# Case of triangular cooperation activities towards circular economy – Case of Japan

~ An example of circular economy business models ~

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# A Better Life, A Better World



**A Better Life** 

Achieving "better living" with continued happiness

**A Better World** 

Achieving a sustainable society

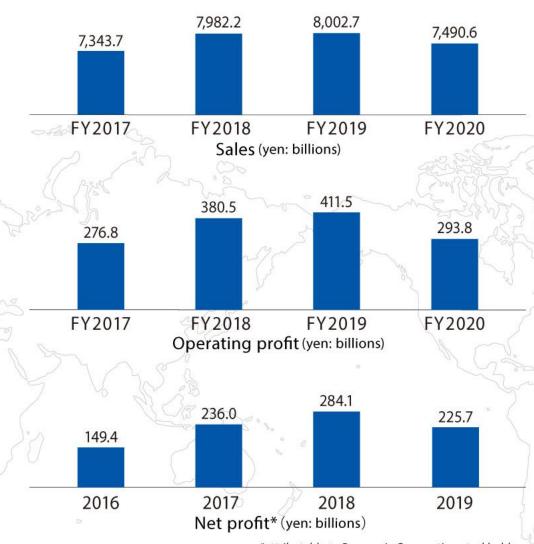
#### **Company Overview**



Kazuhiro Tsuga Chief Executive Officer



Head Office	Kadoma City, Osaka, Japan	
Sales	¥ 7,490.6 billion	
Employees	approximately 259,000	
Group Companies	529	



\*attributable to Panasonic Corporation stockholders

#### 7 Companies



#### **Appliances Company**



#### Life Solutions Company



Masaharu Michiura





#### **Connected Solutions Company**



Yasuyuki Higuchi





**Automotive Company** 









**Industrial Solutions Company** 



Shinji Sakamoto



China & Northeast Asia Company



Tetsuro Homma





Mototsugu Sato

#### **US Company**





The Biggest Environmental, Social and Economy Issue in the World

# Climate Change



Challenge to solve it through our businesses



#### Panasonic Environment Vision 2050

To achieve "a better life" and "a sustainable global environment,"

Panasonic will work towards

creation and more efficient utilization of energy

which exceeds the amount of energy used,

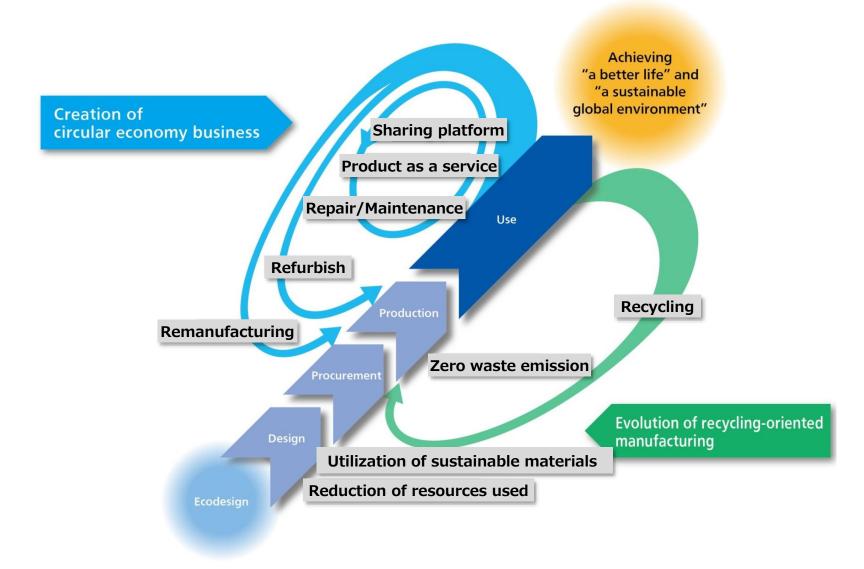
aiming for a society with clean energy and a more comfortable lifestyle.

**Energy used < Energy created** 



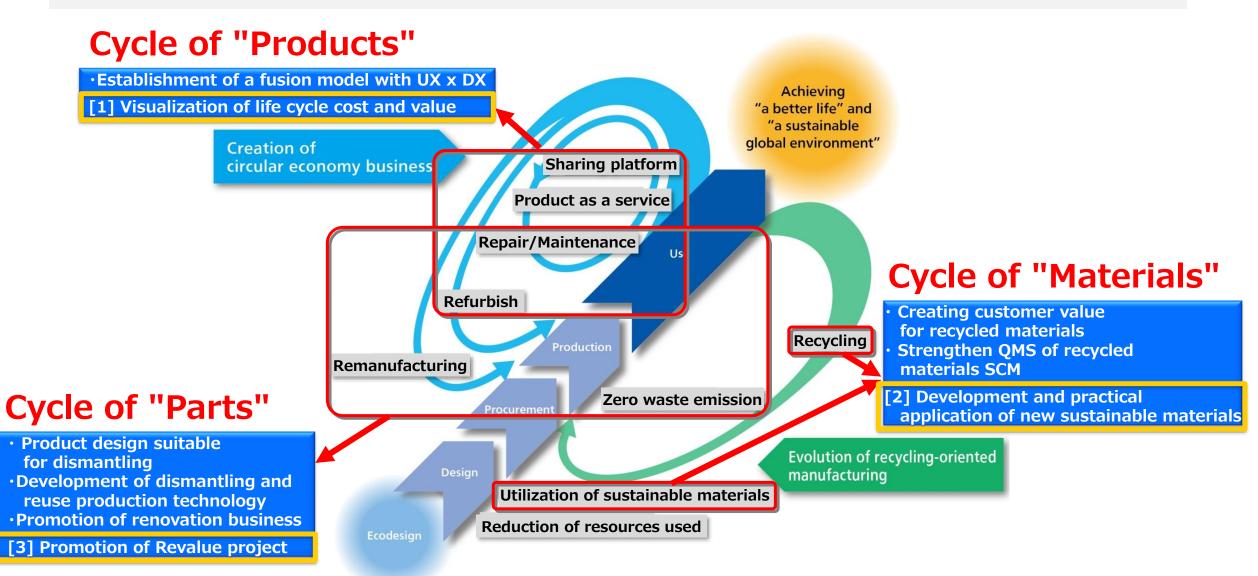
Actions
for Improving
Resource Efficiency

We will promote effective utilization of resources and maximization of customer value by creating circular economy business and evolving recycling-oriented manufacturing



# Leverage Circular Economy Approach

### Maximize customer value for resources by expanding three cycles



# [1] Visualization of Life Cycle Cost and Value

### Key Approach for Circular Business Model

→ Contribution to Customer's Life Cycle Cost of an electrical equipment (B2B)

■ Sellout model : ~ 15%

■ Circular model : Maximization by increasing direct contacts with customers

#### Life cycle cost effect = Initial x 7 **Cost statement of 10 years** Approach of cost reduction for the customer Disposal fee 10% Others Operation customers better security **Maintenance** 13% nse 4 years [10 years] /service fee Service fee down Electric Heavy 20% of Running cost **Energy** bill Maintenance Cycle saving effect cost years Operation Contribute 3 years Operation **Improving** Tota 42% Light **Operability** cost 0 Maintenance with ICT Operation Equipment 3 years **15%** Price down

# New Challenge: Panasonic Commercial Equipment Systems Co., Ltd

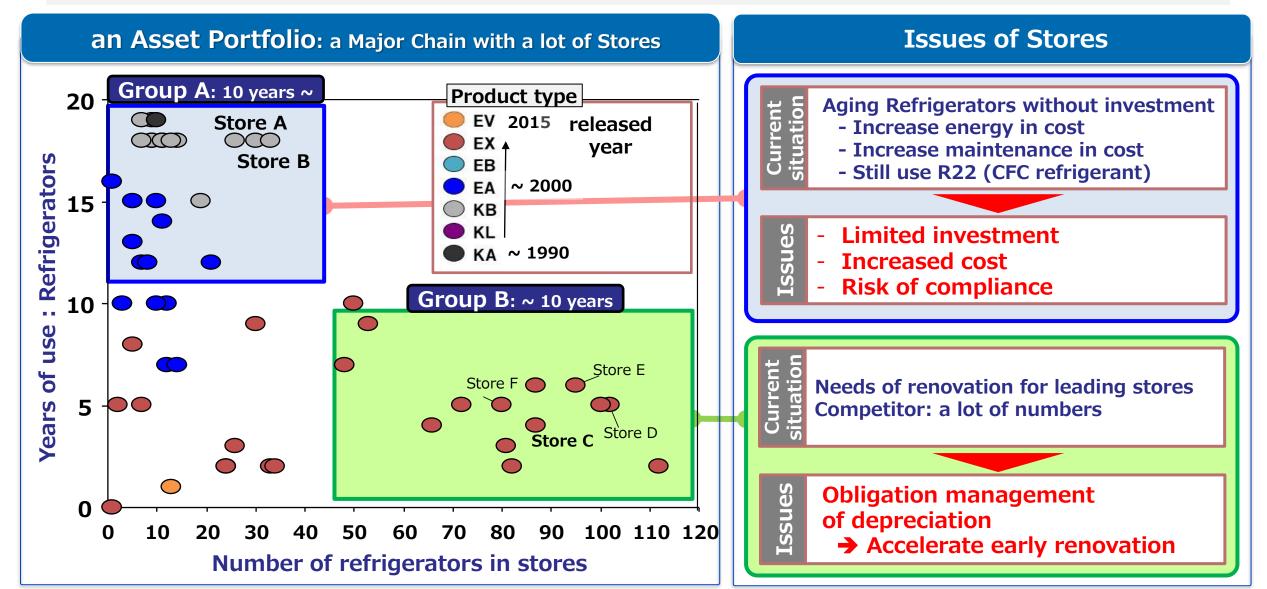
We implemented pilot refurbish projects in cooperation with local governments, with support from the MoE-J, In 2018 and 2019.







- Dispersion of aging facilities among stores due to investment in accordance with sales
- Difficult to make balanced investments for all stores

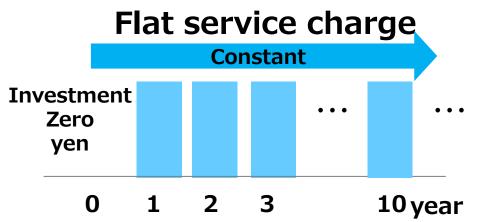


< Benefits of performance-based flat-rate plans >



Not "Equipment" but "Cooling value"

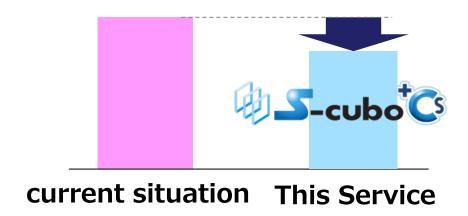
**Including equipment, energy saving control** and maintenance



No initials on flat-rate model (Introduced within the annual budget)

 Panasonic owns the refrigerating equipment.

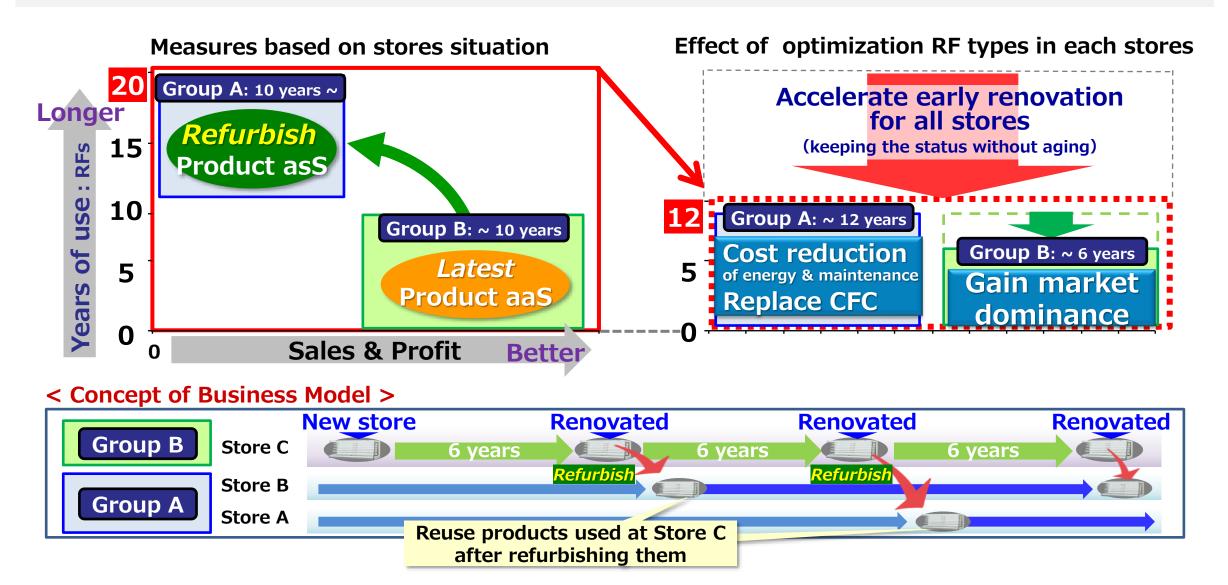
# Total cost (life cycle cost)



Reduce lifecycle costs Improve operational efficiency

- Remote monitoring prevents failures and reduces maintenance times
- Reduces purchased power cost by energy saving equipment and control

#### Efficient renovation investment at all stores → Contributing to improved competitiveness



# **Last Challenges Left for Operationalization**

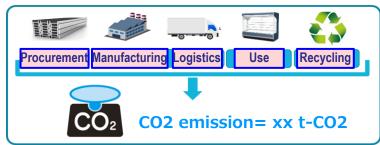
# Solutions to challenges = Proper operations and Business continuity → Resolve them by the pilot projects and Start the actual business

# Producer #Panasonic

- Difficult to sell products??
- New design for refurbish 🖔



- # Module design 3R design
- Visualize and verify environmental advantage
  - # Carbon footprint assessment



# Partner

# for Refurbish

- Difficult to prepare storage
  - # RF for commercial use: large size
- Deterioration of products
  - # quality preservation energy saving performance gas leakage







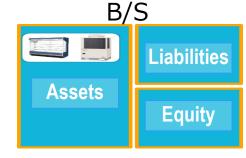
#### Customer

# Major chain: supermarket

- Change the current scheme
  - # Buy new products and use them until breaking them
- Visualize financial efficiency

Investment effect
New < Refurbish

- OPEX accounting processing



# Reduction of plastic use with composite plastic containing plant-derived cellulose fiber

#### - Application to products

Cordless stick cleaner power cordless (Available August 2018)



With both lightness and strength, Reduction in plastic consumption

## - Technology development and practical use

High concentration cellulose fiber molding material (Announced July 2019)





Cellulose is blended at a high concentration of 55% or more.



In collaboration with Asahi Breweries, Ltd.
Began development of environmentally friendly reuse cups

# **◆** Creating Value with Ideas and Design (Revalue)

Creating new value through creative design, as a completely different product We are working on "Revalue Project" to create new value.

# **♦** A Product Born from Co-Creation (up-cycle product)

Co-created with Open A\*1 to produce bookends, lighting and tables based on factory wastes the manufacturing process of irons, rice cookers and system kitchens. These are used at Circle Lounge in the TENNOZ Rim\*2.

\*1: Open A= Developing activities across media and real estate based on architectural design

\*2: TENNOZ Rim= A regional revitalization project utilizing idle assets owned by Panasonic https://www.tennoz-rim.tokyo/

### Next Actions

In addition to creating new products that utilize factory waste We will work together with our customers to create new value.

# **After Before**

Lamp of the rice cooker

Iron bookends

System kitchen tabletop table

@ TENNOZ Rim https://www.tennoz-rim.tokyo/

# **Comments from customers who saw the products**

# Empathy with "Design" x "Story" expressing Fun

Questionnaire results for visitors to "Ikasu Kurashi Exhibition" (1st Jun ~ 13th Oct, 2020)

	Counts	%	
1. Which furniture do you like?			
R ice cooker lighting	205	40%	
Artificialmarble table	185	36%	
Material table	51	10%	
Iron Bookends	39	8%	
Metalparts mobile	27	5%	
2. W hatdid you like about it?			
I lke the design.	107	39%	
I fee Ihappy.	78	29%	
I lke the story of the material	53	19%	
Be friendly to the environment	34	13%	
3. W hatkind of place do you think it suits?			
Living room	104	41%	
Public space (Schools, restaurants, etc.)	70	27%	
0 ne's own room	64	25%	
Entrance	14	5 %	
0 thers	3	1 %	





# Thank you very much for your attention!

# Let's Work Together toward a Sustainable Society!