

# 1. Consolidated earnings highlights

# 2. Future growth plans

- (1) eBook distribution business
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    - —Media Do's NFT initiatives
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  - Stimulate the growth of eBook markets
- (3) Other businesses
- (4) FY2020 initiatives

# 3. Reference data

**Earnings Results** 

# 1. Consolidated earnings highlights

# **Consolidated earnings highlights (1)**

# All-time record net sales and profits by virtue of eBook demand growth driven by stay-at-home consumption

Net sales

**Operating profit** 

**EBITDA** 

**Profit attributable to** 

owners of parent

¥83.5bn (+27% YoY)

**¥2,660mn** (+44% YoY)

¥3,420mn (+29% YoY)

¥1,510mn (+72% YoY)

Of which, eBook distribution business

**Net sales** 

**Operating profit** 

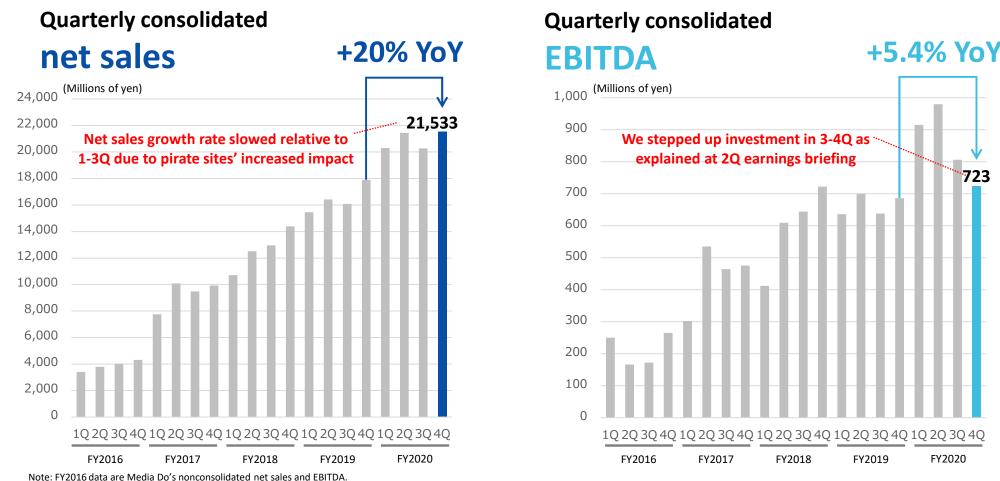
¥82.3bn (+28% YoY)

**¥2,590mn** (+39% YoY)

Sales ratio **98.6%** 

### **Consolidated earnings highlights (2)**

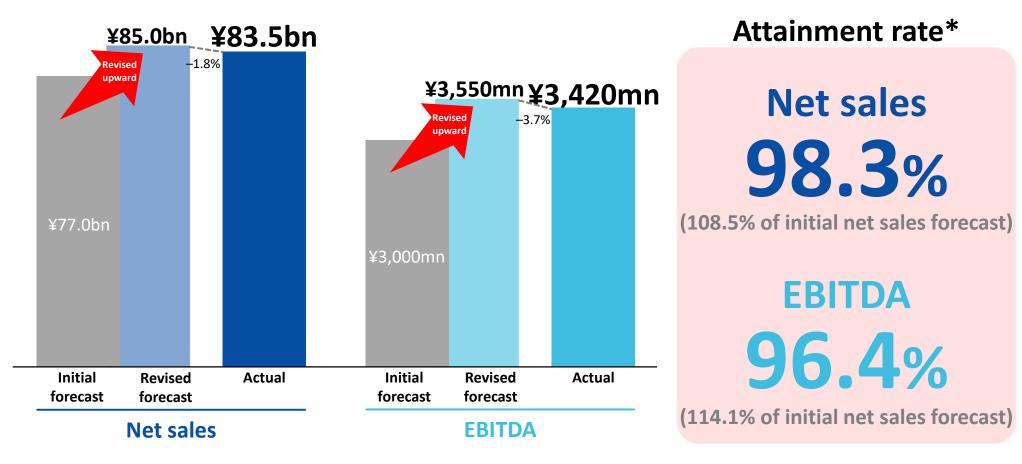
# All-time record 4Q consolidated net sales and EBITDA again



FY2020

# **Consolidated earnings highlights (3)**

# Net sales and profits were both a bit shy of upwardly revised forecasts, weighed down by pirate sites' impact



<sup>\*</sup> Initial and revised forecasts are forecasts disclosed on April 14 and October 13, 2020, respectively.

### **Consolidated earnings highlights (4)**

FY2020 year-end DPS

¥21.00

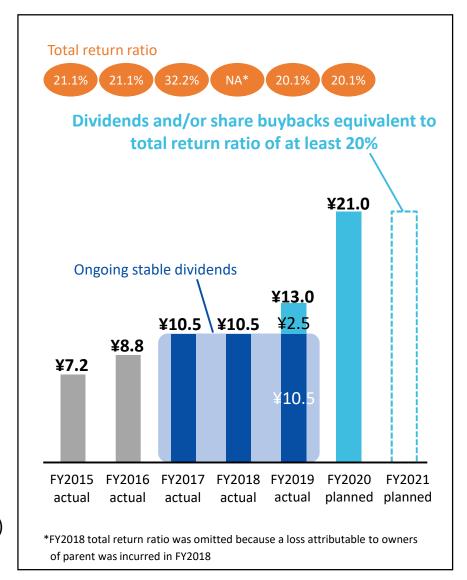
Note: Pending Board approval scheduled for April 22, 2021



In FY2021, we plan to return to shareholders at least 20% of profit attributable to owners of parent through dividends and share buybacks, with the split between the two to be determined based largely on our share price

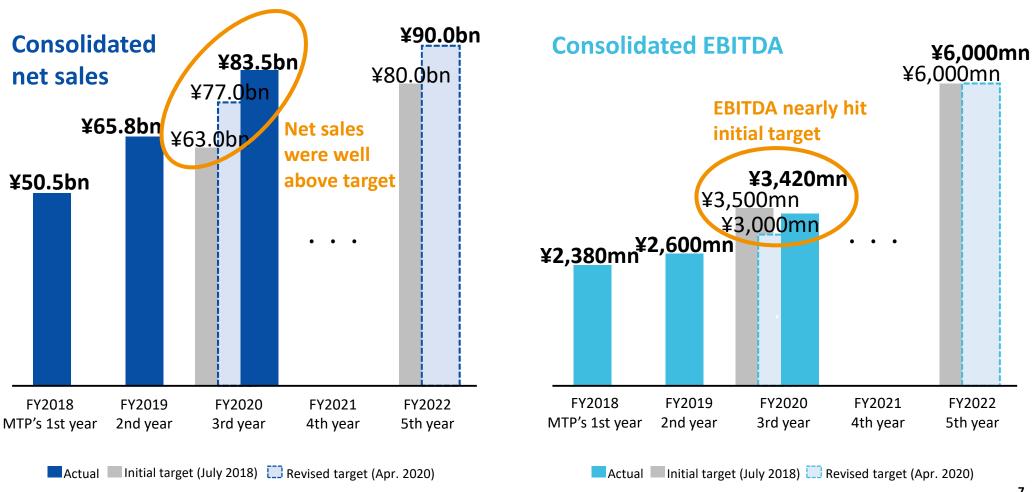
Note: Total return ratio = (total dividends paid + total share repurchases)

÷ profit attributable to owners of parent



# Review of current medium-term management plan (MTP) (1)

# Net sales surpassed MTP's target; EBITDA was roughly in line with target



### Review of current medium-term management plan (MTP) (2)

# and structural reforms completed

# PMI of 2017 acquiree DPIJ completed

### (1) Management integration

- MEDIA DO HOLDINGS/Media Do merger
- Appointed 10-CxO management team

### (2) Operational integration

- Integrated eBook distribution operations (dominant domestic market share)
- Completed IT system integration

# (3) Mindset synchronization

- Established mission, vision, values & credo
- Integrated/implemented other (e.g., HR) systems



### **Structural reforms**

### (4) Cost reduction

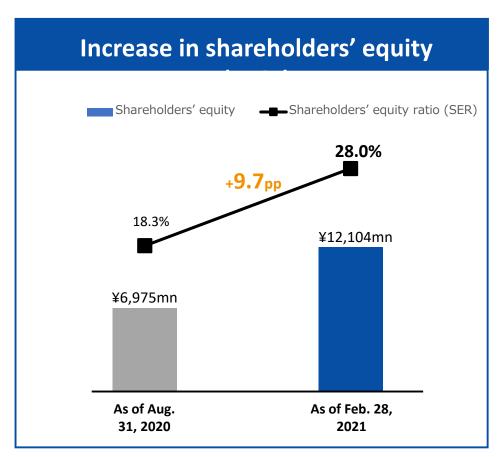
- Farmed out operations to Media Do Tech Tokushima
- Reduced infrastructure costs by integrating Media Do and DPIJ's IT systems

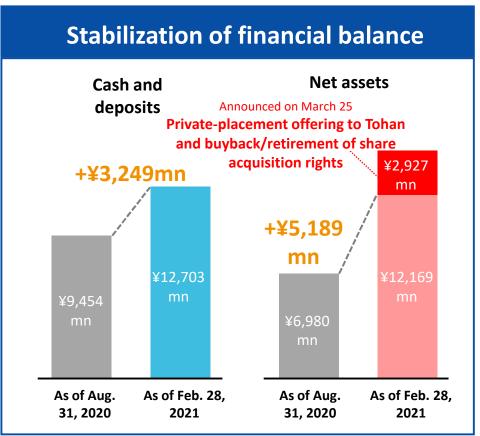
#### (5) Improvement in financial condition

- Improved financial condition and raised capital for M&A through share acquisition rights offering
- Formed capital/operational alliance with Tohan Corporation (private-placement capital raise)

### Review of current medium-term management plan (MTP) (3)

# Improved financial soundness through capital raise





→ Raised ¥7.4bn in total; all share acquisition rights were exercised or bought back

(18th share acquisition rights issue + private-placement offering to Tohan)

**Business Strategy** 

# 2. Future growth plans

### **Future growth plans**

eBook distribution business

Invent future eBook markets

Stimulate the growth of eBook markets

Other businesses

Proactive investment for business expansion

# eBook distribution business

# Invent future eBook markets

### **Invent future eBook markets (1)**

# The world Media Do aims to bring about with blockchain technology

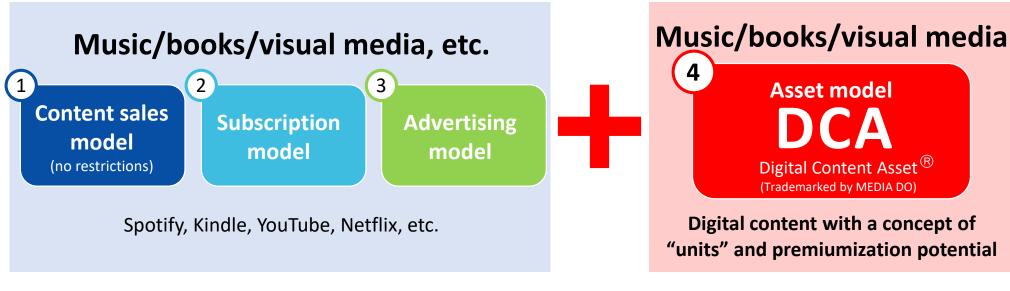
Existing digital content services

= central server platforms

New content service envisioned by

Media Do

= blockchain platform



→ Leveraging technology to maximize content value

### **Invent future eBook markets (2)**

# The advent of NFTs (digital content with a concept of "units") has ushered in a new era of digital content

# **Cryptocurrencies**

**Technology** 

Decentralized system (Public chain)

**Fungible** 

**Fungibility** 

(1 BTC has the same value no matter who owns it)

**Examples** 

Cryptocurrencies

(Bitcoin, Ethereum, Ripple, etc.)

NFT (non-fungible tokens)

Decentralized system (Public chain)

Non-fungible

(Digital certificates of ownership with unique serial numbers; no two are the same)

**Collectibles** 

(Digital collectibles: NBA Top Shot, CryptoKitties, etc.)

→"Ownership" concept

Existing digital content

**Centralized system** 

**Fungible** 

(All copies of the same content are identical no matter who owns them)

Publicly distributed eBooks, music, visual media

(Kindle, YouTube, Spotify, etc.)

→"Consumption" concept

→NBA Top Shot\* has racked up over 3mn trades collectively worth over \$500mn since its launch in 4Q20

Source: Dapper Labs 'website (<a href="https://www.dapperlabs.com/">https://www.dapperlabs.com/</a>)

<sup>\*</sup> A marketplace where US National Basketball Association fans can collect and trade photos of NBA players and video clips of plays as digital cards

### **Invent future eBook markets (3)**



Enabling users to digitally experience the fun of collecting to

# Elevate, expand and visibilize content fandom

As a first step, we are partnering with Tohan, a major paper book wholesaler,

to build a platform that taps into Tohan's domestic network of book retailers to connect fans with each other in real life

**Invent future eBook markets (4)** 

# Media Do will promote DX among paper book retailers/distribution channels as Tohan's biggest shareholder

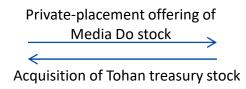


We aim to drive market growth and DX throughout the publishing industry as a major eBook distributor and publishing platform linking 2,200 domestic publishers to 150 eBook retailers

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Tohan commands an over one-third share of domestic paper book distribution as a bridge between 3,000 publishers and 5,000 book retailers. It is pursuing demand-driven distribution to structurally reform publishing distribution by, e.g., reducing return rates.

Media Do is now Tohan's top shareholder (5.56% stake)



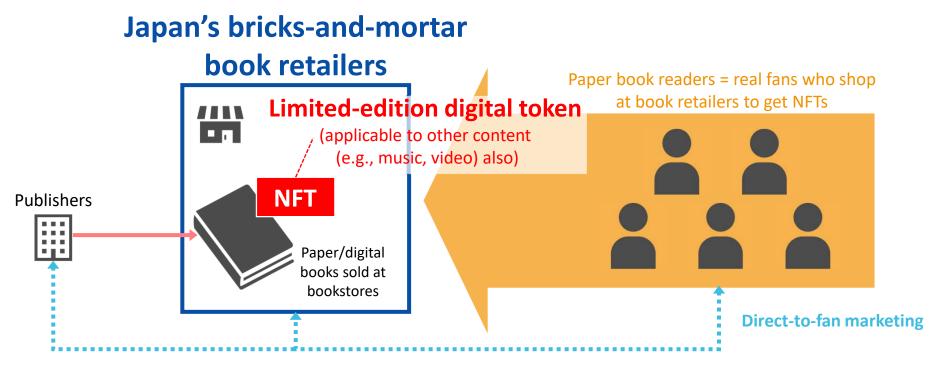
Tohan is now a top-10 shareholder of Media Do (3.09% stake)\*

\*Based on issued share count at Feb. 28, 2021

Building a new publishing ecosystem of creation and distribution

### **Invent future eBook markets (5)**

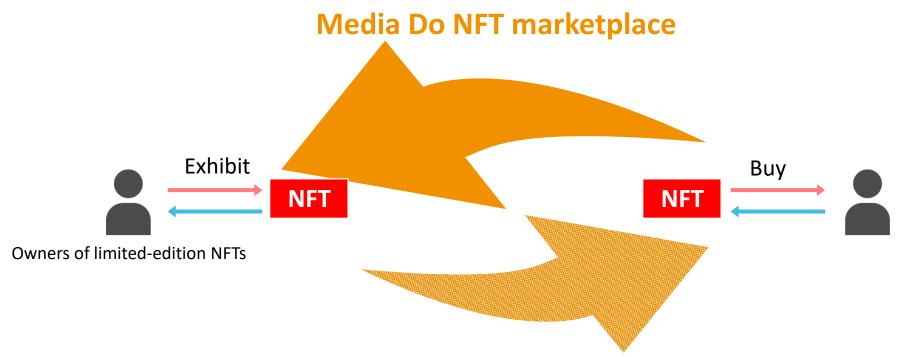
# Aiming to revitalize Japan's book retailers by distributing books digitally tokenized with NFTs through Tohan



- ✓ Offering NFTs as a bonus to book purchasers should boost book retailers' sales.
- ✓ Currently in talks with Kadokawa, Kodansha, Shueisha and Shogakukan about rolling out NFTs

### **Invent future eBook markets (6)**

# We plan to create an NFT marketplace together with publishers, Tohan and nationwide book retailers



- ✓ Users will be able to explore and trade NFT content with each other
- ✓ Marketplace will elevate, expand and visibilize content fandom

### **Invent future eBook markets (7)**

We will use blockchain technology to realize a digital content collecting service that brings the concept of ownership to digital content



Entertainment content sold digitally and physically will be **tokenized** with, e.g., digital movie ticket stubs or stickers





#### **Sales**

For-sale collectibles such as trading cards and action figures will be sold as NFT content





# We will stimulate growth in sales of both physical and digital entertainment content

### **Invent future eBook markets (8)**

# NFT marketplace slated to launch this year

# Media Do NFT marketplace

(Technology to be developed by summer; service to launch by year-end)

NFTs will be globally tradable (in, e.g., JPY, USD)

Digital token sales and transaction histories will be rendered visible (enabling to authors and publishers to collect royalties on resales)

We are also currently exploring other business models besides digital tokens

**Invent future eBook markets (9)** 

Major record labels and publishers have started to collaborate since alpha version was released to business associates in March

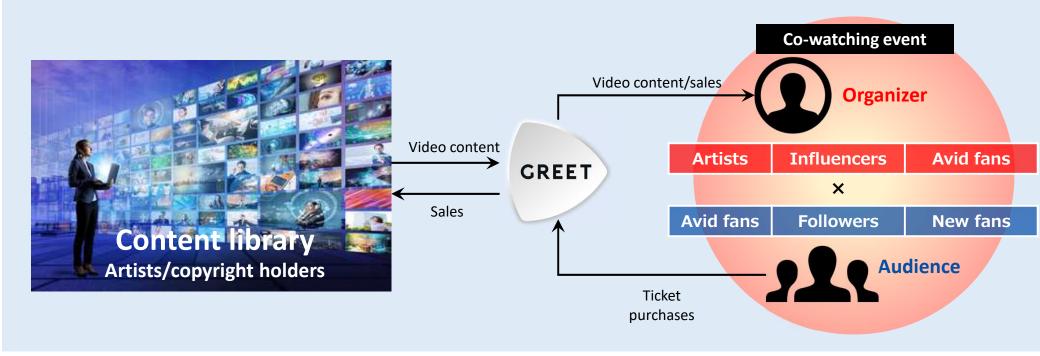
# GREET



On track to launch publicly in November 2021

### **Invent future eBook markets (10)**

# Pursuing distribution models that extract new value from legacy video content libraries



#### (1) Online co-watching

Audience members can enjoy music and (e.g., anime) videos online together with fellow fans

#### (2) New monetization model

Avid fans will unleash new value from legacy content, generating incremental revenue

#### (3) Use of fan marketing

Perpetual tracking and analysis of users' content consumption histories will support marketing activities

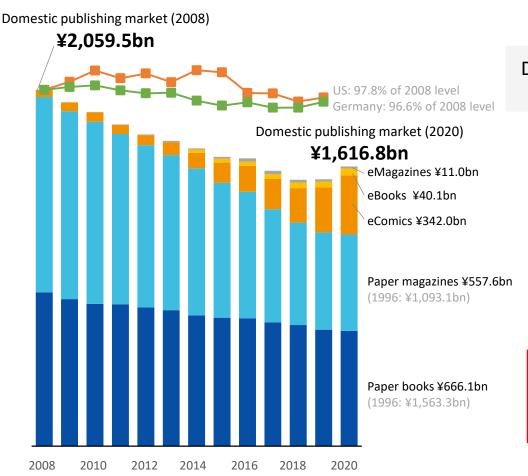
GREET aims to bring artists, organizers and audiences together in shared experiences

# eBook distribution business

# Stimulate the growth of eBook markets

### Stimulate the growth of eBook markets (1)

# Domestic publishing market has resumed growing, driven by eBook sales growth



Domestic publishing market shrank 42% from ¥2,650bn in 1996 to ¥1,540bn in 2018

Publishing market has stopped shrinking and started to recover in wake of eBook market growth



We aim to spur further market growth by driving publishing industry **DX** 

Source: All-Japan Magazine and Book Publishers and Editors Association (AJPEA)

# Stimulate the growth of eBook markets (2)

# We acquired US-based Firebrand Group\* to pursue overseas expansion and publishing industry DX

\*Two companies wholly acquired by San Diego-based US subsidiary Media Do International, Inc.



- CEO Fran Toolan founded Quality Solutions, Inc., in 1987
- Quality Solutions and NetGalley are both located in Massachusetts
- The group has 68 employees (Quality Solutions: 45; NetGalley: 23)
- 2020 estimated sales and adjusted pretax profit were ¥1,270mn and ¥150mn, respectively (at ¥110/\$1)

#### **Objectives of acquisition**

To gain access to Firebrand's US/European publishing industry network as a stepping stone to global expansion

To incorporate leading-edge IP/know-how from the Western publishing industry, the global DX leader, into services in Japan/Asia

# → Key step toward becoming a global publishing platform

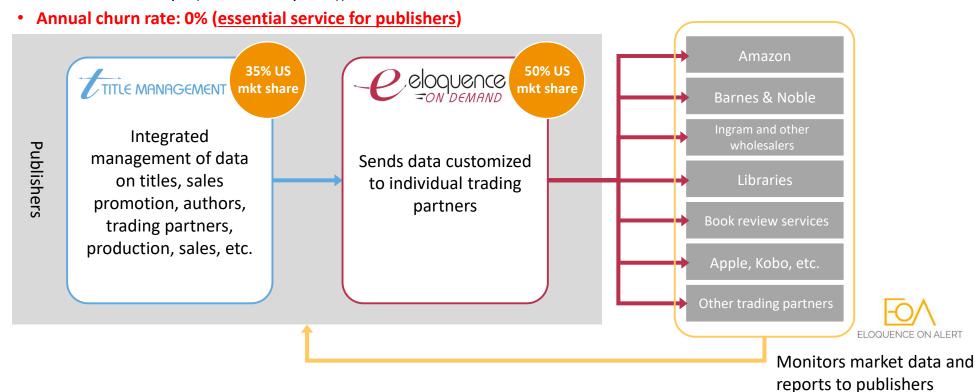
### Stimulate the growth of eBook markets (3)

# Firebrand is US's top ranked publishing ERP SaaS in by market share

#### Firebrand business

Comprises bibliographic metadata-centric publishing ERP, content distribution and eBook distribution services

• Top-ranked publishing ERP SaaS by market share. Used by over 100 publishers, including 2 US majors (available in North America and Europe (UK, Germany, etc.))



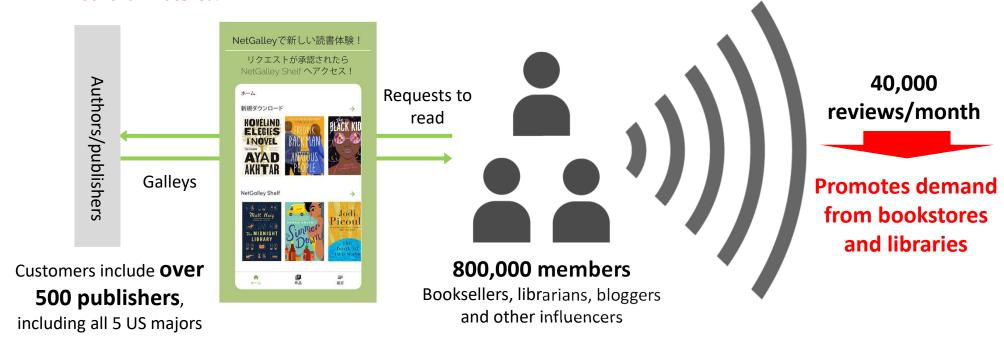
# Stimulate the growth of eBook markets (4)

# NetGalley is a marketing service that provides digital access to prepublication galleys

#### **NetGalley business**

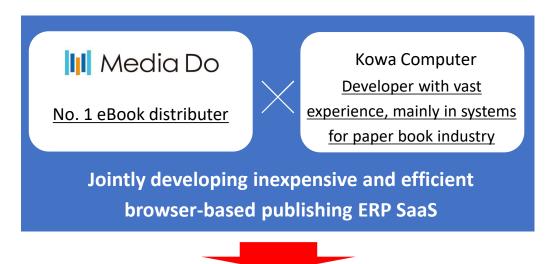
Readership cultivation tool that promotes book sales through the review of yet-to-be-published books by influencers

- Marketed to publishers as world's first service that provides prepublication galleys (including proofs and audiobooks) to professional readers (available in North America, Europe (UK, Germany, France, etc.) and Japan)
- Annual churn rate: 3%



# Stimulate the growth of eBook markets (5)

# Ready to drive publishing industry DX with ERP SaaS system for managing revenue/royalties



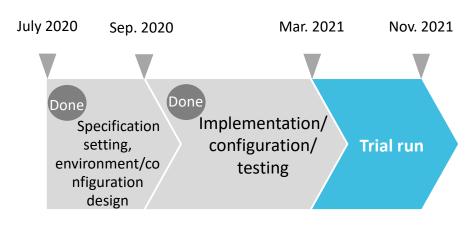
System overview

eBook sales management

eBook royalty management

Payment management/report generation (paper books + eBooks)

System accesses paper-book royalty data from publishers' existing systems

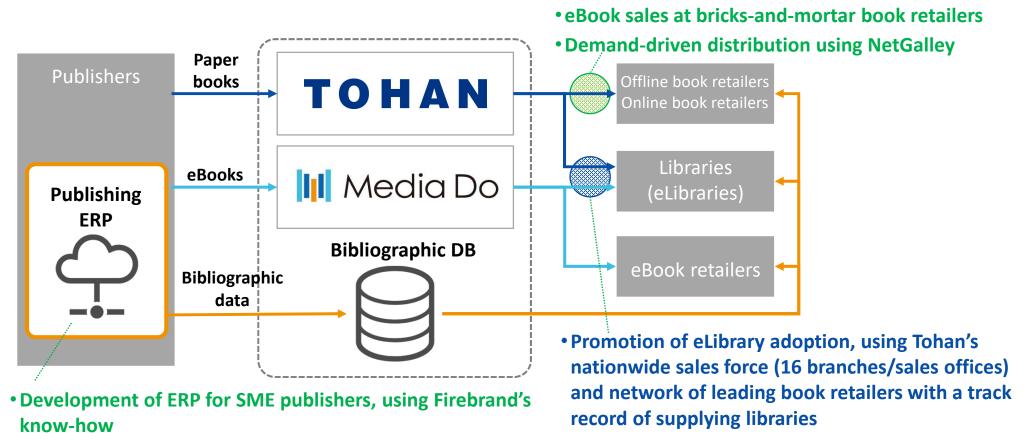


Process completed through testing phase; now in final trial-run phase

Scheduled to go live in November 2021, including further upgrades of essential features

### Stimulate the growth of eBook markets (6)

# Strongly supporting publishing industry DX in collaboration with Firebrand and Tohan



→ Promotion of global standardization of publishing across both hard-copy and digital

Stimulate the growth of eBook markets (7)

# Reaping cost savings and developing new features after completing migration to cloud-based distributing system

**Cloud-based distributing system** 



# Stimulate the growth of eBook markets (8)

# Now developing next-generation system to drive DX among publishers

# **Next-generation publishing DX system**

Phase 3

Configure system with the aim of internal DX

Phase 4

Integrate with publishing ERP

Progressively replace existing systems

Cloud-based wholesaling system

- ✓ Flexibly adapt to new business models and content that emerges in future
- ✓ Further improve operating efficiency through automation
- ✓ Deploy system as core database for eBook industry

### Stimulate the growth of eBook markets (9)

# In FY2021, we plan to lay groundwork for Nagisa's growth by generating synergies





Popular manga service, one of the biggest in Japan, offering free access to over 1,000 manga titles everyday (formerly named Manga Zero)

#### Site redesigned in March 2021

- UI/UX upgraded
- Launched comic book sales through linkage with Media Do's system

#### FY2021 initiatives

#### Added more features to app

- New promotional features (e.g., free-trial version)
- WEBTOON (vertical scrolling) compatibility
- Pre-ordering, manga publication calendar, etc.

#### Stepped up marketing

Aggressive, optimal advertising to scale up

Major synergies from joining MD Group

#### **Expansion of content**

 Greater access to content from major publishers (both serialized and book format)

#### **Deployment of content**

Promotional campaigns involving major publishers' titles



# Other businesses

# Proactive investment for business expansion

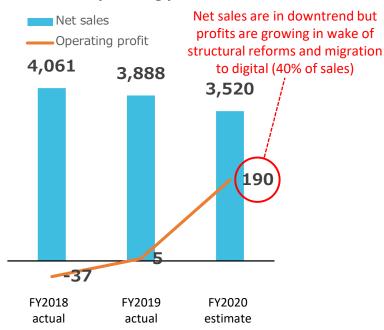
### Imprint business (1)

# New wholly owned subsidiary Nihonbungeisha's forte is male-oriented digital manga



Founded in Jan 1959; 72 employees (including 34 editorial staff)

#### FY2018–20 operating performance (¥mn)



#### Manga content production



Main magazine is *Shukan Manga Goraku*, a male-oriented weekly dating back to 1964

Owns vast content library, including hit eBooks  $Gift \pm and Monkey$  Peak in addition to Minami no Teio, a long-running series spanning more than 1,400 installments

→ We will strengthen digital content production also, including WEBTOON

#### **Publishing management**

Following a string of annual losses, Nihonbungeisha regained profitability in FY2019 by virtue of improved inventory management and a shift to demand-driven distribution

### Imprint business (2)

# Laying foundation for imprint business by strengthening publishing functions

# Imprint business's strengths

#### **Publishing functions**

- I. Marketing IP/customer/market analyses, etc.
- 2. System development Inventory/production/sales management
- **3.** Back-office HR/accounting/administrative/legal, etc.



- (1) We will achieve organizational efficiency through separation of publishing and editorial functions and realize a distinctive lineup (Publishing-on-demand can limit inventory risk)
- (2) We will strengthen marketing and content production by sharing marketing data and know-how

In publishing, an imprint is analogous to a brand name of record label. Amazon, for example, has 16 imprints (as of Apr. 2021), including Thomas & Mercer (mystery), Montlake Romance, and AmazonEncore (re-publication of out-of-print titles).



Demand-driven content creation and

digital distribution solutions...

...that leverage our overwhelming informational and volume-wise advantages in eBook distribution

# Imprint model maximizes value of SME publishers' IP

→ Revitalization of publishing market

#### Media/other businesses (1)

# Aiming to build MyAnimeList into manga/anime marketing platform with global reach

#### **Media operations**

## **MyAnimeList**

Globally top-tier anime/manga community site

FY2020 initiatives

#### iOS/Android app released at last

MyAnimeList has gained a channel to embed itself into daily lives (habits) of smartphone-using demographic and will accelerate acquisition of new/lite users

#### **Private-placement offering**

MyAnimeList recently raised capital in the aim of expanding as an effective IP sales and marketing platform.

Media Do, **Kodansha**, **Shueisha** and **Shogakukan** purchased ¥600mn of the equity issued

**MAU: 18mn** 

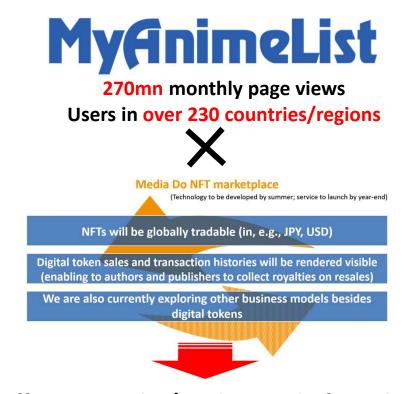
to official app

Total raised: ¥1.2bn

Do major upgrade of community features, add more features

FY2021 plans

Plan and release content in collaboration with content owners, etc., most notably the new shareholders



Effective IP sales/marketing platform that captures the interest of and demand from overseas fans of Japanese anime/manga

#### Media/other businesses (2)

# Non-core businesses are growing briskly, riding the society-wide DX trend

#### **Media operations**

**Graphic production support** 



Business book summary service



eComic graphic and comic production support service

## FY2020 initiatives

Launch original content from luminaries, online book clubs, "flier book labo" learning community and add learningfocused social media functionality

**Expansion of services/features** 

#### **B2B** expansion

Strong interest in "flier" from major life insurers and other financial institutions, including megabanks; cumulative corporate subscribers now exceed 200 companies in wake of growth in large contracts

#### **Growth initiatives**

- (1) Capture on growing production demand (e.g., vertical scrolling pages) in addition to existing coloring and graphic production support operations
- (2) Establish stably profitable business model

• Flier is set to expand further after raising ¥200mn from private placement offering to Mynavi Corporation, etc.

**FY2021 plans** •

- In 2020, Flier further strengthened its BtoB business, ending the year with over 750,000 subscribers. It aims to have 1.2mn subscribers by 2022.
- Branch into production of new digital content, including vertical scrolling and motion manga
- Relocate to larger office space and hire more employees to capture growing demand

# (4) FY2021 initiatives

#### FY2021 initiatives (1)

# New MTP's unveiling postponed in response to recent drastic changes in environment

**Emergence of new Growing need for publishing External** blockchain-enabled content industry to embrace societychanges wide DX trend modality (NFTs) **Existing MTP** needed updating Improved financial condition Structural **Completion of Media** due to capital raise and cost Do/DPIJ PMI savings from, e.g., system reforms integration Capital/operational alliance **New MTP's launch Increased impact from pirate** Recent with Tohan sites, intensification of (use of NFTs at book retailers nationwide) postponed changes competition Nihonbungeisha acquisition

Timing of new MTP's release will be announced once determined

#### FY2021 initiatives (2)

**Priorities** 

Invent future eBook markets

Stimulate the growth of eBook markets

Invest for business expansion

- Launch Media Do NFT Marketplace and limited-edition digital tokens salable at Tohan-affiliated bookstores by year-end 2021
- Release alpha version of GREET co-watching service, our first blockchain business, in March and beta version in November
- Sequentially develop and release other blockchain products
- Proceed with PMI of Firebrand Group, develop publishing ERP and help drive publishing industry DX based on alliance with Tohan
- Realize cost savings by migrating to cloud-based distributing system and develop next-generation system to drive DX among SME publishers
- Proceed with PMI of Nagisa, allocate advertising spend to ZeroComi manga app and grow service by beefing up content
- Proceed with PMI of Nihonbungeisha, build imprint business
- Invest in operational expansion of Flier, ARTRA ENTERTAINMENT, etc.

Good opportunity to invest in business expansion despite intensification of competition and slowdown in sales growth due to stronger headwinds from pirate sites

### FY2021 initiatives (3)

# Top-line growth driven by M&A and eBook market growth; downtick in profits due to investments in growth opportunities

**Consolidated earnings** 

	FY2020 actual	FY2021 planned	Planned YoY increase
Net sales	¥83.5bn	*1 ¥ <b>100.0</b> bn	+¥16.5bn (+19.7%)
Operating profit	¥2,660mn	*2 <b>¥3,000</b> mn	+¥340mn (+12.6%)
Ordinary income	¥2,720mn	*3 ¥ <b>2,820</b> mn	+¥100mn (+3.7%)
Profit attributable to owners of parent	¥1,510mn	¥ <b>1,600</b> mn	+¥90mn (+5.3%)
EBITDA	¥3,420mn	¥ <b>4,</b> 000mn	+¥580mn (+16.8%)

<sup>\*1.</sup> Does not include revenue from NFT marketplace.

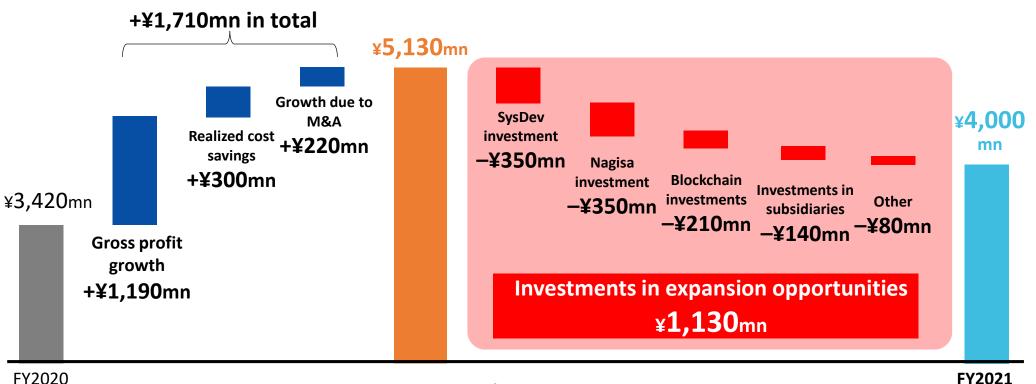
<sup>\*2.</sup> Planned YoY increase before goodwill amortization is approx. ¥200mn.

<sup>\*3.</sup> Includes investment income recognized as non-operating income in FY2020 and an equity-method investment loss in conjunction with MyAnimeList's deconsolidation in FY2021 (scheduled in May 2021).

#### FY2021 initiatives (4)

# Expediting publishing industry DX and realization of DCAs in response to drastic external changes

#### **Consolidated EBITDA**



FY2020E EBITDA assuming short-term profits prioritized and no investments

FY2021 target

#### FY2021 initiatives (5)

# Pursuing growth by adding both economic and societal value

Medium-term Societal **Economic** Relevant **Priorities** strategies value value **SDGs Resolution of Pursuit of Environment** growth/earnings societal issues Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions **Publishing DX** Build sustainable publishing · Gross eBook distribution Corporate philosophy infrastructure volume Grow together with authors, Fair use and distribution of ¥155bn business associates & users by written works building trust (FY2020) Build and strengthen Foster culture and enrich society infrastructure that · Other businesses' net sales Revitalize regional economies stakeholders can use with ¥1,190mn Boost employee motivation confidence **Bring DCAs to** Help realize a society open to Contribute to local (FY2020) fruition diversity communities and rebalancing Operating margin of Japanese economy away 3.2% from Tokyo (FY2020) **HR diversity &**  Boost labor productivity Create new empowerment Scale up operations services Help employees to grow in tandem with business Strengthen Strengthen governance through dialogues with stakeholders and compliance with the Japan's Corporate Governance Code with sights set on TSE prime market listing governance

#### FY2021 initiatives (6)

# Strengthen governance by further increasing transparency

FY2020

Introduction of executive officer system to expedite decision-making

FY2021

## Establishment of nomination & compensation advisory committee

- A nomination & compensation advisory committee will be newly established to advise the Board of Directors
- It will ensure management objectivity and rationality by making recommendations on director and executive officer appointments/dismissals and compensation proposals
- It will be majority-independent and chaired by an outside director

### **Promotion of diversity**

- Ayako Kanamaru is slated to be appointed as a new independent outside director\*
- She possesses broad knowledge and experience in overseas corporate law and corporate governance
- Board will be one-third independent (4 executive directors, 2 outside directors)
- \* Contingent on her appointment being approved at 22<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting of Shareholders

We plan to reorient Board of Directors' role from management

(direct involvement in executive decision-making) to monitoring (oversight of

### **Appendix**

# 3. Reference data

### FY2020 Full-Year Results (P/L)

	FY2019						FY2020									
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Net sales	15,4	54	16,4	,27	16,0	85	17,89	92	20,2	292	21,4	141	20,2	272	21,5	<b>;33</b>
eBook distribution business	15,127	97.9%	16,080	97.9%	15,687	97.5%	17,633	98.6%	20,064	98.9%	21,141	98.6%	19,957	98.4%	21,186	98.4%
Other businesses	*1 326	2.1%	346	2.1%	397	2.5%	*4 259	1.4%	228	1.1%	299	1.4%	314	1.6%	347	1.6%
Cost of sales, SG&A expenses	15,019	97.2%	15,933	97.0%	15,648	97.3%	17,404	97.3%	19,560	96.4%	20,643	96.3%	19,650	96.9%	21,020	97.6%
Royalties/other cost of sales	13,292	86.0%	14,131	86.0%	13,867	86.2%	15,579	87.1%	17,862	88.0%	18,878	88.0%	17,750	87.6%	19,012	88.3%
Commissions	49	0.3%	53	0.3%	47	0.3%	57	0.3%	54	0.3%	57	0.3%	53	0.3%	51	0.2%
Advertising expenses	130	0.8%	144	0.9%	162	1.0%	191	1.1%	214	1.1%	200	0.9%	237	1.2%	226	1.0%
Personnel expenses	*1 895	5.8%	945	5.8%	852	5.3%	*4 768	4.3%	750	3.7%	784	3.7%	799	3.9%	852	4.0%
Depreciation /amortization	201	1.3%	206	1.3%	201	1.3%	198	1.1%	182	0.9%	181	0.8%	184	0.9%	210	1.0%
Other	449	2.9%	452	2.8%	516	3.2%	610	3.4%	494	2.4%	541	2.5%	624	3.1%	666	3.1%
Operating profit	434	2.8%	493	3.0%	437	2.7%	487	2.7%	732	3.6%	797	3.7%	621	3.1%	512	2.4%
Ordinary income	456	3.0%	*2 395	2.4%	391	2.4%	518	2.9%	734	3.6%	849	4.0%	615	3.0%	521	2.4%
Profit (loss) attributable to owners of parent	265	1.7%	218	1.3%	*3 404	2.5%	(3)	0.0%	450	2.2%	459	2.1%	354	1.8%	254	1.2%
EBITDA	636	4.1%	699	4.3%	638	4.0%	686	3.8%	914	4.5%	979	4.6%	806	4.0%	723	3.4%

<sup>\*1.</sup> A factor in the increase in "Other" and "Personnel expenses" was the consolidation from March 2019 of Tokushima Data Service Co., Ltd. (difference compared to FY2018 4Q of +¥200 million and +¥160 million, respectively.)

<sup>\*2.</sup> A ¥90 million provision to allowance for doubtful accounts was booked as a non-operating expense against receivables owed by investee Creatubbles Pte. Ltd.

<sup>\*3.</sup> Factors in ¥290 million one-time gain on sale of Amazia equity stake.

<sup>\*4.</sup> QoQ decrease is attributable to the end-Oct 2019 divestment of Tokushima Data Service (see Note 1). Although the divestment increased royalties /other cost of sales as a percentage of total net sales, the eBook distribution business's royalties/other cost of sales were flat QoQ as a percentage of its net sales.

### FY2020 Full-Year Results (B/S)

	FY2020	FY2020	QoQ change				
(Millions of yen)	3Q	4Q	(in yen)	Main factor behind change			
Current assets	29,197	33,902	4,705				
Cash and deposits	10,249	12,703	2,454				
Accounts receivable	17,952	19,921	1,969	Increased in tandem with net sales growth			
Non-current assets	9,370	9,285	-85				
Property, plant and equipment	297	303	5				
Software	466	556	89				
Goodwill	5,065	5,713	648	Increased due to M&A			
Investment securities	3,537	2,761	<b>–</b> 776	Decreased due to pre-consolidation reduction in ownership interest in consolidated subsidiary			
Total assets	38,568	43,187	4,619				
Current liabilities	24,224	25,425	1,200				
Accounts payable	21,112	22,507	1,395	Increased in tandem with net sales growth			
Current portion of long-term borrowings	1,187	1,181	-5				
Fixed liabilities	5,811	5,593	-218				
Long-term borrowings	5,698	5,471	-226	Decreased due to debt repayment			
Total liabilities	30,035	31,018	982				
Shareholders' equity	8,229	11,903	3,673				
Capital	2,803	4,415	1,611	Increased due to exercise of share acquisition rights			
Capital surplus	3,682	5,489	1,807	Increased due to exercise of share acquisition rights			
Retained earnings	1,745	2,000	254				
Total accumulated other comprehensive income	278	201	<b>–77</b>				
Share option	25	11	-13				
Non-controlling interest	(1)	53	54				
Total net assets	8,532	12,169	3,637				
Total liabilities and net assets	38,568	43,187	4,619				

#### **Balance Sheet Data**

## Financial metrics are improving

Shareholders' equity ratio (SER)

**Key B/S accounts** 



### Mission/vision

Mission: Unleashing a Virtuous Cycle of Literary Creation

**Vision: More Content for More People!** 

Specifically,

Leveraging its **Position**, Media Do will popularize eBooks and expand the publishing market with its people, IT and strategies

#### Media Do's greatest strength (1)

Media Do's greatest strength

### **Position**

#### **Core distribution functions**

Uniquely positioned as distributor of 2,200 eBook publishers' titles to 150 book retailers that account for nearly all of Japan's eBook retailers, including the major ones

### **Global presence**

The only Asian company with an executive serving as co-chair of W3C's\* Publishing Business Group First Japanese W3C evangelist

\* World Wide Web Consortium: an organization that promotes global standardization of Internet technology, including eBooks. Media Do International CEO Daihei Shiohama was named co-chair of its Publishing Business Group in February 2019, together with executives from two of the biggest US/European publishers, including Penguin Random House. Shiohama became the W3C's first Japanese evangelist in January 2021.

#### **Dominant market share**

Globally ranked second only to Amazon by eBook distribution volume with gross transaction value > \frac{\pmathbf{1}}{2020}

### **Industry support**

Over 14%<sup>1</sup> owned by publishers, mainly Japan's four biggest<sup>2</sup>

1. Based on issued share count at February 28, 2021.

2. Kadokawa, Kodansha, Shogakukan and Shueisha (listed in alphabetic order).

### Media Do's greatest strength (2)

## **Technology**

### **Entirely in-house development**

100-strong engineering staff develops core systems entirely in-house, from a high-traffic eBook distribution platform to systems that leverage blockchain and other leading-edge technologies.

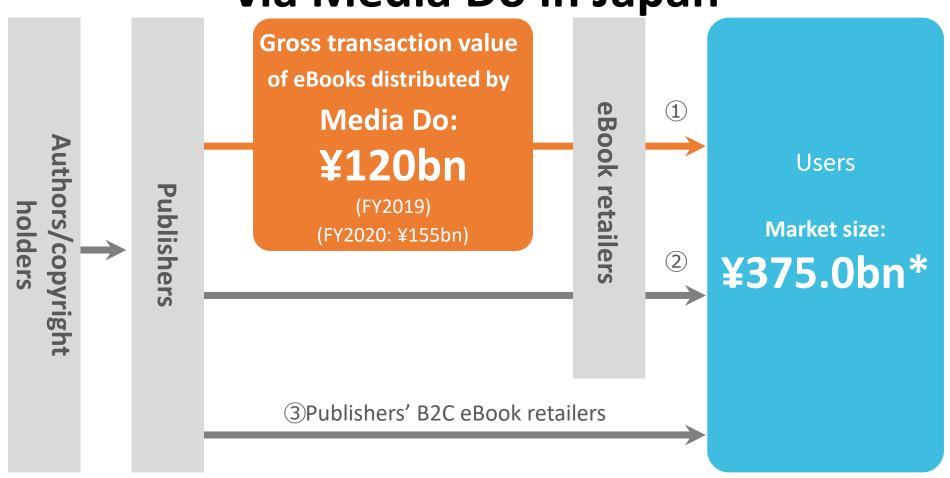
# Wholesaler turned SaaS provider

Media Do has pursued a user-friendly, costefficient SaaS model since entering the eBook distribution business.

It is helping to further advance the publishing industry by streamlining distribution through system integration and migration to new eBook distributing system.

#### Overview of eBook distribution business (1)

35% of eBooks are distributed via Media Do in Japan



Source: Impress Research Institute's eBook Marketing Report 2020 on Japanese market \*Actual FY2019 value

#### Overview of eBook distribution business (2)

# Media Do is the biggest eBook distributer in Japan



#### Overview of eBook distribution business (3)

## Facilitating eBook distribution with four services

(1) Brokering of contracts/transactions with publishers

Expansion of eBook retailers' content lineups

(2) Pro rata distribution of revenues to publishers and authors

Aggregation of eBook retailers' monthly sales data

# (3) Operation of eBook distribution system

Distribution of content to eBook retailers on behalf of publishers

# (4) Execution of promotional campaigns

Offering of discounts, freebies and other promotions in coordination with publishers and eBook retailers

### Overview of eBook distribution business (4)

# Media Do's track record in Japan

Trusted by publishers

Over 2,200 publisher accounts, including 1,530 non-manga publishers, all major publishers\*<sup>1</sup> and over 99% of eBook publishers\*<sup>2</sup>

Trusted by book retailers

Supplier to over 150 book retailers, including all of top 20 by usage rate\*3

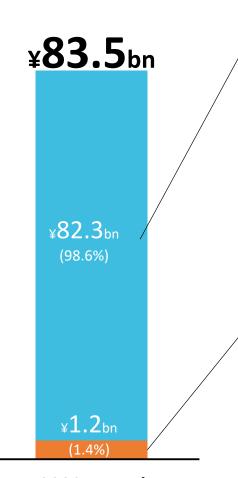
<sup>\*1.</sup> Defined as publishers that belong to the Japan Book Publishers Association (402 members as of October 31, 2020), excluding non print (e.g., audiobook) publishers.

<sup>\*2.</sup> Per a Media Do survey. Excludes sub scale publishers, publishers without regular publications, etc.

<sup>\*3.</sup> Top 20 eBook retailers (ex book retailers run directly by publishers) ranked by popularity based on number of survey respondents who reported purchasing an eBook from the retailers within the previous six months per Impress Research Institute's eBook Marketing Report 2020.

### Overview of eBook distribution business (5)

## Core focus is eBook distribution business



FY2020 net sales

#### eBook distribution business

MEDIA DO Co., Ltd.

MEDIA DO TEC TOKUSHIMA Co., Ltd.

Digital Publishing Initiatives Japan Co., Ltd.

Nagisa, Inc.

#### Other businesses

Media Do International, Inc.

Hub of Media Do Group's international operations, located in San Diego, U.S.

J-Comic Terrace Corporation

Distributes eBooks, including through its "Manga Library Z" site, a free digital comic service

MangaNews Inc.

Distributes eBooks, including through its "Tokyo Manga Reviewers" site, a free digital comic service

JIVE Ltd.

Operates next-generation imprint publishing business; owns female-oriented manga imprint

NetGalley, LLC

Provides NetGalley online marketing tool for publishing industry

ARTRA ENTERTAINMENT Inc.

Provides graphic production support services (e.g., eManga coloring) for manga authors

Flier Inc.

Operates "flier," a book summary service

MyAnimeList, Co., Ltd.

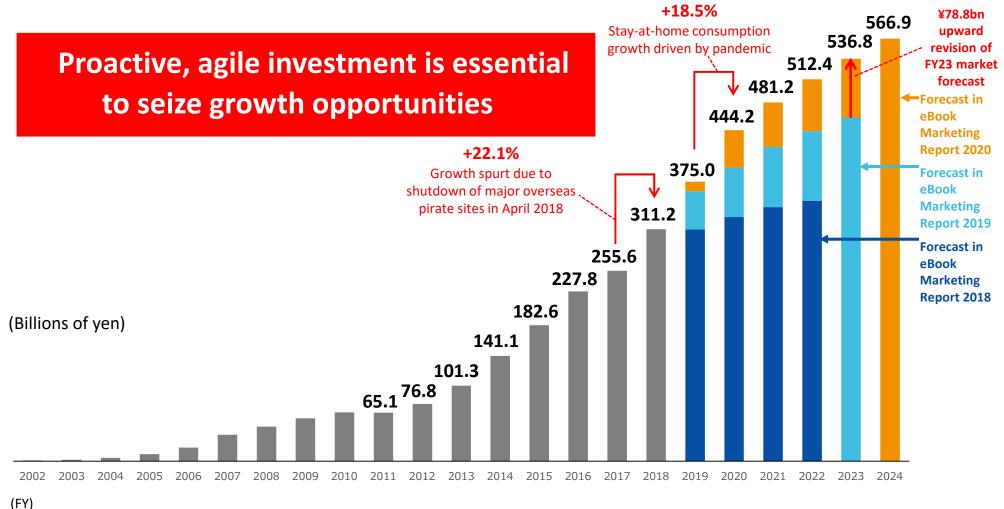
Operates "MyAnimeList," one of the world's largest anime/manga community sites

Quality Solutions, Inc.

Provides publishing workflow management and bibliographic information management services

### Media Do's operating environment (1)

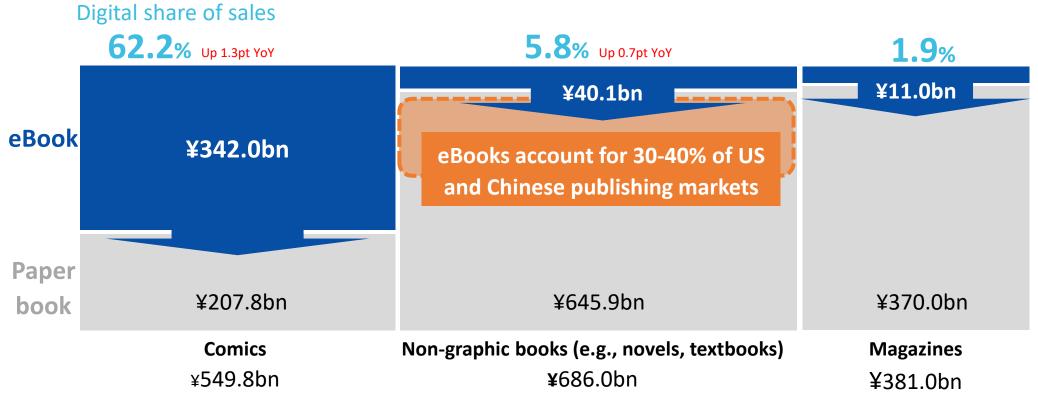
eBook market growth has been accelerating



### Media Do's operating environment (2)

# Comics market grew 23% YoY; digitalization of non-graphic books still has a lot of room to run

Japan's publishing market by segment (2020)



Source: All-Japan Magazine and Book Publishers and Editors Association (AJPEA)

Note: AJPEA Statistics classify 90% of comic books in the "magazine" category. In the diagram above, such comic books classified as magazines are counted as "comics."

Additionally, comic sales include only comic books (both hard-copy and digital) while comic magazines (both hard-copy and digital) are included in the "magazines" category.

### Media Do's operating environment (2)

## Digital shift is driving manga market growth

#### Comic book market (excludes magazines)



eComics market is now larger than paper comic market, largely by virtue of digital channel's anytime, anywhere accessibility

Paper comics' sales decline should tend to taper off by virtue of catalog effect of consumers' exposure to digital

Catalog effect

A pickup in sales of not only digital but also hard-copy content in response to consumption of digital content

Growth in eBook distribution is revitalizing entire publishing market

Source: All-Japan Publishers and Editors Association's annual publishing statistics Note: Paper comics market data are for comic books only (i.e., magazines are excluded).

#### **Anti-piracy measures (1)**

# Amended Copyright Act, effective Jan. 1, has criminalized copyright violations

History of illicit sites

2004 Unauthorized dissemination of content through P2P services 2007 Unauthorized content on video-sharing sites becomes an issue 2011 New modes of infringement (e.g., leech sites) emerge

#### Publishers incur major losses due to pirate sites

Haruka Yume no Ato 2015–Oct. 2017

Ringleader sentenced to 28-42 months in prison and fined ¥160mn

FreeBooks

Jan.-May 2017

Manga-Mura May 2017–Apr. 2018

Hoshi no Romi May–Sep. 2019

Sites in Vietnam From May 2020

Members of management group arrested on copyright infringement charges

Traffic has grown since July as consumers spend more time at home amid pandemic

**Industry/government responses** 

Content Overseas Distribution Association (CODA) established (2002)

(Music/images) Illegal downloads criminalized (2012)

Publishing rights updated to accommodate eBooks (2013)

Authorities start to address leech sites (2016)

Stop Book Piracy! Campaign, promotion of ABJ\* Mark's use (2018) (later founded anti-piracy NPO ABJ, appointed COO Niina as its representative director)

Blocking of pirate sites discussed with ISPs and telecom industry (2019)

Leech sites illegalized (Oct. 2020)

eBooks added to prohibition of illicit DLs (Jan. 2021)

(1) Swiftly respond to piracy (2) Promote adaptation of copyrighted works' use to societal change (3) Protect copyrights

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2020

2021

#### **Anti-piracy measures (2)**

# ESG priorities: Combat piracy, move publishing industry & culture forward

Collaborations with publishing industry & telecom carriers

Authorized Books of Japan (ABJ)



(Established in April 2020)

#### **Representative Director:**

Media Do Vice-President and COO Shin Niina

- Publishing PR Center
- · Digital Comic Association
- Electronic Book Publishers Association of Japan
- Collects, assesses and manages pirate site information
- Grants/certifies ABJ mark
- Conducts antipiracy education

Piracy site information sharing scheme task force

Safer Internet Association

 Develops and operates pirate site list sharing scheme **Collaborators** 

Filtering services
Security firms

 Use lists as input in their services (user protection)

**Coordinated compilation/sharing of lists** 

Lists

Promoting broad anti-piracy measures/education through collaboration among publishing industry, telecoms and government authorities

Lists

#### **Growth in net sales**

#### **Company history**

1994: CEO Yasushi Fujita starts first business while still in university

1996: Fuji Techno Ltd. founded in Nagoya

1999: Media Do Co., Ltd., founded in Nagoya (it later merged with Fuji Techno)

2006: eBook business launched

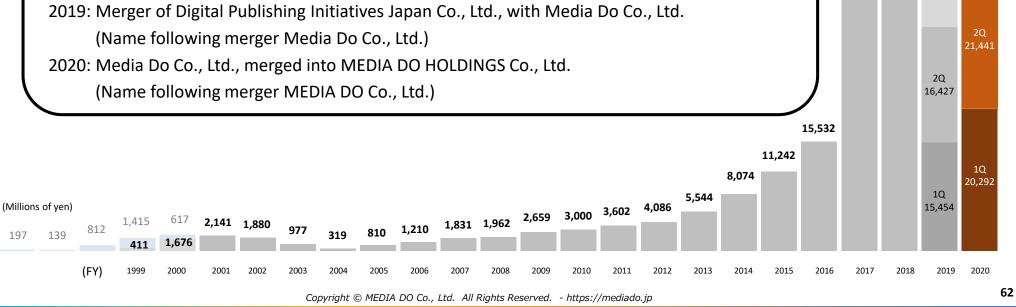
2013: IPOed on TSE Mothers market

2014: Head office relocated from Nagoya to Tokyo

2016: Stock exchange listing moved to TSE 1st Section

2017: Acquired Digital Publishing Initiatives Japan Co., Ltd., as wholly owned subsidiary Reorganized as holding company, changed company name to MEDIA DO HOLDINGS Co., Ltd.,

and established the new business subsidiary Media Do Co., Ltd.



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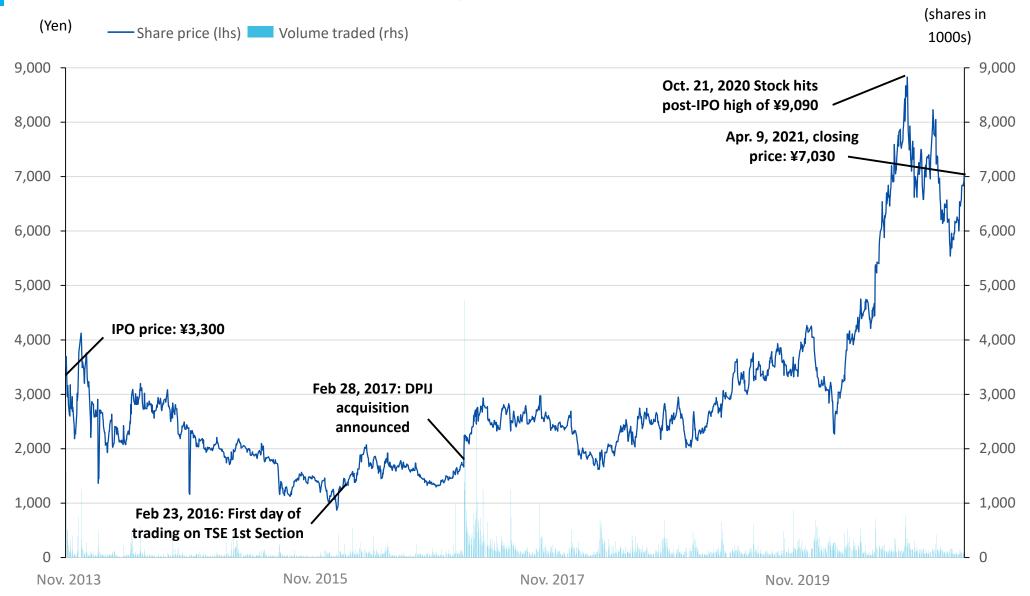
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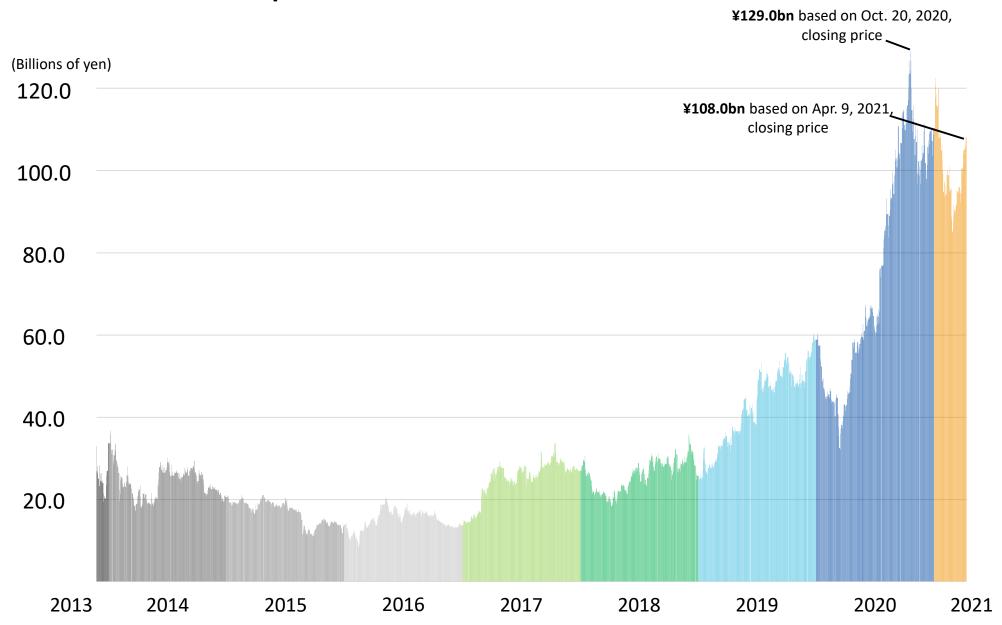
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### Share price performance and trading volume since IPO



Note: Share price adjusted to reflect 2-for-1 stock splits on March 1, 2014, and December 1, 2014.

### Media Do's market capitalization since IPO



### **Company Outline**

Trade name	MEDIA DO Co., Ltd.		III Me	dia Do
Established	April 1999		Media Do	
Capital	¥4,415 million (as of February 28, 2021)		TECH TOKUSHIMA	Media Do International
Stock listing Securities code	Tokyo Stock Exchange, First Section 3678		flier	Jコミックテラス
			ASTR	フンガ新聞
Board Members	President and CEO: Yasushi Fujita	Executive Officer: Kayoko Hanamura		
	Director: Shin Niina	Executive Officer: Susumu Tsukamoto	My Coimelist	A. Nagisa
	Director: Yoshiyuki Suzuki	Executive Officer: Junichiro Izumi	<b>MyAnimeList</b>	
	Director: Atsushi Mizoguchi	Executive Officer: Ryo Yamada		
	Outside Director: Keiichi Enoki	Executive Officer: Yoichi Chihara	JIVE Ltd.	Digital Publishing Initiatives
	Outside Director: Ayako Kanamaru	Executive Officer: Hiroshi Kanda	JIVE Eta.	Japan Co., Ltd.
	Standing Audit & Supervisory Board Member: Kazuyoshi Ohwada	Executive Officer: Hajime Suzumura  Notes: 1. Board Director appointments are	firebrond	≥ NetGallev
	Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member: Toshiaki Morifuji	subject to shareholder approval at annual general meeting of	TECHNOLOGIES  Where Publishers, Content, and Readers Meet	WE HELP BOOKS SUCCEED
	Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member:	shareholders scheduled on May 27, 2021.	$\Box \star \leftrightarrow \pm \prime \downarrow$	
	Tsuyoshi Shiina	<ol><li>Operating officer appointments take effect from June 1, 2021.</li></ol>	NIHONBUNGEISHA	
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Subsidiaries	(Domestic) Media Do Tech Tokushima Co., Ltd.; A Japan Co., Ltd.; Flier Inc.; MangaNews	ARTRA ENTERTAINMENT Inc.; J-Comic Terrac s Inc.; MyAnimeList, LLC; JIVE Ltd.; Nagisa, II		ing Initiatives
	(Overseas) Media Do International,.Inc.; Quality S	Solutions, Inc. (Firebrand Technologies); Ne	tGalley, LLC	
Affiliates	LINE Book Distribution Inc.; A.I. Squared, Inc.; Tec	c Information Corp.		

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#### Management Team



Yasushi Fujita **Presindet and CEO** 

Launched first business in 1994 while in university. Founded Fuji Techno in 1996 and Media Do in 1999 (the former was merged into the latter in Nov. 2001). Involved in various businesses before launching eBook distribution business in 2006. Listed Media Do on TSE Mothers Market in 2013 and moved its listing to TSE 1st Section in 2016. As CEO, is in charge of management strategy, particularly creation of new drivers of shareholder value.

Established Tokushima Innovation Base Association in 2020 in aim of supporting entrepreneurs and serves as its representative director. Actively involved in local economic revitalization since 2013 in hometown of Kito-mura (now Naka-cho), Tokushima Prefecture, while also contributing to society as an entrepreneur in roles such as president of Entrepreneurs' Organization Tokyo.



Yoshivuki Suzuki Director and CAO

Began career in 1986 at Takahashi Tax Office. Joined Media Do in 2007 following stints at Red Hot Company, Asahi Intecc and World Bridal. Appointed operating officer/general manager of Management Administration Department in 2008, general manager of Administration Division in 2015 and board director in 2016. Appointed CAO in charge of administration, finance and accounting in June 2020.

Has been in charge of all administrative operations since joining Media Do and, as CAO, will continue to oversee accounting.



Shin Niina Director, Vice-President and COO

Began career at Chuokoronsha (now Chuokoron-Shinsha) in 1980. Hired by KADOKAWA SHOTEN (now KADOKAWA CORPORATION) in 1996. Promoted to general manager of its book business in 2003. Appointed managing director of KADOKAWA SHOTEN in 2007, representative director of KADOKAWA EDITORIAL in 2008, director of BOOK WALKER in 2012 and executive director of Kadokawa Culture Promotion Foundation in 2013. Appointed president/representative director of DPIJ (renamed Media Do in March 2019) in 2014. Has served as vice-president/COO/director of Media Do since 2018. Appointed representative director of antipiracy organization Authorized Books of Japan in 2020.

Heads core eBook distribution business and publishing support business as COO, capitalizing on his many years of literary editorial experience and quarter century of experience in digital publishing. Acts as Media Do's point man in dealings with publishing industry.



Atsushi Mizoguchi Director and CBDO

Began career at NTT DOCOMO in 2000, working in its content business. Involved in launching "Chaku-uta" (musical ringtones) for i-mode handsets, Joined Media Do in 2008, Appointed executive officer/general manager of Sales Division in 2010, director/general manager of Business Development Division in 2016, group COO in 2017, representative director of subsidiary MyAnimeList in 2019 and CBDO in charge of new businesses and alliances in June 2020.

As CBDO, leads development of new domestic and overseas markets and expansion of content offerings, capitalizing on his IT and mobile telecom expertise and broad experience in core eBook distribution business, eLibrary business and new businesses.



#### Ryo Yamada CFO. Executive Officer

Junichiro Izumi

CTO. Executive Officer

publishing industry, not only eBooks.

Kayoko Hanamura

Susumu Tsukamoto

Chief Ebook Distribution Officer, Executive Officer

Chief Publication Solutions Officer. Executive Officer

identifying unmet needs of publishers and book retailers.

Business Department and PUBRID Department.

products to achieve strategic objectives in June 2020.

Began career at Forside in 2000. Worked in content business throughout tenure at Forside, including as general manager from 2003, executive officer from 2007 and director from 2010. Since joining Media Do in

2015, has been involved in all facets of eBook distribution business, including as general manager of Licensing Business Department, general manager of eBook Distribution Division and executive officer, Appointed CEDO mainly in charge of wholesaling operations within core eBook distribution business in June 2020. Role as CEDO is to tap into her extensive experience in content businesses to build operational model encompassing entire eBook distribution business from planning through IT operations management while

Began career in 1980 at TOHAN. Worked 10 years in magazine publishing and 8 years overseas, including 4.5 years as president of TOHAN TAIWAN. Joined KADOKAWA SHOTEN (now KADOKAWA CORPORATION) in 1998. Established KADOKAWA TAIWAN and was its president for 4.5 years. Subsequently involved in setting up local operations in Hong Kong, Guangzhou, Thailand, Malaysia and North America. Executive roles at KADOKAWA included director/general manager of KADOKAWA's Overseas Business Division from 2012, managing executive officer from 2017 and advisor from 2019. Cofounded and appointed director of Japan Manga Alliance in 2015. Joined Media Do in June 2020 as CPSO/executive officer mainly in charge of Overseas

As CPSO, is responsible for IPO creation and proactive cultivation of overseas markets through, e.g., capital/operational alliances, capitalizing on his wealth of experience in publishing distribution and overseas

Began career in 2007 at Works Applications in ERP package software development. Hired by Recruit

new distribution system as general manager of Technology Division and New Services Development

Technologies in 2015 to work on Rikunabi development project. Returned to Works Applications in 2016 to

help launch SaaS ERP system. Joined Media Do in 2018. Involved in introduction of cloud and development of

Department. Appointed CTO/executive officer in charge of developing new products and upgrading existing

As CTO, is responsible for leveraging technologies to develop and deploy IT systems that contribute to entire



As CFO, is responsible for financing, M&A and PMI to support Media Do Group's multifaceted and discontinuous growth, capitalizing on his long experience in business development.



Yoichi Chihara CHRO, Executive Officer

Began career in 1981 at NEC, where his roles included general manager of HR Department at NEC (China) from 1998, general manager of HR and General Affairs Department at NEC LCD Technologies (now Tianma Japan) from 2003, general manager of NEC's HR Department from 2012 and managing director of NEC's corporate pension fund from 2014. Joined Media Do in 2019 as general manager of its HR Department. Appointed CHRO/executive officer in charge of HR, general affairs, legal affairs and corporate governance in

As CHRO, is responsible for boosting both employee satisfaction and workforce productivity while building an organization compatible with diverse values and work styles.



Hiroshi Kanda CSO. Executive Officer

Began career in 2008 in UBS Securities Japan's Investment Banking Division, where his roles included advising clients on M&A and capital raising. Hired by Frontier Management in 2009 to formulate and help execute business plans for B2C company turnarounds/management support. In 2013, cofounded and appointed CFO/director of Flier, which became part of the Media Do Group in 2016. Joined Media Do in 2018. Appointed general manager of Corporate Planning Division in 2019 and CSO/executive officer in charge of management strategy formulation and IR in June 2020.

As CSO, is responsible for formulating corporate strategies and reconciling various stakeholders' interests, capitalizing on his extensive financial knowledge, consulting skills and entrepreneurial experience. Has authored multiple books.













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