

# Investment and Strategic Business Alliance in/with Victor Company of Japan, Limited

**Joint Conference** 

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### Background and Vision: Specialized Japanese Manufacturers Poised for Survival

- \* Intensifying global competition amid waves of digital convergence
- \* **Declining visibility of Japanese consumer electronics industry,** especially specialized manufacturers
- \* Last major event in structural reform of mature industry lies in reform of specialized manufacturers.



Step 1: Equity Investment in Victor Company of Japan (JPY20 billion)

Investment of JPY35 billion committed jointly with Sparx Group

JVC will be a non-consolidated affiliate as Kenwood's stake represents less than an equity-method position.

#### World's No. 1 position in Car Audio Consumer Business

\* Strategic business alliance - to be advanced in Car Electronics and Home/Portable Audio businesses

#### **Supporting Victor's structural reform**

- \* Funding (equity investment) for structural reform
- \* Advice drawn on Kenwood's experiences in corporate reconstruction

#### **Step 1 Both Companies Will Derive Synergistic Effects From Strategic Business Alliance**

\* Toward World's No. 1

Car Electronics Consumer (Audio) business will double to a JPY100 billion scale; a JPY160 billion scale including Consumer Multimedia and OEM

- \* Alliance in 2/3 of Kenwood's business fields including Home/Portable Audio business
- \* Two companies' significant synergistic effects Joint development through JV, etc., joint materials procurement, mutual manufacturing outsourcing, cross licensing



#### **Step 2: Starting Consideration of Management Integration**

- \* Aiming for management integration on an equal footing while ensuring business stability of both companies
- \* Strengthening market initiatives under two representative Japanese brands, and creating/expanding medium- and long-term corporate value

Specialized Japanese manufacturers poised for survival through industry realignment



#### Conclusion

- \* Reassuring partnership with Sparx Group
- \* Support from Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. as Victor Company of Japan's leading shareholder

### The spirit and vision of all interested parties are indeed monolithically united.

We feel highly confident, and thank you.



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