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The Highlights of the Consolidated Results

Progress against full-year forecasts is roughly on plan

Consolidated

Operating revenue

(compared to the 3Q of FY2019)

¥331.1_{bn} (95%)

[comparison with before the application of accounting standards for revenue recognition] (93%)

Operating profit

¥41.5_{bn} (94%) (96%)

Ordinary profit

¥44.5_{bn} (98%) (102%)

Profit attributable to owners of parent

¥22.3_{bn} (100%)(101%)

※From this fiscal year, accounting standards for revenue recognition is applied.

Domestic

(compared to the 3Q of FY2019)

¥206.3_{bn} (84%)

(95%) (96%)

Global

(compared to (YoY) the 3Q of FY2019)

¥125.1_{bn}(121%)(110%)

¥10.1_{bn} (56%) (39%)

¥31.9_{bn} (118%) (173%)

*Domestic and Global results include figures after elimination of set-offs in transactions between business segments.

Performance progress rate(compared to full-year forecast)

Consolidated operating revenue

74.4%

Consolidated operating profit

69.3%

to **75.6**%

Consolidated operating profit

74.3%

to **81.0**%

Profit attributable to owners of parent

77.2%

to **82.9**%

The Highlights of the Consolidated Results -3Q 3 Months

- · Domestic: The recovery of credit card receivables was lower than planned, and operating profit was negative
- · Global: Performed well with operating revenue and net income exceeding the previous year's level

Consolidated

Operating revenue

(YoY)

(compared to the 3Q of FY2019)

¥109.5_{bn} (99%)

[comparison with before the application of accounting (107%) (99%) standards for revenue recognition]

Operating profit

¥9.7_{bn} (88%) (53%)

Ordinary profit

¥10.1_{bn} (91%) (55%)

Profit attributable to owners of parent

¥4.1_{bn} (99%) (41%)

*From this fiscal year, accounting standards for revenue recognition is applied.

Domestic

(compared to the 3Q of FY2019)

¥65.1_{bn} (85%)

(97%) (92%)

-¥0.2_{bn} (-%) (-%)

Global

(compared to (YoY) the 3Q of FY2019)

¥44.5_{bn}(131%)(114%)

¥10.0_{bn} (113%) (197%)

*Domestic and Global results include figures after elimination of set-offs in transactions between business segments.

<outline>

- Operating revenues continued to be strong in HK (152%, Y0Y) and other Global businesses
- Operating profit was driven by TH (+¥1.6bn, YoY), followed by HK (+¥0.4bn)
- Overseas unlisted companies in Cambodia and other countries also contribute

Breakdown of Operating Profit YoY (Cumulative 3Q)

· Credit card business covers negative cash advances due to recovery in shopping

	Contents	YoY Change (Unit : billi	ons of yen
	■ Card Shopping Recovery - Transaction volume: 109%(YoY) / Revolving balance: +¥11.3bn (YoY), +¥12.2bn compared to the beginning of the FY	Shopping Revenue Increase in points and promotional expenses	+7.6 ▲4.9
Credit	■ Cash advance transaction volume increased, balance	Total	+2.7
Card	narrowed by negative difference from the previous quarter,	Cash advance	▲2.6
Business	 and reversed the difference at the beginning of the period Transaction volume: 106%(YoY) / Balance: -¥11.8bn (YoY), 	Decrease in bad debt- related expenses	+0.5
	+¥3.1bn compared to the beginning of the FY ■ Promote settlement of long-term delinquent loans and improve debt-related costs	Operating Profit	+0.5
Insurance Business	■ AEON Allianz Life Insurance -Operating expenses associated with business development (personnel exp., depreciation and amortization, sales promotion exp., etc.) +¥1.3bn	Operating Profit	▲1.2
Other	 ■ Increase in interest on banking loans - Expansion of the balance of operating receivables such as housing loans ■ Increase in variable costs due to business expansion - Card issuance fee, international brand fee, etc. ■ Decrease in interest dividends on investment securities - Decrease due to changes in the market environment ■ Decrease in securitization income - In view of the market environment, curbing the securitization of installment finance receivables ■ Consolidation of head office functions - Relocation and consolidation of offices, etc. ■ Other expenses - Other expenses for business expansion 	Operating Profit	+1.1 ▲3.2 ▲2.0 ▲1.2 ▲0.9 ▲1.0
		Total	▲ 7.9

Renewal of Card Design and Membership Acquisition Measures

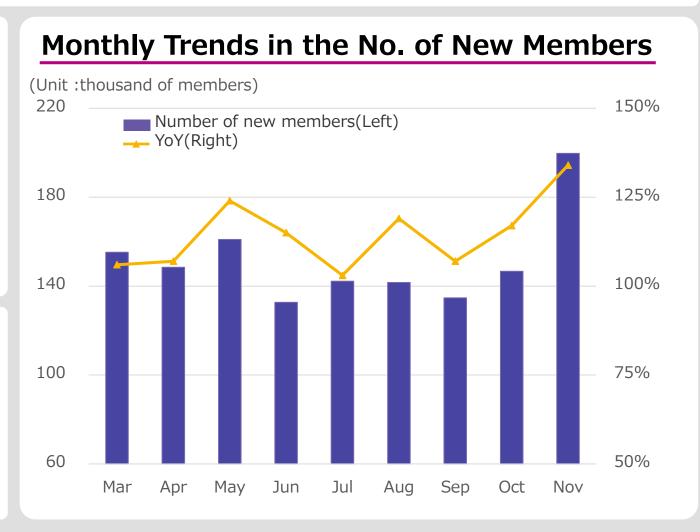
• In conjunction with the renewal of AEON Card tickets, we will conduct a winter enrollment campaign at stores and on the Web. Gained approx. 200,000 new members in November

New Card Design









Cash Advance Measures

Measures tailored to member attributes have led to an increase in cash advance transaction volume

"Revitalization of existing and dormant members"

Appeal for online cash advances by DM

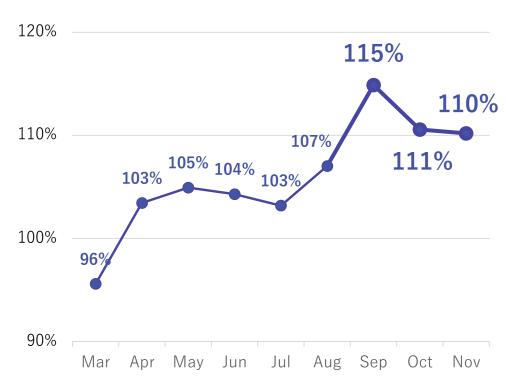
For members with high sales promotion effects,
outbound calls are also conducted

"Promotion of use by new members"

Tendency for new members to use online cash advances to be high

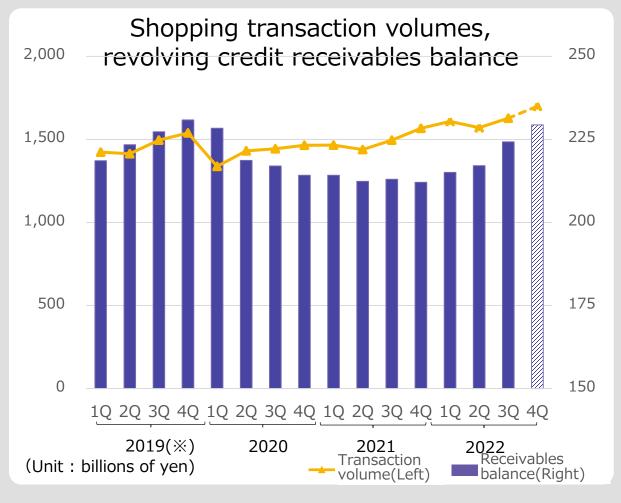
Appeal the use of online cash advances through online advertising and digital distribution

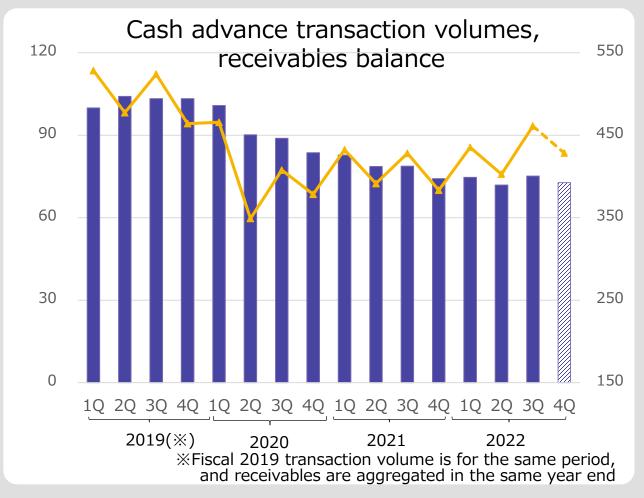




Credit Card Transactions Volume and Outstanding Receivables

 Strengthened sales promotion to increase household spending and stimulate consumption, and re-expanding the amount outstanding of revolving after bottoming out at the end of the previous fiscal year





Asset Management Business (AEON Bank)

• Establishing a sales process for asset management products that leverages AEON Bank's strengths in customer service at branches

Financial instrument sales channels



《AEON Card members》 Many people have little investment experience



Understanding customer needs through in-branch consulting sales Sell through channels that match product characteristics

Investment Trusts • Foreign Currency Deposits

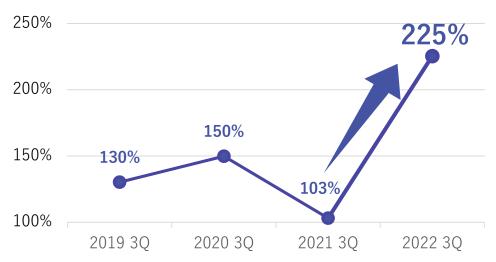
From the 2nd to 3rd time onwards, mainly online purchases

Insurance

In branch application

Financial instruments transaction volume (YoY)

(Financial products: Cumulative sales of investment trusts, foreign currency deposits, and insurance in 3Q)



- Foreign currency deposits: Trxn vol. increased significantly due to foreign currency interest rate campaign measures
- Insurance: Strong sales on the back of rising U.S. long-term interest rates

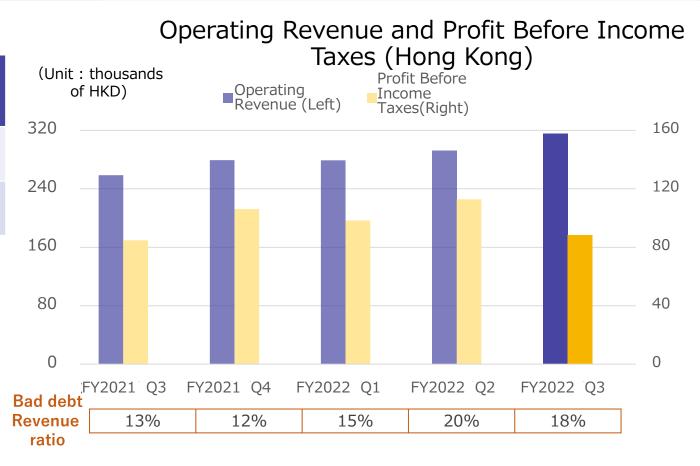
Cumulative Performance Progress in the Q3 (China Area, Status in Hong Kong)

 Operating revenue steadily expanded, and the bad debt ratio stabilized at a low level, resulting in profit expanding year-on-year

(Unit: thousands of HKD)

	3Q Cumulative	Previous QoQ	QoQ
Operating Revenue	351,631	108%	122%
Profit Before Income Taxes	88,533	79%	104%

- Outstanding operating receivables expanded due to measures aimed at recovering consumer sentiment through deregulation of behavior
- The loan loss expense ratio is stable at a low level due to strong recent collections



Income Taxes

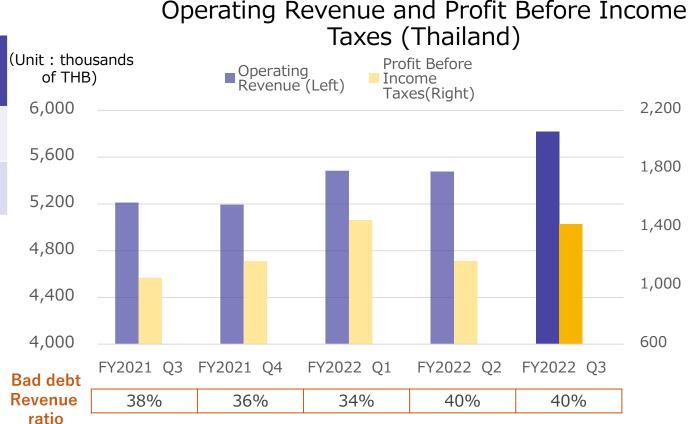
Cumulative Performance Progress in the Q3 (Mekong Area, Status in Thailand)

 Earnings increased due to steady expansion of outstanding operating receivables, and bad debt control remained stable

	3Q Cumulative	Previous QoQ	QoQ	(
Operating Revenue	5,819,506	106%	112%	
Profit Before	1,421,015	122%	135%	

(Unit: thousands of THB)

- Sales promotion measures with partners such as major EC sites led to an increase in shopping receivables and an increase in operating revenue
- As the outlook for the external environment has recovered due to the increase in travelers, the allowance ratio for doubtful accounts has been revised



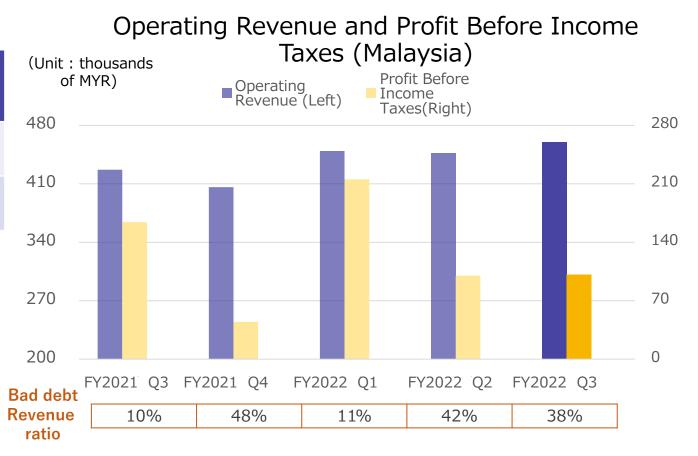
Cumulative Performance Progress in the Q3 (Malay Area, Status in Malaysia)

 Operating revenue expands due to increased transaction volume, but controlling bad debt costs is an issue

(Unit: thousands of MYR)

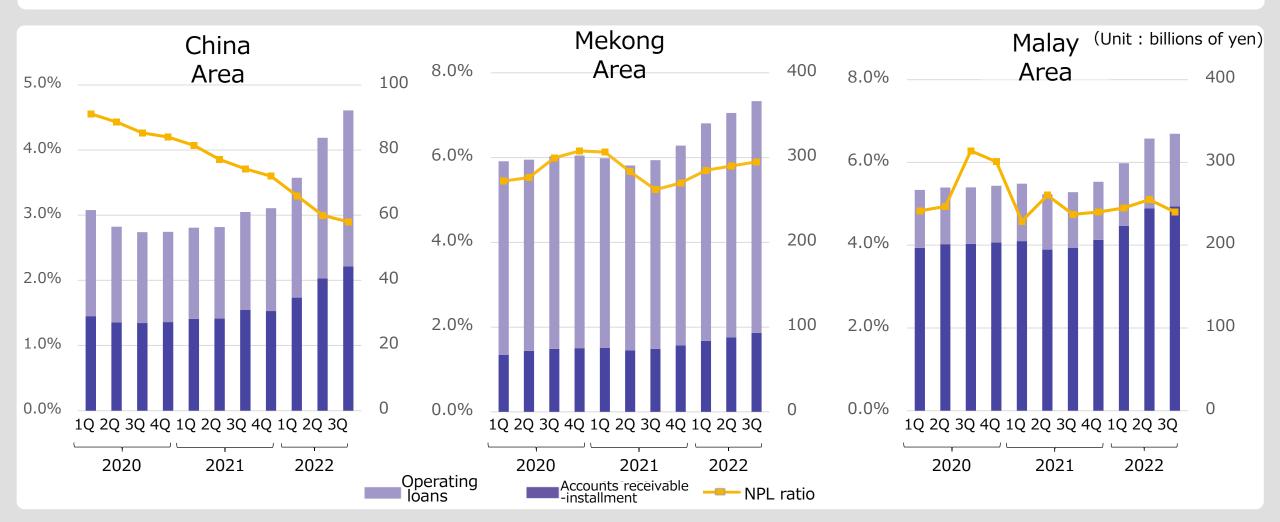
	3Q Cumulative	Previous QoQ	QoQ
Operating Revenue	460,040	103%	108%
Profit Before Income Taxes	101,583	102%	62%

- Effects of measures such as providing incentives to excellent merchants increased the balance of operating receivables
- Strengthen the examination of motorcycle finance As the collection rate has been declining due to environmental degradation such as price rises



Outstanding receivables and NPL ratio

 NPL ratio rises due to expansion of operating receivables in the Mekong Area, but controlled in the normal range in each area



Future Directions

Domestic Business – Expanding the No. of IDs

 Promote the use of AEON Pay and expand the merchant network to expand the number of IDs and penetration

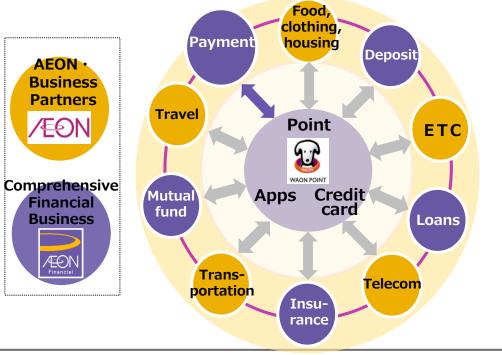
Measures to promote the use of AEON Pay

Continue to implement campaigns using points at AEON nationwide

In the 4Q, the "My Basket" campaign <u>promoted</u> the penetration of daily use of AEON Pay among young people in urban areas



Expansion of AEON Pay merchant network



<Major new merchants from the 3Q onwards>
JINS, EDION, Matsuya, Colowide Group, New Chitose
Airport, Asahikawa Airport

Domestic Business Restructuring

• In the 1H of FY2023, the company shifted to a business holding company whose parent company is the settlement business, and continued to reorganize its domestic business

Expected Restructuring Effects

Restructuring Effects

Optimal allocation of management resources

- Elimination and consolidation of duplicate functions
- Centralized allocation of resources to growth areas

Faster decision-making

 Faster strategy execution by reducing decision-making processes

Demonstrating Group Synergies

 Promotion of cross-selling and enhancement of business strategies of Group companies using payment data

Future Perspective

Optimize sales touchpoints

Organizational structure review of other non-bank businesses

Continue restructuring to become a more strategic execution organization

Review of housing loans rates and measures

 Strengthen measures to pursue synergies between retail and finance, such as expanding exclusive benefits for Select Club subscribers

Main measures for housing loans

Expansion of Select Club Benefits

(Extension of discount application period and elimination of annual discount cap)

All Disease Group Credit Life Insurance Zero additional interest rate

Interest rate reduction with individual preferential treatment

Expansion of AEON Select Club benefits (from March '23)

"Discount until loan completion"

"Annual discount limit unlimited"

Measures unique to the AEON Group Gain a competitive advantage



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Global Business (China Area)

 Implement plans in line with the recovery in demand for tourism to Japan and strengthen the insurance business to acquire new revenue sources

Capturing demand for tourism to Japan

- Since the Japan government's easing of border measures, the number of foreign visitors from Hong Kong has increased sharply (Sep: 2,000ppl, Oct: 36,000ppl, Nov: 83,000ppl)
- AEON Card WAKUWAKU, a new card for people in 20s and 40s that increases the redemption rate by using it in Japan, exceeded 50,000 cards in the first 6 months of issuance



Started consulting business for savings-type insurance products

 Started sales of savings-type insurance products through face-to-face consulting sales in addition to telemarketing, online based medical and death protection products



Strengthening insurance business in China Area

4. Future Directions

Global Business (Mekong Area)

• Transaction volume growth in Cambodia toward the second half of the year, strengthening receivables management system in Thailand to improve bad debt costs

Growth in transaction volume (Cambodia)

 With the recovery of the domestic economy, transaction volume increased toward the 2H of the FY, mainly in the credit card business. The loan business is also recovering, and further growth is expected



Measures to Improve Bad Debts (Thailand)

Refinement of screening by analyzing attributes such as area and occupation

Increase the number of calling operators utilizing telecommuting

- **✓Optimizing screening and credit lines**
- ✓ Improving the collection rate by strengthening the system
 Implement the above two points to

Implement the above two points to improve bad debt costs

4. Future Directions

Global Business (Malay Area)

 Capture growing demand for electric motorcycles in Indonesia, aim to improve its credit content in Malaysia

Started handling electric motorcycles (Indonesia)

- Started handling electric motorcycles in October
- The Indonesian government is considering introducing purchase subsidy measures to expand the spread of e- motorcycles and EVs, aiming to capture demand



Measures for the current FY against bad debts (Malaysia)

Stricter screening of small motorcycle purchasers with minimum wage or less

Improving convenience for excellent customers by introducing automatic screening for large motorcycles and automobiles

- **✓Optimizing screening and credit lines**
- ✓ attracting good customers

 Implement the above two points to improve bad debt costs

FY2022 earnings forecast, dividend forecast (unchanged)

In view of uncertainties in the economic environment, such as interest rates and price rises, there is no change in earnings forecasts

Consolidated

Operating revenue(*1) (YoY)

> ¥445.0_{bn} (101%)

Operating profit

¥55.0bn

Profit attributable to owners of parent

¥27.0_{bn}

×1 Operating revenue is the number after the application of the accounting standard on revenue recognition.

Domestic

(YoY)

(96%) ¥290.0bn

Global

(YoY)

¥155.0bn (112%)

¥21.0bn to ¥23.0bn (81% to \$35.0bn to \$38.0bn (to 112%)

Dividends per share

(Increase in dividends)

Annual **¥50**(+ ¥4)

Interim: **¥20** (+¥3) **37.2**%

Year-end: \$30 (+\$1) to 40.0%

Payout ratio

APPENDIX

ESG Initiatives (Issuance of sustainability-linked loans

• In November 2022, the Group's first sustainability-linked loan was raised at a local subsidiary in HK Planning to actively use it in future fundraising as a measure that matches the Group's environmental and social contribution measures

■ Outline

Borrower

: AEON Credit Service(Asia)Company Limited

Aggregate Amount: HKD 320,000,000-

Start date: November 30, 2022

Maturity: 3 years

<Sustainability Targets (a part) >

Reduction of power consumption

Reduction of use of copy paper

Grant of Incentives to Students

Time spent on employee training

****What is a Sustainability-Linked Loan?**

By setting sustainability targets in coordination with borrowers' sustainability policies and strategies and linking borrowing conditions such as interest rates to the achievement of sustainability targets, borrowers are incentivized to achieve their goals, and aim to promote and support environmentally and socially sustainable economic activities and economic growth.

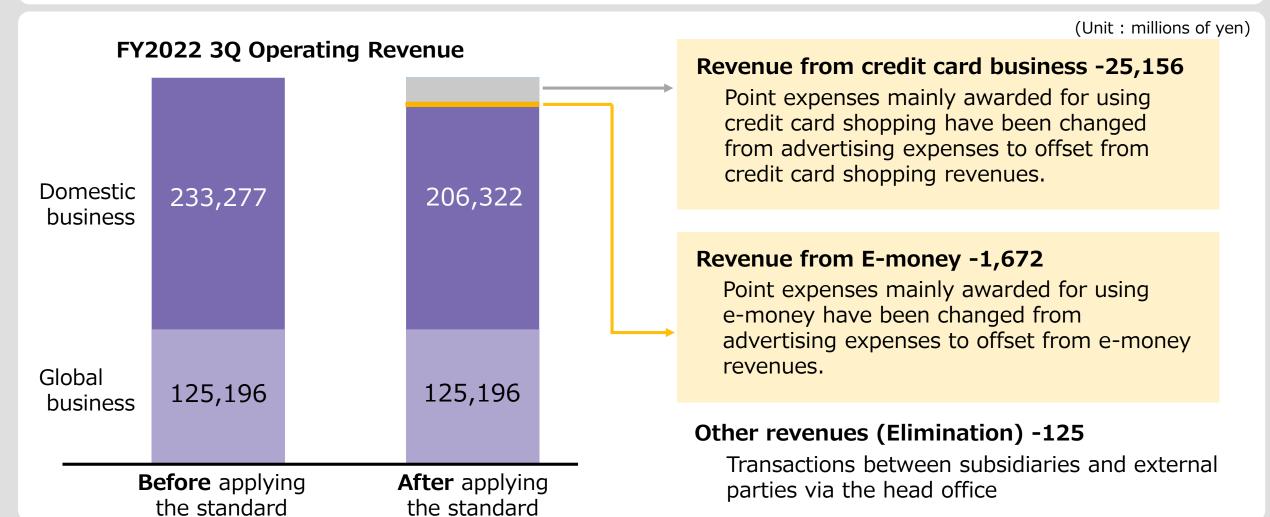
Impact of the application of the accounting standard on revenue recognition

- Began applying the accounting standards for revenue recognition in the FY2022 1Q
- Due to the application of the standards, some operating revenues and operating expenses have been changed from gross notation to net notation
- In FY22 3Q results, both operating revenue and operating expenses decreased by ¥26.8 bn on a consolidated basis and by ¥26.9 bn in Japan compared to before the standard was applied
- · Mainly numerical recombination of domestic business, no change in numerical value for Global business

(Unit: millions of yen) **FY2022 3Q Cumulative Results Before** applying the standard **After** applying the standard Difference Global Domestic Global Domestic Consol. Consol. Domestic Consol. Operating -26,828 -26,954 357,978 233,277 125,196 331,150 206,322 125,196 Revenue Operating 289,572 196,130 93,284 -26,828 -26,954 316,401 223,084 93,284 Expenses Operating 31,911 ± 0 ±0 41,577 10,192 31,911 41,577 10,192 Profit Net Profit 22,388 ± 0 22,388

Impact of the application of the accounting standard on revenue recognition

- Cumulative results for 3Q of FY2022 showed an impact of ¥25.1 bn in domestic card shopping revenue and ¥1.6 bn in domestic e-money revenue
- · Advertising expenses decreased by the same amount, and there was no impact on operating profit



Q3 Results by Segment

(Unit: billions of yen)

	Domestic			Global				Consol.
	Total *2	Retail *3	Solutions *3	Total *2	China Area	Mekong Area	Malay Area	Total *4
Operating Revenue	206.3	122.3	128.9	125.1	16.3	64.1	44.6	331.1
YoY※1	95%	76%	99%	121%	143%	118%	118%	103%
Change %1	-12.6	-37.6	-1.4	+21.6	+4.9	+9.8	+6.8	-9.3
Operating Profit	10.1	0.0	10.3	31.9	5.0	15.0	11.8	41.5
YoY	56%	0%	73%	118%	122%	136%	100%	94%
Change	-7.9	-4.1	-3.8	+4.8	+0.8	+4.0	-0.0	-2.6
Operating Profit Ratio	4.9%	0.0%	8.0%	25.5%	30.6%	23.4%	26.6%	12.6%
Change ※1	-2.5pt	-2.6pt	-2.9pt	-0.6pt	-5.3pt	+3.1pt	+4.9pt	-0.1pt
or change comparisons between Japan and consolidated are calculated based on the urrent FY before the application of the revenue recognition standards and the results of d of the previous year Or change comparisons between Japan and consolidated are calculated based on the profit attributable to owners of parent					22.3			
nestic and Global figures amounts after elimination of transactions between segments personal-centric business. Solutions is a business that is central to marchant. Change					+0.0			

^{%1} YoY and Y results of the the same per

Reference: The impact on earnings due to securitization ¥8.0 bn(-¥1.2 bn compared to the same period of the previous year)

^{%2}Total of D

X3 Retail is a personal-centric business, Solutions is a business that is central to marchant

X4 Include Holding company, Shared functions and elimination of Consolidated adjustments

Transaction volume and the status of outstanding receivables of Global business

• Strengthen sales promotion measures and continue to expand transaction volume and operating receivables balance in each area

			China Are (Hong Kong		Me	ekong Ar (Thailand)	ea	M	lalay Are	a	Glo	bal Busin	ess
(Unit : bill	lions of yen)		YoY (Change)	Comparison with the 1H of 2019 (Change)		YoY (Change)	Comparison with the 1H of 2019 (Change)		YoY (Change)	Comparison with the 1H of 2019 (Change)		YoY (Change)	Comparison with the 1H of 2019 (Change)
Credit	Transaction volume	129.8	151%	151%	197.7	153%	107%	36.9	122%	81%	364.4	149%	115%
card	Outstanding Receivables	71.8	+22.9	+19.4	165.9	+40.7	+31.8	23.0	+2.3	-1.5	260.8	+65.9	+49.8
Install ment	Transaction volume	-	-	-	13.4	123%	53%	76.2	168%	106%	89.7	159%	92%
finance	Outstanding Receivables	-	-	-	27.4	+4.7	+6.5	224.9	+45.5	+46.2	252.3	+50.2	+52.8
Personal	Transaction volume	17.1	176%	302%	70.5	130%	82%	34.3	208%	113%	121.9	152%	100%
loans	Outstanding Receivables	20.4	+8.3	+5.3	173.2	+24.2	+4.7	86.7	+22.6	+14.8	280.4	+55.3	+25.1
Total	Transaction volume	147.0	154%	160%	281.7	145%	95%	147.4	160%	100%	576.1	151%	108%
	Outstanding Receivables	92.3	+31.2	+24.7	366.6	+69.6	+43.2	334.6	+70.5	+59.6	793.6	+171.5	+127.7

Q3 Results by Area

(Unit: billions of yen)

		Transaction volume	FY2021 Q3 Compared to same period	FY2019 Q3 Compared to same period (**)	Balance of receivables (Before securitization)	Increase or decrease at the beginning from the FY	Change in the previous quarter
	Credit card	5,062.1	109%	107%	1,631.9	+154.0	+75.7
	Card shopping	4,807.2	109%	109%	1,231.4	+150.9	+64.7
Do	Cash advance	254.9	106%	81%	400.5	+3.1	+10.9
Domestic	Installment finance	147.6	104%	81%	729.4	+47.0	+36.4
Stic	Housing loans	413.9	88%	99%	3,314.1	+180.8	+44.0
	Others	-	-	-	959.7	+33.7	+7.9
	Total	_	-	-	6,635.3	+373.3	+131.4
	Credit card	364.4	149%	115%	260.8	+54.6	+15.1
	Card shopping	262.5	145%	123%	132.2	+25.3	+6.9
Globa	Cash advance	101.9	161%	99%	128.6	+29.3	+8.2
bal	Installment finance	89.7	159%	92%	252.3	+43.5	+4.7
	Personal loans	121.9	152%	100%	280.5	+42.0	+8.3
	Total	-		-	793.7	+140.3	+28.2
	Consol. Total	_	-	-	7,475.6	+513.6	+161.0

^{**}The ratio of the same period in the FY2019 in Japan is calculated in the same period as the current FY because the accounting period is different.

Cardholders	Consolidated	Diff from beginning of the FY	Domestic	Diff from beginning of the FY	Global	Diff from beginning of the FY
Results (unit : million copies)	48.10	+0.79	30.52	+0.43	17.59	+0.36

[Domestic]

- 1.36 million new card members (YoY +0.17 million cards)
- 18.20 million cards with contactless payment function issued (YoY +5.42 million cards) 【Global】
- Malaysia e-money membership 2.34 million (YoY +0.18 million cards)

FY2022 3Q Global Business Performance (Local currency)

		FY202	1 3Q	FY202	2 3Q
		Results	YoY	Results	YoY
AEON CREDIT	Revenue	770,280	92%	887,361	115%
SERVICE (ASIA)	Profit before tax	291,839	106%	299,664	103%
(HKD'000)	Profit for the period	243,256	106%	250,314	103%
AEON THANA	Total Revenues	15,597,012	96%	16,779,572	108%
SINSAP (THAILAND)	Profit before income tax	3,405,121	108%	4,040,586	119%
(THB'000)	Net profit for the period	2,636,644	109%	3,225,288	122%
AEON CREDIT	Revenue	1,161,912	101%	1,207,581	104%
SERVICE (M) Berhad	Profit before tax	482,031	281%	417,165	87%
(MYR'000)	Profit for the period	342,039	284%	322,345	94%

[※]各社発表資料より抜粋。連結の数値を表示。

FY2022 3Q Global Business Performance (Yen conversion)

AEON Credit Service	FY2021 3Q	FY202	22 3Q
(Asia) Co., Ltd.	Results	Results	YoY
Operating income	10.9	15.1	138%
Operating profit	4.1	5.1	123%
Net income	3.4	4.2	123%

(Unit: billions of yen)

Exchange rates: HKD 1
• FY2021 3Q : ¥14.22
• FY2022 3Q : ¥17.05

Fiscal period

: 1/3/2022 to 30/11/2022

AEON THANA SINSAP	FY2021 3Q	FY202	22 3Q
(THAILAND) PCL.	Results	Results	YoY
Operating income	53.4	63.4	119%
Operating profit	11.6	15.2	131%
Net income	9.0	12.1	135%

Exchange rates: THB 1FY2021 3Q: ¥3.43FY2022 3Q: ¥3.78

Fiscal period

: 1/3/2022 to 30/11/2022

AEON Credit Service	FY2021 3Q	FY202	22 3Q
(M) Berhad.	Results	Results	YoY
Operating income	30.9	36.3	118%
Operating profit	12.8	12.5	98%
Net income	9.0	9.7	107%

Exchange rates: MYR 1
• FY2021 3Q : ¥26.60
• FY2022 3Q : ¥30.13

Fiscal period

: 1/3/2022 to 30/11/2022

Q3 Consolidated Balance Sheet

■ In the Q3 of FY2022, the balance of operating receivables, including operating loans, banking loans, and installment accounts receivable, increased by ¥488.6 bn. Provision for doubtful accounts increased by ¥5.1 bn

[Consolidated operating receivables balance]

- Balance incl. securitization: ¥7,450.6 bn (+¥488.6 bn)
 in which, domestic balance: ¥6,610.3 bn (+¥348.3 bn)
 in which, global balance: ¥793.7 bn (+¥140.3 bn)
- Securitized amount (Domestic only): ¥2,499.1 bn (-¥1.3 bn)

	Q3 Results	Change from beginning of FY	
Cash and deposits	591.4	-147.2	
Operating Loans	864.8	+92.2	
Loan and bills discounted for banking business	2,248.0	+138.0	
Accounts receivable – installment	1,826.8	+260.5	
Allowance for doubtful accounts	-129.6	-5.1	
Other Assets	1,222.1	+6.6	
Total assets	6,623.6	+345.0	

	Q3 Results	Change from beginning of FY	
Deposits	4,332.5	+154.0	
Accounts payable-trade	279.2	+54.0	
Interest-bearing debt (excl. deposits)	1,233.3	+145.8	
Other liabilities	242.8	-35.4	
Total liabilities	6,088.0	+318.4	
Total net assets	535.6	+26.6	
Total liabilities and net assets	6,623.6	+345.0	

(unit: billions of yen)

Full Year Allowance for Doubtful Accounts and Allowance for Loss on Refund of Interest Received by Segment

(Unit: billions of yen)

	Retail	Solutions	Domestic Total
Allowance for doubtful accounts, balance at beginning of period	5.4	53.8	58.8
Provision of allowance for doubtful accounts	-0.3	13.4	13.0
Write-off of doubtful accounts (including transferred debt)	1.2	13.5	14.7
Allowance for doubtful accounts balance at end of period	3.9	53.6	57.1

	FY2021 Q3	FY2022 Q3
Beginning of period	5.7	6.4
Provision	0.0	0.0
Interest refunded	2.6	2.4
End of period	3.0	3.9

(Subsidiaries in domestic) AEON Credit Service: 35.7, AEON Bank: 3.9, AEON Product Finance: 7.8, AEON Housing Loan Service: 1.2

	China Area	Mekong Area	Malay Area	Global Total	Consolidated
Allowance for doubtful accounts, balance at beginning of period	2.6	39.9	22.2	64.9	124.5
Provision of allowance for doubtful accounts	2.3	20.1	10.9	33.4	46.5
Write-off of doubtful accounts (including transferred credit)	1.5	17.8	7.3	26.7	41.4
Allowance for doubtful accounts, balance at end of period	3.5	42.2	25.8	71.6	1,29.6

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