# LINE Q2 2016 Earnings Results

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- iv. its ability to compete in the global social network services market;
- v. its ability to develop or acquire new products and services, improve its existing products and services and increase the value of its products and services in a timely and cost-effective manner;
- vi. its ability to maintain good relationships with platform partners and attract new platform partners;
- vii. its ability to attract advertisers to the LINE platform and increase the amount that advertisers spend with LINE;
- viii. its expectations regarding its user growth rate and the usage of its mobile applications;
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- xiii. the regulatory environment in which it operates;
- xiv. fluctuations in currency exchange rates and changes in the proportion of its revenues and expenses denominated in foreign currencies; and
- xv. changes in business or macroeconomic conditions.

# **Executive summary (Q2 2016)**

#### Ads

- Performance Ads fully launched starting June
- Messenger Ads steadily growing

#### **Content**

- Maintaining stable revenue from timely updates of existing titles
- Brown Farm continues to perform well. Released in Taiwan and Thailand

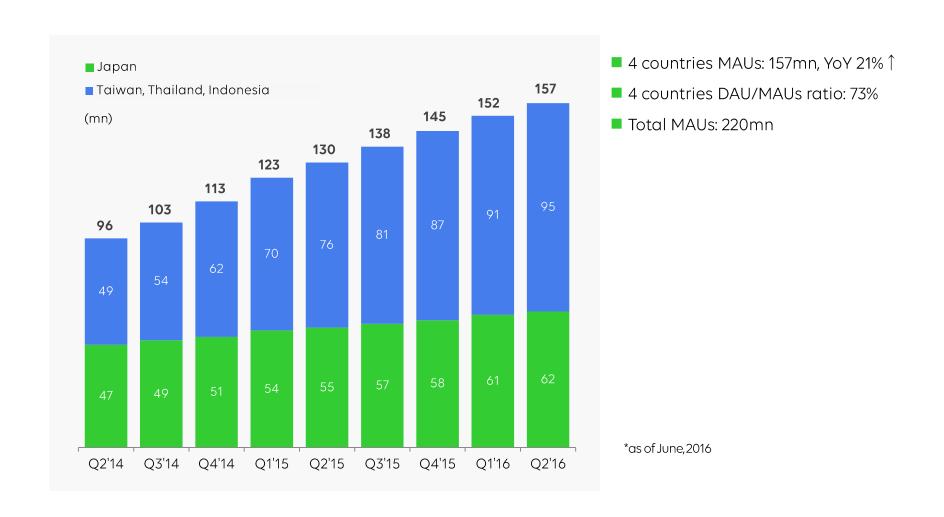
#### Communication

- New product launch
  - Pop-up sticker, Creators animation sticker, Creators themes

#### **Service**

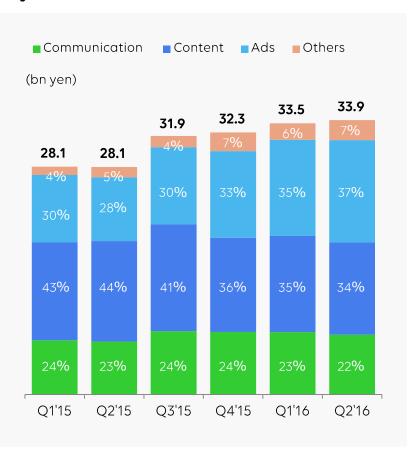
- LINE NEWS
  - [Japan] Rise in MAUs from product upgrade and service enhancement
- LINE Today
  - 【Taiwan/Thailand/Indonesia】 News Portal Service launched
- LINE Pay
  - 【Japan】 Increase in transaction volume since launch of LINE Pay Card in March
  - 【Thailand】Established「RABBIT-LINE PAY Company Limited」

# **Monthly Active Users**

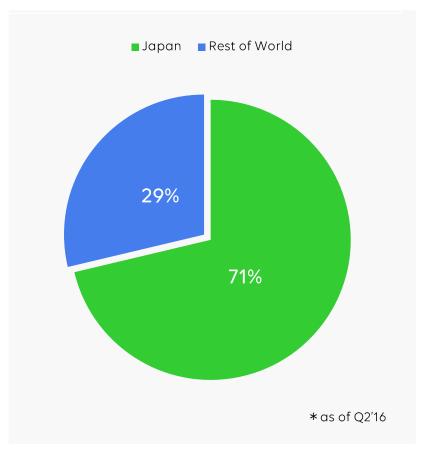


## Revenues

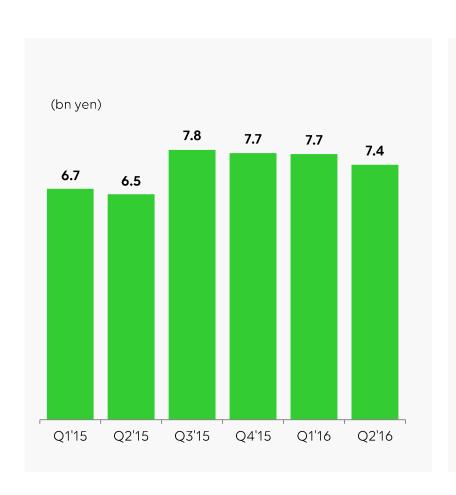
#### **By Business**



#### By Geography



# Communication Stickers, Theme, LINE Out(Call), etc



#### **Communication revenue**

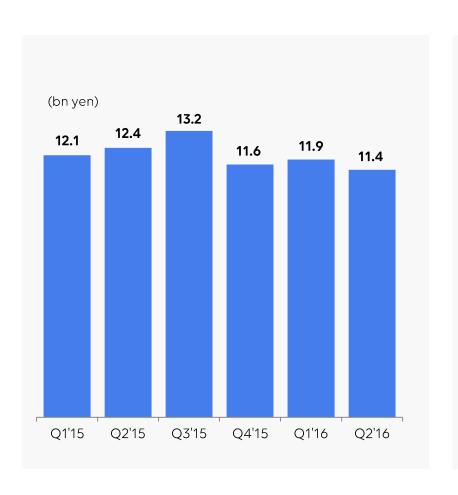
YoY 13.1% ↑ / QoQ 4.0% ↓

#### New product release

- Creators Theme (4/26)
- Pop-up Sticker (6/2)
- Creators Animation Sticker (6/21)



# Content LINE GAME, LINE PLAY, LINE Manga, LINE Fortune, LINE MUSIC, etc.



#### **Content revenue**

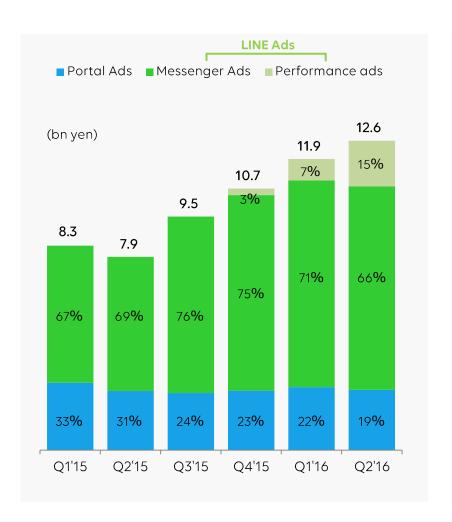
YoY 8.2% ↓ / QoQ 4.0% ↓

#### **LINE GAME**

- Delay of new title release in 2Q
- Early positive sign from release of Brown
   Farm in Taiwan and Thailand (6/24)

Game KPI	Q1′15	Q2'15	Q3'15	Q4'15	Q1'16	Q2'16
MAUs(mn)	37.5	35.7	32.0	31.9	30.8	28.9
PU Ratio	4.0%	4.0%	4.4%	5.2%	5.2%	4.9%

# Ads Official Account, LINE@, Sponsored Sticker, LINE Point ads, Timeline/LINE NEWS ads, etc.



#### Ads revenue

YoY 60.1% ↑ / QoQ 6.3% ↑

#### **LINE Ads revenue**

YoY 85.9% ↑ / QoQ 9.2% ↑

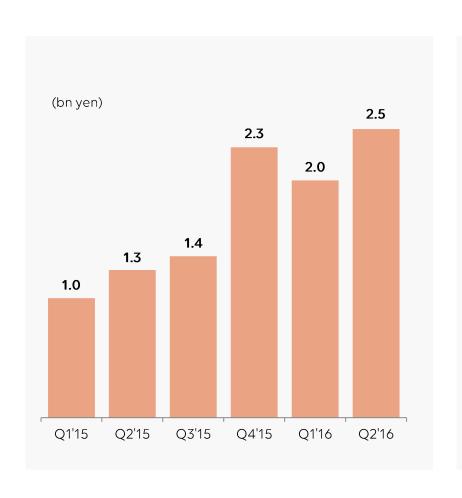
#### **Performance Ads**

- Performance Ads fully launched starting June
- Placement of Ads in LINE NEWS

#### # of Global Paid Official Account

Q1′15	Q2'15	Q3'15	Q4'15	Q1'16	Q2'16
358	373	390	419	456	480

# Others LINE FRIENDS, LINE Part-time Job, LINE Pay, etc.



# Others revenue YoY 95.5% ↑ / QoQ 21.6% ↑ **LINE FRIENDS revenue** YoY 132.4% ↑ / QoQ 26.2% ↑ LINE Part-time Job revenue \*LINE' share only YoY 514.2% ↑ / QoQ 44.8% ↑ # of LINE FRIENDS STORE: 5 countries / 19 stores

\*as of June, 2016

# **Smart Portal Update**



### **LINE NEWS**MAUs 41mn, YoY 281% ↑



LINE LIVE, LINE TV MAUS 26mn 66%↑ (vs Dec. 2015)



**LINE MUSIC**MAUs 562% ↑ (vs Dec. 2015)



**LINE Manga** MAUs YoY 190%↑



**B612(selfie)** MAUs 65mn, YoY 169%↑

**CONTENT PLATFORM** 



MESSAGING PLATFORM





RABBIT-LINE PAY (JV with BTS Group) established in Thailand



**LINE BOT API**Over 15K BOT developers registered



**LINE Part-time Job**# of applicants YoY 140% ↑



**LINE Man** on-demand assistant app released(4/21) in Thailand

LIFE PLATFORM

# **Earnings Summary**

(	Q2'15	Q1'16	Q2'16 —	Growth	
(mn yen)				Y/Y	Q/Q
Revenues and other operating income	28,174	34,116	38,235	35.7%	12.1%
Revenues	28,070	33,456	33,854	20.6%	1.2%
Communication	6,524	7,686	7,377	13.1%	-4.0%
Content	12,401	11,865	11,387	-8.2%	-4.0%
LINE Ads	5,466	9,302	10,160	85.9%	9.2%
Portal Ads	2,415	2,571	2,459	1.8%	-4.4%
Others	1,264	2,032	2,471	95.5%	21.6%
Other operating income	104	660	4,381	4,107.1%	563.5%
Operating expenses	30,532	28,778	30,206	-1.1%	5.0%
Operating income	-2,358	5,338	8,029	n/a	50.4%
Margin(%)	-8.4%	15.6%	21.0%	29.4%	5.4%
Pre-tax income	-2,229	4,143	6,544	n/a	58.0%
Tax	1,230	-2,737	-3,418	n/a	n/a
Net income from continuing operations	-998	1,406	3,126	-413.2%	122.3%
Discontinued operations income	-2,449	-1,640	-26	n/a	n/a
Net income	-3,447	-234	3,100	n/a	n/a

# Earnings Summary | Supplemental Information

# Other operating income

#### Sale of land in Fukuoka

- Sale of land in Fukuoka to Kyushu Railway Company for 5.05bn yen
- Gain on sale: 2.46bn yen

#### Re-measurement to fair value of LINE Biz Plus Ltd. in Thailand ("BIZTH")

- 2.38bn yen increase in investment in joint ventures because BIZTH was deconsolidated as a result of the issuance of shares to BSS Holdings Co., Ltd. and is now accounted for as a joint venture (post-transaction shareholding of 50%)
- Recorded gain of 1.73bn yen for the re-measurement to fair value of our 50% ownership interest

#### **Effective Tax rate**

- Japan statutory tax rate of 33.1% differed from the effective consolidated tax rate of 52.2% for the 3-month period ended June 30, 2016, because of:
- Certain amount of stock-based compensation expenses are not deductible for tax purposes
- Pre-tax loss by certain subsidiaries for which no deferred tax assets were recognized

# **Operating Expenses**

(mn yen)	Q2'15	Q1'16	Q2'16	Growth	
(IIIII yell)	Q2 15	QTIO	Q2 10 —	Y/Y	Q/Q
Operating expenses	30,532	28,778	30,206	-1.1%	5.0%
Payment processing and licensing	6,935	7,750	7,377	6.4%	-4.8%
Employee compensation	8,921	9,393	9,721	9.0%	3.5%
Marketing	5,233	2,307	2,448	-53.2%	6.1%
Infrastructure and communication	1,854	1,782	1,994	7.5%	11.9%
Authentication and other service	3,446	2,897	3,240	-6.0%	11.8%
Depreciation and amortization	935	968	1,266	35.3%	30.8%
Other operating expenses	3,208	3,681	4,160	29.7%	13.0%

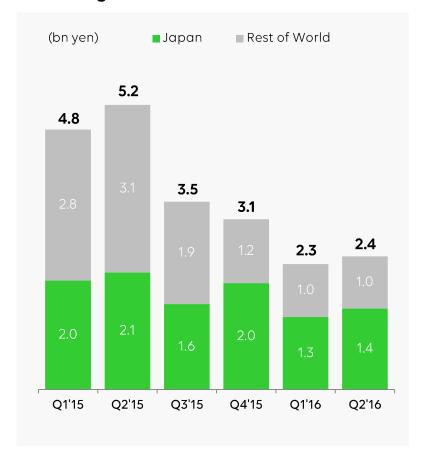
<sup>\*</sup>Other operating expenses include LINE Friends COGS, office related expense and IPO related expenses

# **Employee compensation and Marketing**

#### **Employee compensation**

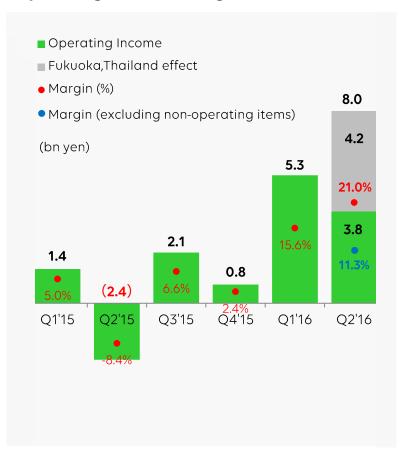


#### Marketing

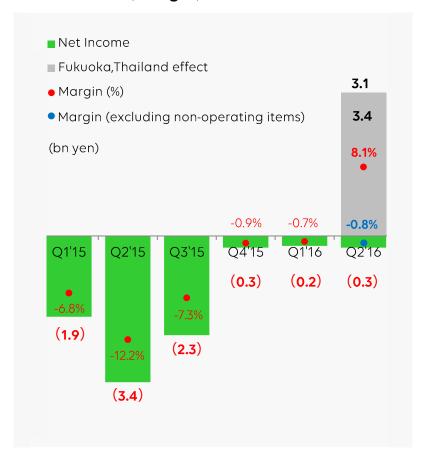


# Operating & Net Income

#### Operating Income (Margin)



#### Net Income (Margin)



# Q&A

