

Financial Results Briefing for the Second Quarter of the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2024: Q&A

(Questions answered by:)

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<Question 1>

You talked about increasing shareholder returns. You have replaced the dividend payout ratio with the total return ratio, and changed the ratio from 35% to 45%. What is your thinking when it comes to the purchase of treasury shares? Is there anything that you are considering about the sale of cross-held shares, such as selling them when temporary profit has been generated or when your performance is better than forecast?

<Answer 1>

(Sakurai)

We know that many listed companies purchased treasury shares this fiscal year. We aim to give top priority to business investment to pursue our growth strategy. We also aim to invest steadily in human resources, in addition to making business investment, because employees are the most important asset of a trading company.

As for the purchase of treasury shares, we aim to act on a case-by-case basis by comprehensively considering the prevailing environment. We first aim to invest steadily in a way that leads to growth. This intention is strong at present.

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