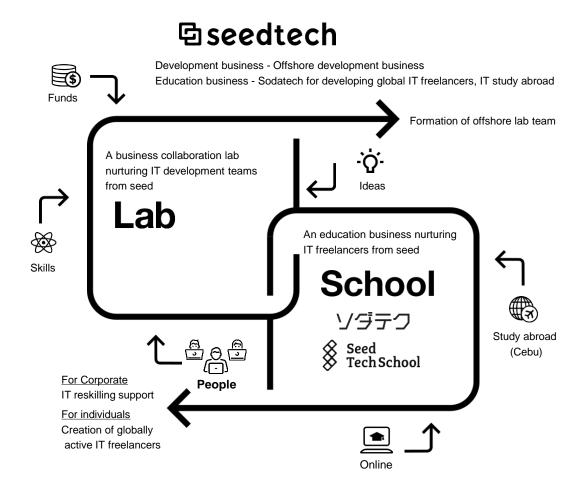
Launch has its own IT freelancer database of over 350,000 people and over 7,500 freelancers/month are under contract.

#### 3. MSP and VMS

The Managed Services Provider (MSP) market is expanding worldwide. Launch's MSP business is expected to grow steadily by integrating customers' entire human resource procurement process from marketing to contracting to build a solid customer base. It also has developed a proprietary Vendor Management System (VMS) which solves all sorts of the human resource management issues in casual employment.

<sup>\*</sup>VMS: Vendor Management System is a human resource management solution that integrates the customers' entire human resource procurement process from marketing to contracting.

#### **Seed Tech**



#### Taking the world forward with the power of technology

Nurturing IT development teams and IT freelancers from seed by focusing on development and education.

#### 1. Providing "Sodatech", a DX/IT human resource development service for companies

Providing a SaaS-type DX/IT human resource development platform for corporations and individuals.

An expansive curriculum containing more than 400 tutorial videos with a total learning time of more than 400 hours to aid the reskilling of non-engineers

#### 2. A global standard business collaboration lab for offshore development

Providing comprehensive support on the island of Cebu in the Philippines which secures, trains, and manages IT freelancers in order to lead to success in generating new business, digital transformation, and product development. It is ideal for forming a long term successful development team.

The lab is also involved in the development of one of the world's largest e-commerce platforms, Shopify.

#### 3. Programming school

A residential style programming and English school overseas.

Students can learn practical and advanced skills, since the school is run by a company with a proven track record in the offshore development business.

The programming school supports those wanting a career change or looking for a side job, giving them the tools they need to become engineers anywhere around the world.

#### **Performance Highlights**

Fiscal Year-End		FY3/22	FY3/23	FY3/24	FY3/25 1Q	FY3/25 Forecast
Sales	(Thousand yen)	14,340,774	15,997,838	23,739,835	5,825,129	26,300,000
EBITDA	(Thousand yen)	1,226,900	651,393	362,120	107,464	670,000
Operating income	(Thousand yen)	1,133,696	589,410	90,859	80,627	550,000
Ordinary income	(Thousand yen)	1,135,706	567,920	82,483	84,205	545,000
Profit attributable to owners of parent	(Thousand yen)	705,194	244,215	-1,473,379	58,866	336,000
Comprehensive income	(Thousand yen)	703,843	239,743	-1,516,051	69,539	-
Capital	(Thousand yen)	1,101,531	1,109,972	1,112,183	1,112,183	-
Net assets	(Thousand yen)	4,470,860	4,687,486	3,070,641	3,040,018	-
Total assets	(Thousand yen)	5,874,294	8,999,379	7,174,136	6,988,529	-
Net asset per share	(Yen)	422.26	441.05	272.1	-	_
Net income per share	(Yen)	67.18	23.2	-142.8	5.70	32.54
Capital adequacy ratio	(%)	75.7	47.7	39.2	39.8	-
Return on equity	(%)	17.0	5.6	-41.5	-	-
Cash flow from operating activities	(Thousand yen)	369,207	688,038	-3,827	-	-
Cash flow from investing activities	(Thousand yen)	-68,653	-1,560,893	317,149	-	-
Cash flow from financing activities	(Thousand yen)	-91,339	1,274,450	-330,211	-	_
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	(Thousand yen)	3,357,198	3,755,033	3,749,726	-	-
Employees	(Persons)	384	444	268	278	_

#### Supplemental Data (IT Freelance Matching Business, Japan)

Fiscal Year-End		FY3/24				FY3/25	
		1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Full-year	1Q
Sales	(Thousand yen)	3,447,652	3,447,026	3,519,688	3,662,106	14,089,473	3,694,229
Advertising expense*	(Thousand yen)	106,986	108,202	63,917	50,774	329,879	46,684
Advertising expense ratio	(%)	3.1%	3.1%	1.8%	1.4%	2.3%	1.3%
Operating income	(Thousand yen)	282,780	263,527	267,060	330,370	1,143,739	295,536
Operating income ratio	(%)	8.2%	7.6%	7.6%	9.0%	8.1%	8.0%
Take rate	(%)	18.8%	19.0%	17.6%	17.6%	18.0%	17.6%
Freelancers under contract	(Freelancers/month)	4,405	4,382	4,459	4,631	17,877	4,626
Unit price of orders	(Thousand yen)	799	803	808	806	804	824
New business partners	(Companies)	53	42	44	39	178	37
Newly registered IT freelancers	(Persons)	366	382	330	371	1,449	419

<sup>\*</sup>Total amount of advertising expenses for companies and for attracting freelance engineers

# Make the biggest impression in the 21st century

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