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# **CONSOLIDATED BUSINESS RESULTS**

FOR THE FIRST QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

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#### Summary of the Consolidated Business Results for FY 2008:Q1 Business results

Industrial machinery bearings :

Demand from the machine tool and industrial machinery sectors was firm.

#### Automotive products segment :

Sales were stagnant in the US.

In Japan, favorable sales of exports offset inactive domestic sales.

Sales in Europe and Asia were robust overall.

#### **Precision machinery and parts :**

A recovery trend was seen in demand from liquid crystal equipment manufacturers.

Demand from semiconductor sector remained in an adjustment phase.

Operating income increased by 3.2% YOY. Volume growth, reduction in external procurement costs and an increase in sales price contributed to profits, while an increase in steel price, appreciation of the Japanese yen, and increases in other expenses negatively affected results.

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#### **Expected business performance for FY 2008:Q2**

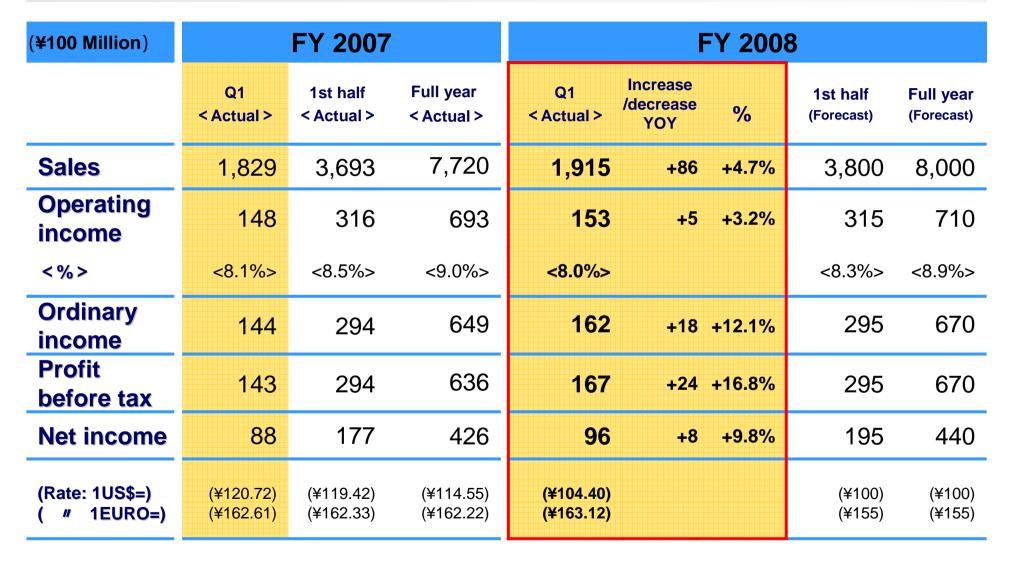
Demand for large-sized bearings is expected to continue to be favorable, particularly in capital expenditures-related and wind turbine sectors.

Demand from automobile manufacturers in North America is predicted to slow further, while demand in Asia is expected to remain robust, primarily in China.

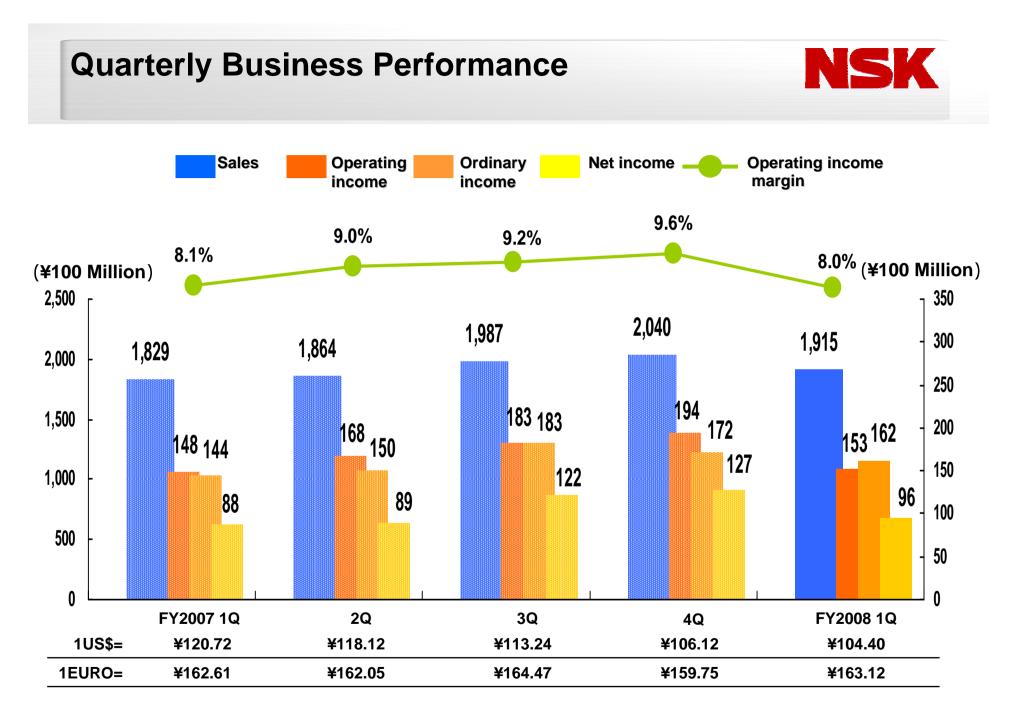
We will strive to implement profitability improvements in order to absorb negative factors such as increasing steel price and the downturn trend in the economy.

#### No revision has been made to the first half and full year forecast for FY 2008

## Summary of Consolidated Business Results for FY 2008:Q1



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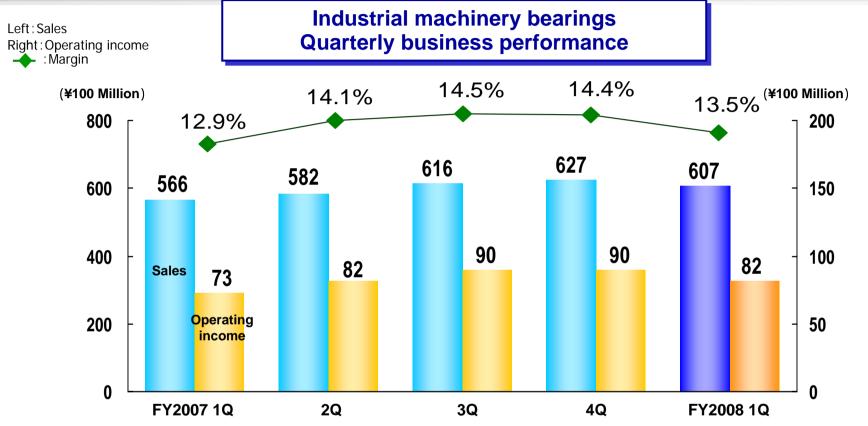
# **Results by Business Segment**



(¥10	0 Million)	i	FY 2007	,	FY 2008							
		Q1 < Actual >	1st half < Actual >	Full year < Actual >		Q1 ctual >	Increase/ decrease YOY	%	1st half (Forecast)	Full year (Forecast)		
Sales	Sales Operating income %	1,829 148 8.1%	3,693 316 8.5%	7,720 693 9.0%		1,915 153 8.0%	+86 +5	+4.7% +3.2%	3,800 315 8.3%	8,000 710 8.9%		
Industrial	machinery bearings											
	Sales Operating income	566 73	1,148 155	2,391 335		607 82	+41 +9	+7.2% +12.0%	1,220 165	2,550 360		
	%	12.9%	13.5%	14.0%		13.5%			13.5%	14.1%		
Autom	otive products											
	Sales	1,032	2,091	4,357		1,080	+48	+4.6%	2,130	4,430		
	Operating income %	63 6.1%	139 6.7%	307 7.0%		61 5.7%	-2	-2.6%	130 6.1%	285 6.4%		
Precision	machinery & parts											
	Sales Operating income	164 18	318 38	682 86		149 14	-15 -4	-9.1% -22.8%	315 40	740 100		
	%	11.1%	12.0%	12.6%		9.4%			12.7%	13.5%		
Others	Sales	123	245	562		142	+19	+15.6%	270	550		
	Operating income	6	10	28		9	+3	+64.5%	10	25		
	%	4.7%	4.1%	5.1%		6.7%			3.7%	4.5%		
Elimina	ations (sales)	-56	-109	-272		-63	-7		-135	-270		
Elimina	ations/corporate	-12	-26	-63		-13	-1		-30	-60		

### Results by Business Segment Industrial Machinery Bearings



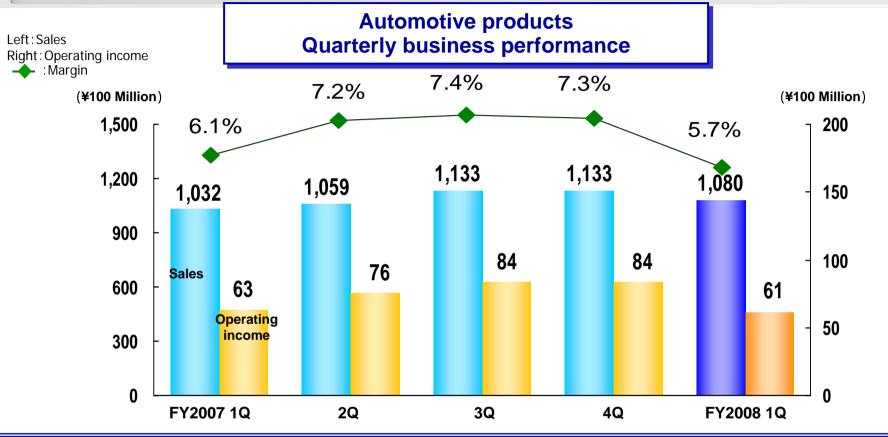


Sales for Q1 increased by 7.2% YOY due to robust demand from machine tools/steelmaking equipment/construction machinery/industrial machinery. Sales to aftermarket in Europe and Asia also increased and contributed to overall growth.

Volume growth and an increase in sales prices offset an increase in depreciation and amortization, and negative external factors such as increasing steel price and appreciation of the Japanese yen. As a result, operating income increased by 12.0% YOY.

#### Results by Business segment - Automotive Products -



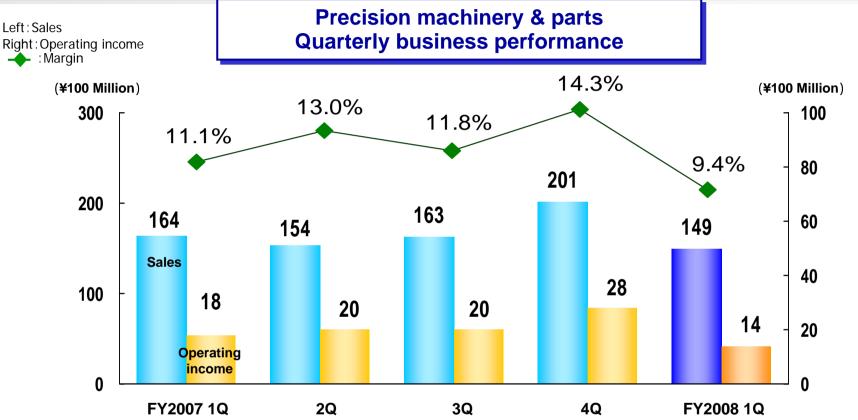


Sales in the Americas decreased due to a decline in automobile sales in North America. However, sales in Japan, Europe and Asia, primarily China, increased. Overall sales for Q1 increased by 4.6% YOY.

Operating income for Q1 decreased 2.6% YOY due to an increase in steel price, the effect of appreciation of the Japanese yen, and a decline in sales price, despite volume growth and a reduction in external procurement costs.

#### Results by Business Segment Precision Machinery and Parts



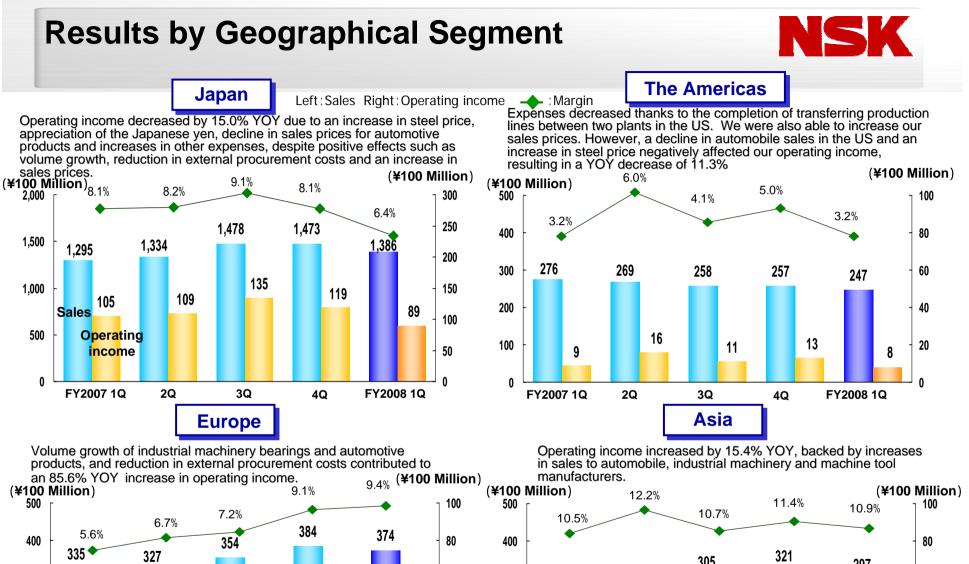


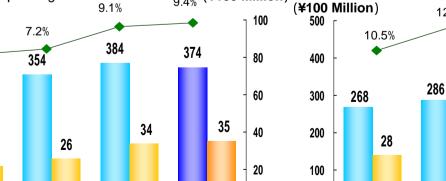
Sales to machine tools makers were robust. However, overall sales decreased by 9.1% YOY due to slumping demand from semiconductor production equipment manufacturers and decline in sales of exposure equipment for LCD panel production. Although we continued our productivity improvement activities such as streamlining plant operations, volume decline negatively affected results, and operating income for Q1 decreased by 22.8% YOY.

#### **Results by Geographical Segment**



(¥100 Million)		FY 2007		FY 2008							
	Q1 < Actual >	1st half < Actual >	Full year < Actual >	Q1 < Actual >	Increase/ decrease YOY	%	1st half (Forecast)	Full year (Forecast)			
Total Sales	1,829	3,693	7,720	1,915	+86	+4.7%	3,800	8,000			
Operating income	148	316	693	153	+5	+3.2%	315	710			
%	8.1%	8.5%	9.0%	8.0%			8.3%	8.9%			
Japan Sales	1,295	2,629	5,580	1,386	+91	+7.1%	2,735	5,805			
Operating income	105	214	468	89	-16	-15.0%	198	452			
%	8.1%	8.1%	8.4%	6.4%			7.2%	7.8%			
Americas Sales	276	545	1,060	247	-29	-10.5%	477	956			
Operating income	9	25	49	8	-1	-11.3%	26	51			
%	3.2%	4.6%	4.6%	3.2%			5.5%	5.3%			
Europe Sales	335	662	1,400	374	+39	+11.7%	720	1,497			
Operating income	19	41	101	35	+16	+85.6%	56	121			
%	5.6%	6.2%	7.2%	9.4%			7.8%	8.1%			
Asia Sales	268	554	1,180	297	+29	+10.6%	611	1,290			
Operating income	28	63	132	32	+4	+15.4%	65	142			
%	10.5%	11.3%	11.2%	10.9%			10.6%	11.0%			
Eliminations (sales)	-345	-697	-1,500	-389	-44		-743	-1,548			
Eliminations/ corporate	-13	-27	-57	-11	+2		-30	-56			





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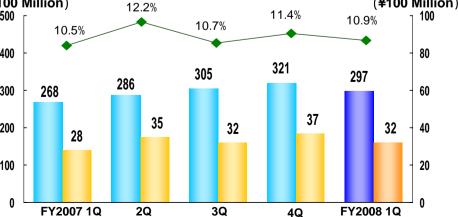
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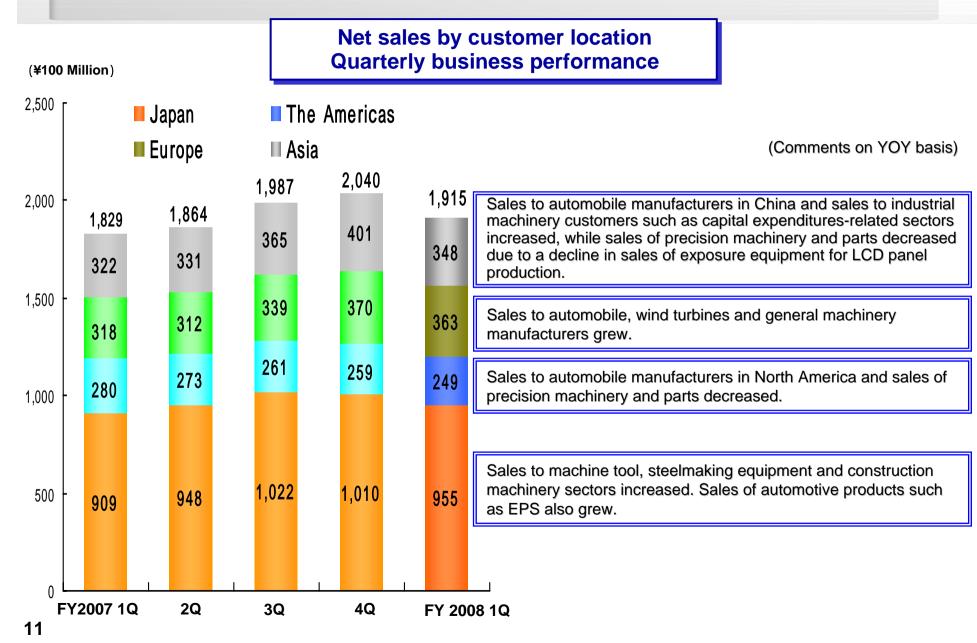
#### **Results by Customer Location**

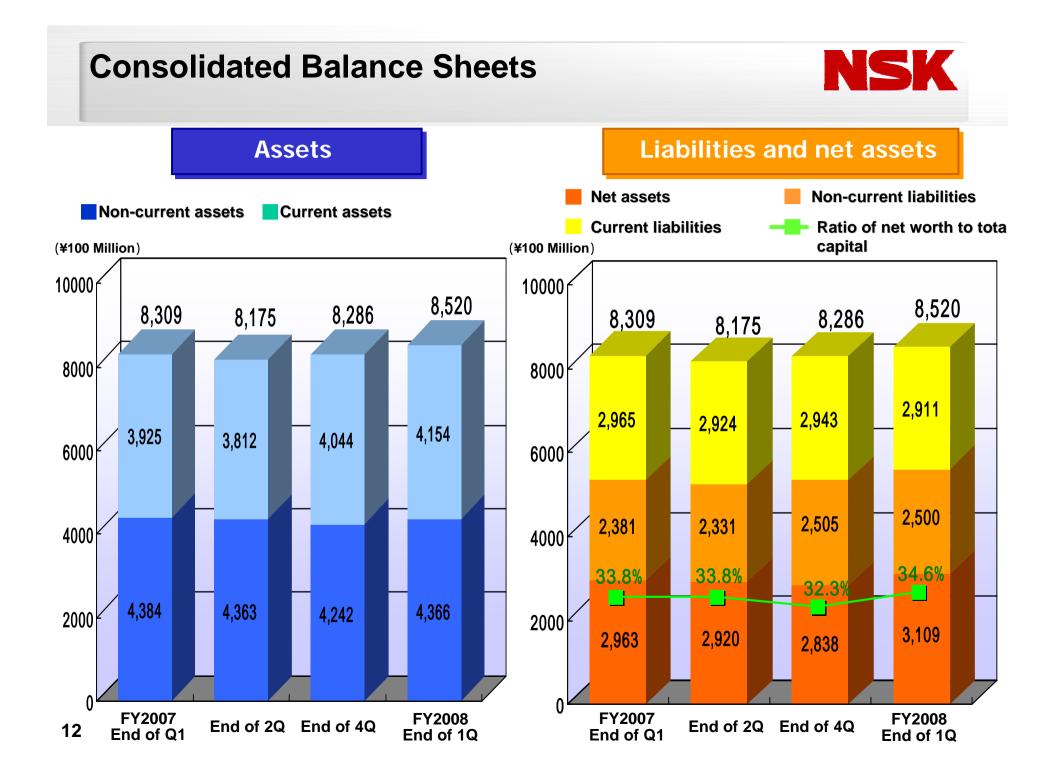


(¥100 Million)		FY 2007		FY 2008							
	Q1 < Actual >	1st half < Actual >	Full year < Actual >	Q1 < Actual >	Increase/ decrease YOY	%	1st half (Forecast)	Full year (Forecast)			
Sales	1,829	3,693	7,720	1,915	+86	+4.7%	3,800	8,000			
Japan	909	1,857	3,889	955	+46	+5.1%	1,906	3,962			
Non-Japan	920	1,836	3,831	960	+40	+4.3%	1,894	4,038			
(Ratio of non-Japan sales to consolidated net sales)	(50.3%)	(49.7%)	(49.6%)	(50.1%)			(49.8%)	(50.5%)			
The Americas	280	553	1,073	249	-31	-11.1%	485	980			
Europe	318	630	1,339	363	+45	+13.9%	690	1,445			
Asia	322	653	1,419	348	+26	+8.1%	719	1,613			

#### **Business Results by Customer Location**

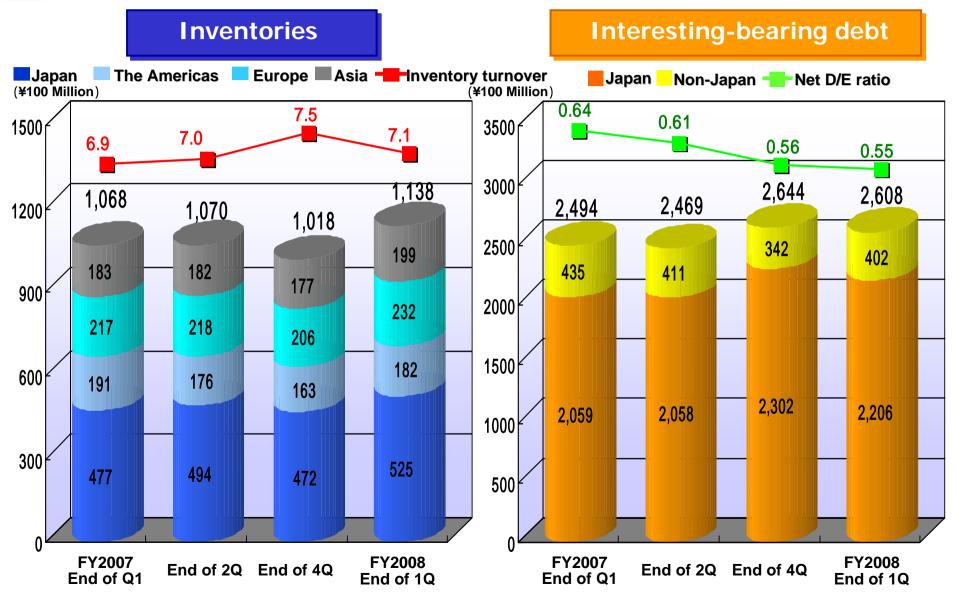






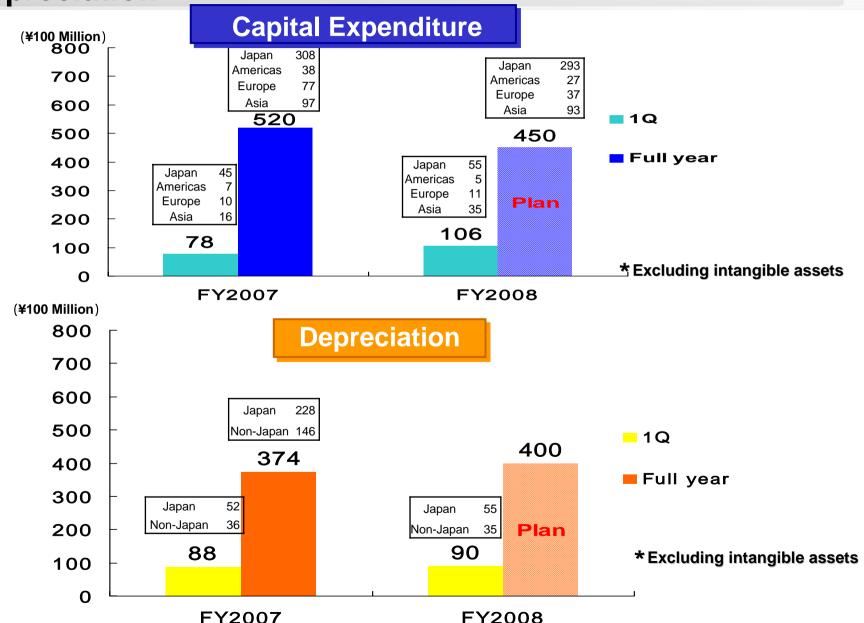
#### Inventories Interest-bearing Debt





#### Capital Expenditure, Depreciation





#### Supplementary Information Research & Development, Employees



(¥100 Million)		FY 20	FY 2008			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Full year (Plan)
Research & development	23	27	25	27	25	105

(No. of employees)		FY 20	FY 2008		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Employees	23,661	24,211	24,587	25,069	25,836
Japan	10,623	10,533	10,609	10,695	11,270
The Americas	2,989	3,003	3,028	3,080	3,044
Europe	4,082	4,120	4,205	4,270	4,277
Asia	5,967	6,555	6,745	7,024	7,245

#### Supplementary Information Forecasts by Business Segment



(¥100 Million)			FY 2007				FY 2008						
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Sales	3,693		4,027		7,720		3,800		4,200		8,000		+280
Industrial machinery bearings	1,148		1,243		2,391		1,220		1,330		2,550		+159
Automotive products	2,091		2,266		4,357		2,130		2,300		4,430		+73
Precision machinery & parts	318		364		682		315		425		740		+58
Others	245		317		562		270		280		550		-12
Eliminations	-109		-163		-272		-135		-135		-270		+2
Operating income	316	<8.5%>	377	<9.4%>	693	<9.0%>	315	<8.3%>	395	<9.4%>	710	<8.9%>	+17
Industrial machinery bearings	155	<13.5%>	180	<14.5%>	335	<14.0%>	165	<13.5%>	195 <	:14.7%>	360	<14.1%>	+25
Automotive products	139	<6.7%>	168	<7.4%>	307	<7.0%>	130	<6.1%>	155	<6.7%>	285	<6.4%>	-22
Precision machinery & parts	38	<12.0%>	48	<13.2%>	86	<12.6%>	40	<12.7%>	60 <	:14.1%>	100	<13.5%>	+14
Others	10	<4.1%>	18	<5.8%>	28	<5.1%>	10	<3.7%>	15	<5.4%>	25	<4.5%>	-3
Eliminations/ Corporation	-26		-37		-63		-30		-30		-60		+3