

# cognavi Vision2026



Medium-Term Management Plan for FY March 2024 to FY March 2026 May 2023

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### -MISSION-

# Seeking for the World Where Skills Connect with One Another



Our unique matching system, Cognavi uses artificial intelligence (AI) to connect mechanical and electrical engineering students' learning, and engineers' skills with the skills wanted by companies.

By using the Cognavi's matching technology, we make it possible to connect engineers with companies through skills in the market of human resources in mechanical and electrical engineering.

Cognavi will support engineers in all career-related settings, including job placement for mechanical and electrical graduates, career changes, temporary staffing and reskilling.

# Towards Building Platform for Job Mobility of Engineers



Japan's temporary staffing market for technological engineers is now at a turning point. The population is decreasing and the Act on Securing the Proper Operation of Worker Dispatching Businesses and Protecting Dispatched Workers stipulates equal pay for equal work.

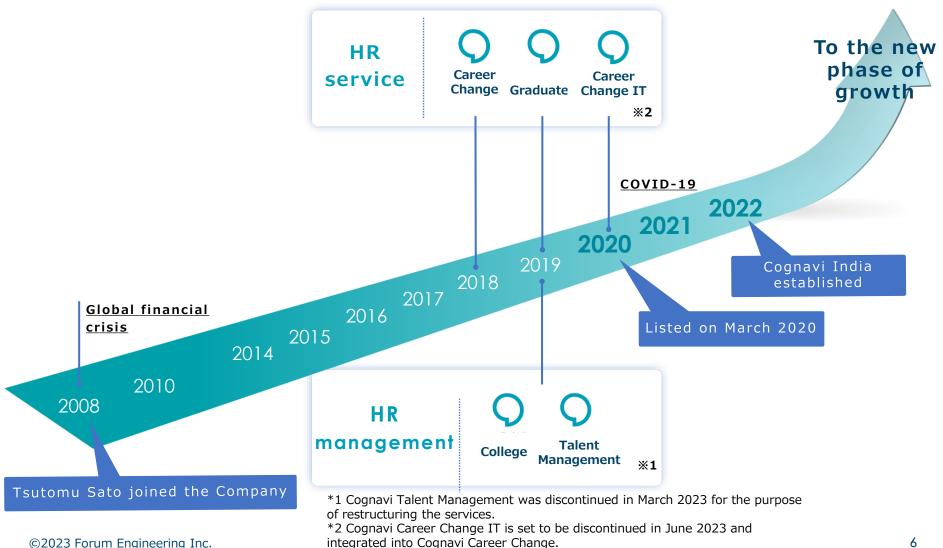
# Service integration in the domain of mechanical and electrical engineering

Use technologies to improve matching efficiency

### Our History



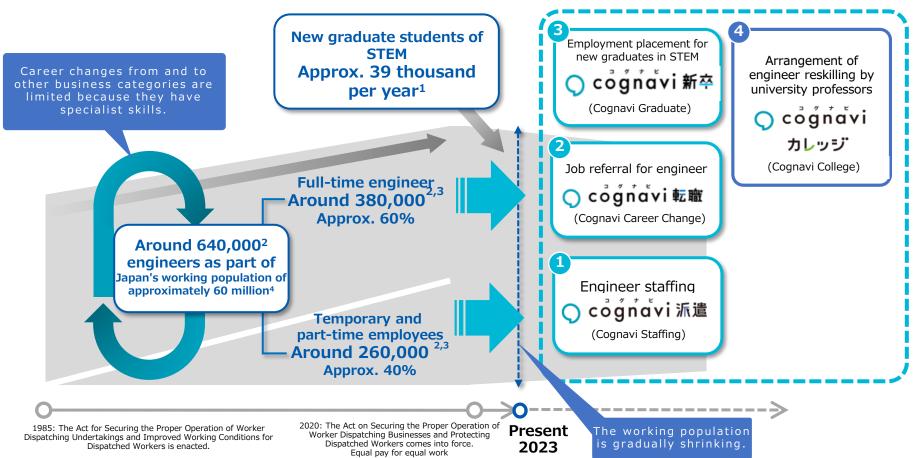
Since 2008, the Company has invested in technologies and developed platforms and, since 2018, has gradually launched and rolled out in full scale the services of Cognavi.



# Towards Building Platform for Job Mobility of Engineers



The Company foresees that the market structure will change as a result of a decline in the working population. Consequently, it launched Cognavi. This is a platform business for capturing all opportunities for engineer career mobility.



Note: The diagram is for presentation purposes only and it does not reflect actual increases or decreases in number.

- 1. Estimated by the Company from the number of persons enrolled in faculties of mechanical engineering and electrical and communication engineering in the Situation of Students Enrolled at University by Discipline stated
- in the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology's FY2018 Basic School Survey
- 3. Total of electrical, electronic and telecommunication engineers (excluding communication network engineers), mechanical engineers, and transportation equipment engineers, excluding those aged 65 years and older, stated in the POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLDS OF JAPAN 2015 from the Statistics Bureau of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications
- 4. The ratio of non-regular employees to regular employees is estimated by the Company from the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare's Current Status and Problems about Non-Regular Employment
- 5. According to the 2015 National Census from the Statistics Bureau of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications © 2023 Forum Engineering Inc.

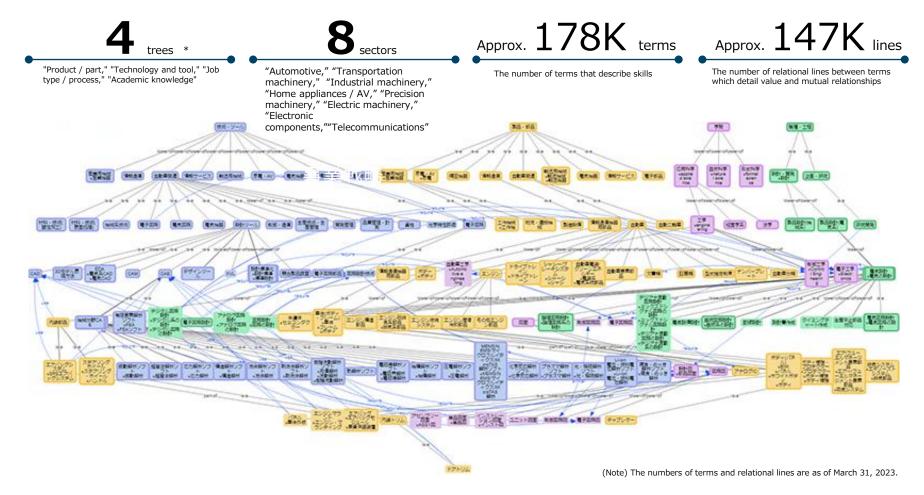
### kokuu – The Brain behind Skill Matching Technology



It consists of numerous technical terms and relational lines that represent technical relationships between these terms.

Related technical terms are interlinked by relational lines that takes into account the degree of closeness of a relationship. They act as grounds for matching.

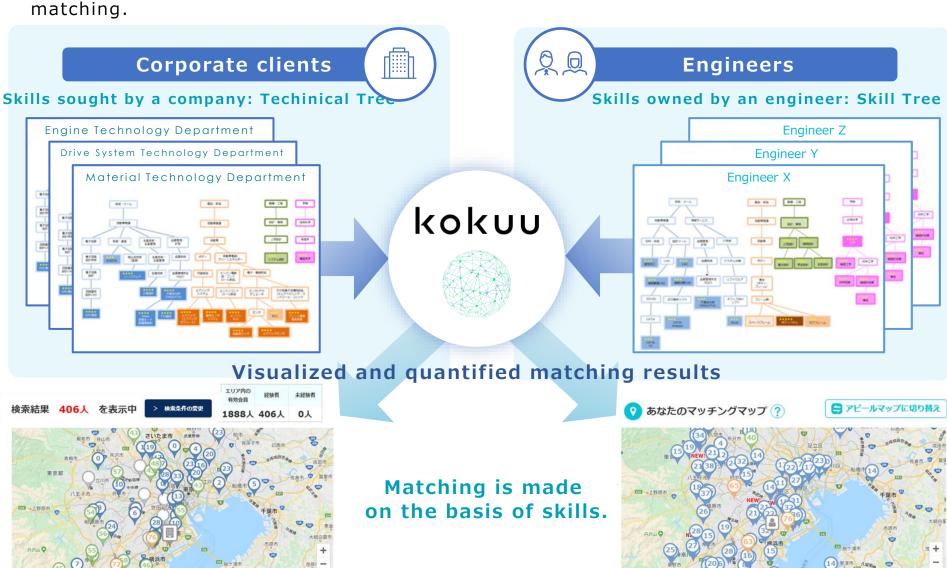
The technology discovers latent requirements and skills overlooked by corporate clients and engineers and provides matching opportunities that will broaden the potential.



# Mechanism of Direct Matching with kokuu



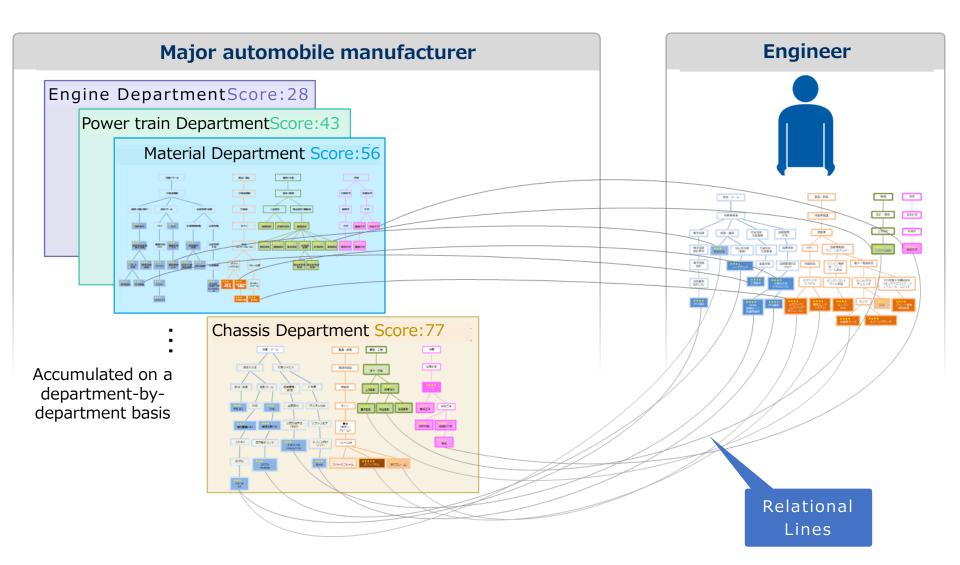
It visualizes both skill requirements that vary depending on the department of the client and skills owned by engineers in tree-like diagrams and overlap them to achieve direct matching.



# kokuu's Matching Technology Using Relational Lines



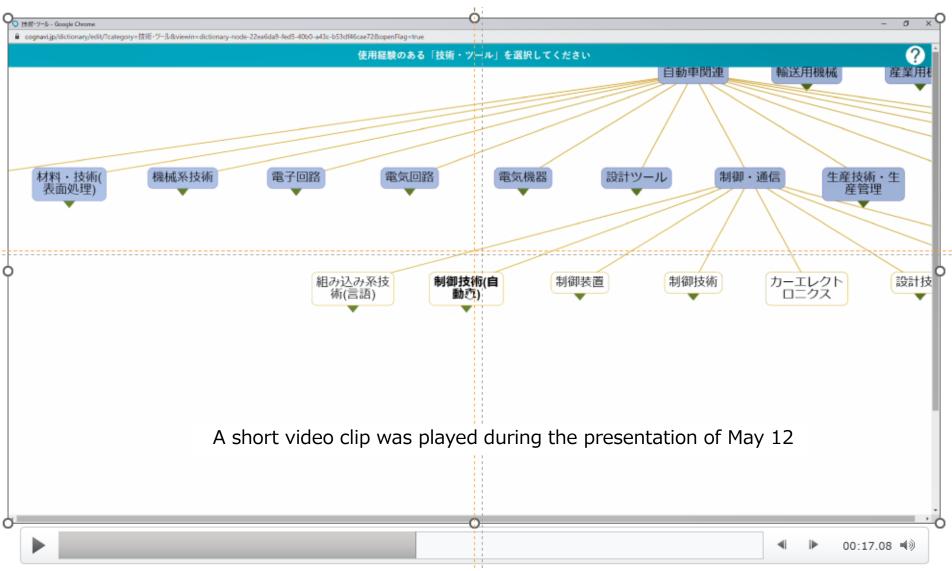
We collect and accumulate technical tree data from corporate clients at a department level and use each skill's relational lines to enable direct matching.



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[HOW a Skill Tree of an engineer is cheated by cognavi]







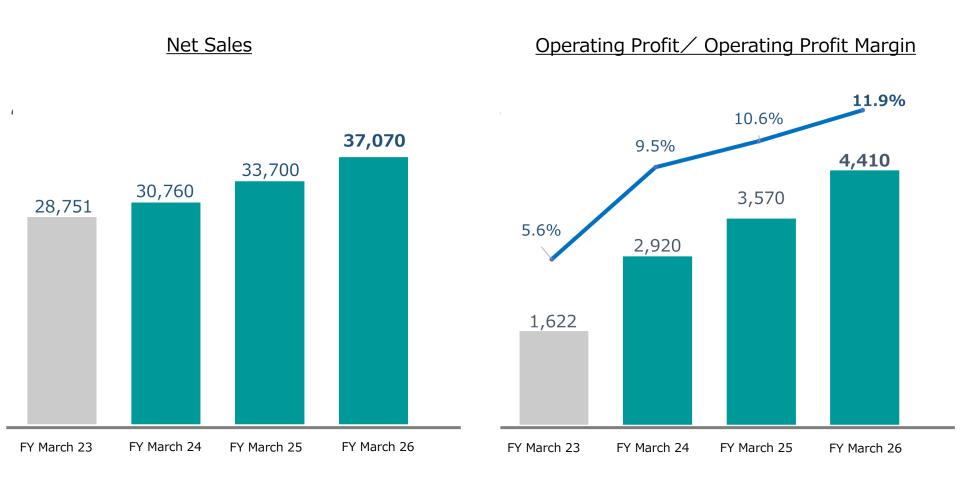
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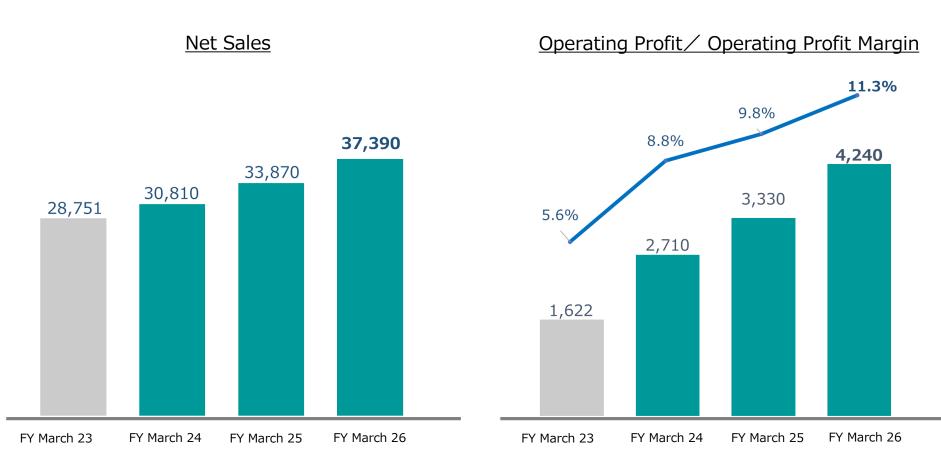
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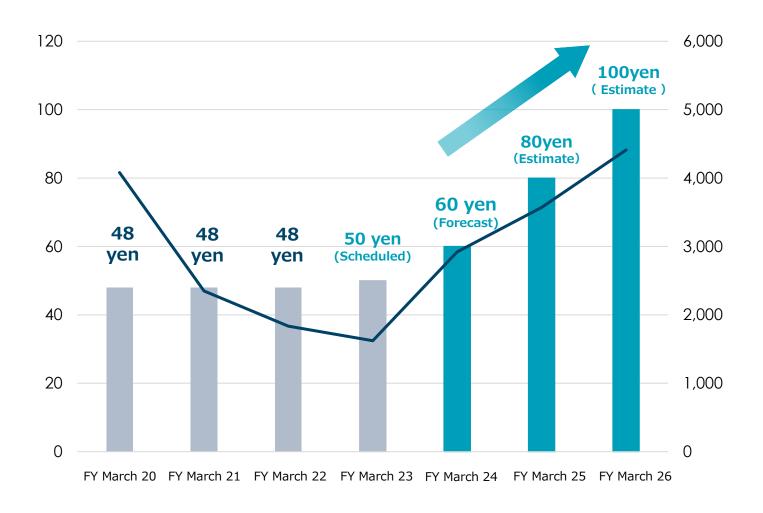




# Mid-term dividend policy



[cognavi Vision2026]: aiming for continuous profit growth and increased dividends.



### **Future Growth Scenario**



### **Net sales**

- Overseas: Use India as a stepping stone to expand the recruitment media business globally
- Cognavi Collage:Plan, implement and support reskilling for engineers by university professors
- Cognavi Career Change:Capture career mobility opportunities of engineers to develop it into a third source of earnings
- Cognavi Graduate: Develop it into a second source of earnings by leveraging relationships with universities
- Cognavi Staffing:Strive to increase the number of utilized engineers while maintaining a profitable structure

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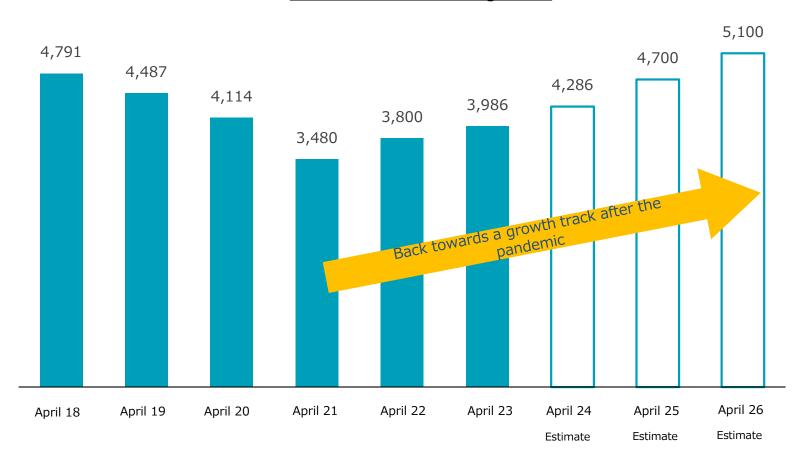
Short term Medium term Long term Period

# cognavi Vision2026 (1) Cognavi Staffing



Increase market share steadily while maintaining a profitable structure to achieve a status of 5,100 utilized engineers in three years

### Number of utilized engineers



# cognavi Vision2026 (1) Cognavi Staffing



Hiring engineers is a key to organic growth in an environment with chronic shortage of engineers.

Take independent measures ②to ④ to step up recruitment and to boost the hiring rate of engineers.

# 1 Increase the ratio of engineers hired after their applications

Propose job offers within their commutable area in response to engineers' wishes to work in their local regions Use kokuu to propose job offers matched with their skills

Increase the hourly wage at the time of hiring to attract highly skilled engineers

# 2 Re-employ retired engineers

Send regular email messages to engineers who retired in the past encouraging a return to work

# 3 Employee referral program

Send email messages regularly to employees of the Company who make job referrals to ask them for cooperation Conduct a campaign for increasing wages at the time of entry on a regular basis

# 4 Prospective engineers

Send regular email messages encouraging past applicants who declined job offers to reapply

# cognavi Vision2026 (1) Cognavi Staffing (M&A Basic Policy)



In addition to an organic increase in utilized engineers, make **use of mergers and acquisitions** in a bid for continued growth

Subjects of consideration

**Companies in Japan only** 

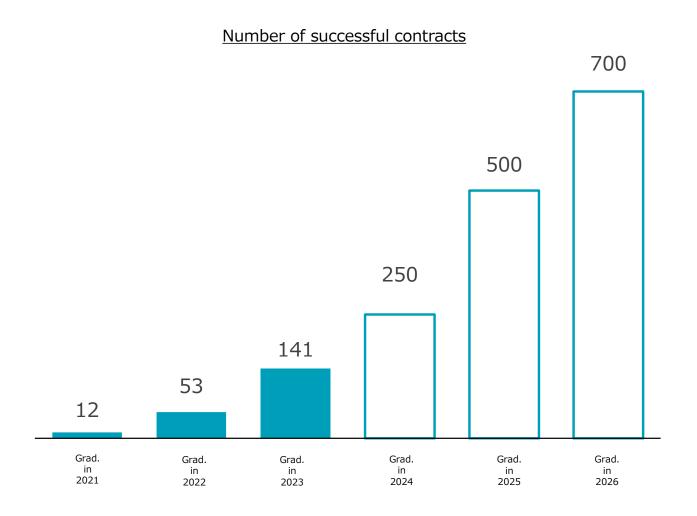
Temporary staffing companies in mechanical and electrical areas

Companies that can spread cognavi Services together with us.

# cognavi Vision2026 (2) Cognavi New Graduates



In the next three years, the Company will lay the foundation for realizing an ambition through Cognavi Graduate where all 39,000 students in mechanical and electrical engineering are hired by manufacturers to work as engineers.

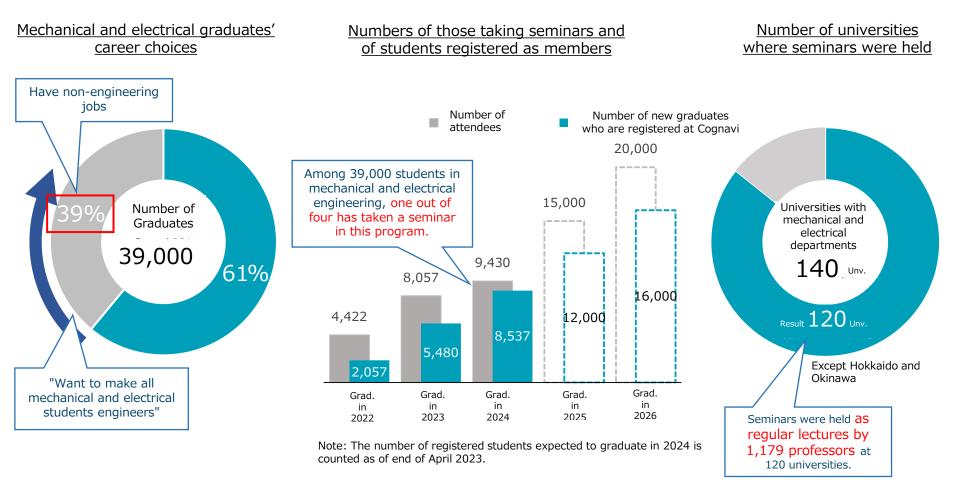


# cognavi Vision2026 (2) Cognavi New Graduates Engineering Job Seminars for Creating Population



With the aspiration to make all students in mechanical and electrical engineering into engineers, the Company has been holding seminars for third-year university students in universities since 2015. In these seminars, some of the Company's employees who used to be engineers at manufacturers act as lecturers.

All members of Cognavi Graduate have taken a seminar in this program.



# cognavi Vision2026 (2) Cognavi New Graduates Examples of Engineering Job Seminars



Nearly 80% of the seminars are held as regular lectures for acquiring credits. They have earned recognition and confidence to some extent at universities in mechanical and electrical engineering.







University	Chubu University
Departments and Courses	Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering
Seminar Form	Department seminar
Number of attendees	159
Number of new graduates who are registered at Cognavi	154

Tokai University	
Department of Precision Engineering, School of Engineering	
Joint seminar	
71	
58	

Department of Information Technology and Electronics, Faculty of Science and Engineering	
Voluntary participation	
5	

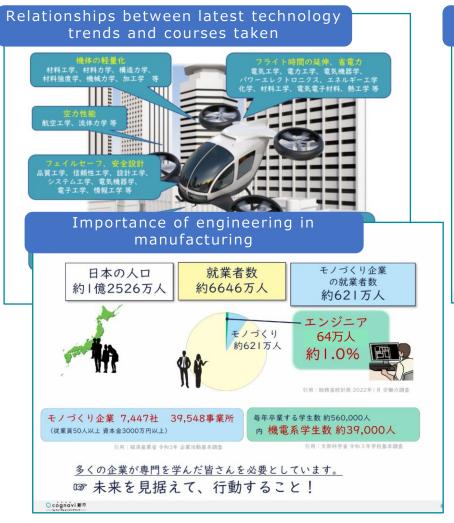
Ishinomaki Senshu University

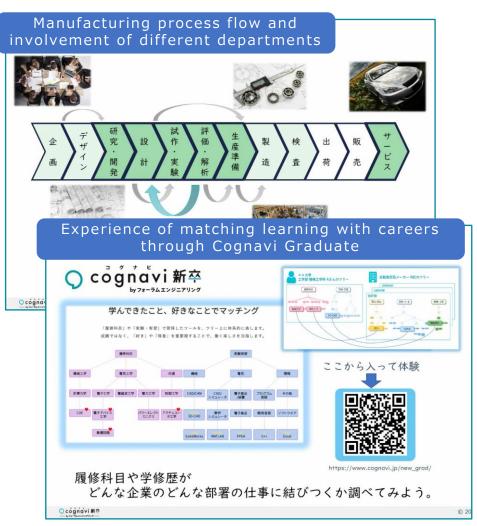
# cognavi Vision2026 (2) Cognavi New Graduates Lecture Contents of Engineering Job Seminar



The latest technology trends are also included in the seminar, permitting students to imagine what it will be like to work for a manufacturer.

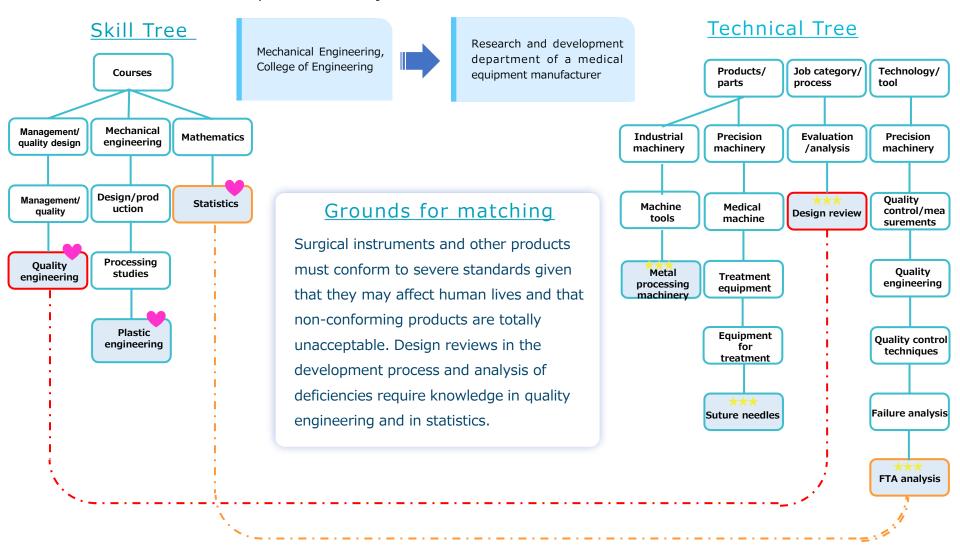
Using Cognavi Graduate, students can find what jobs they will be able to do by applying what they have learned.





# cognavi Vision2026 (2) Cognavi New Graduates Ocognavi Examples of Matching between Students and Companies

Students can precisely find jobs in which they can exert their skills acquired from their desired course and accept unofficial job offers.



# Cognavi Vision2026 (3) Cognavi Career Change

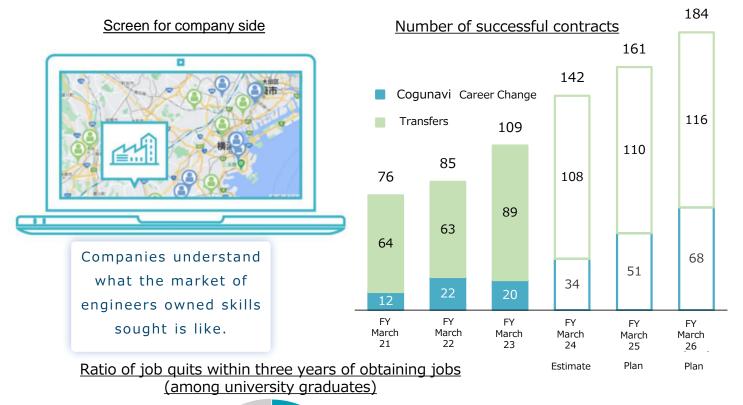


It supports engineers who joined manufacturers through Cognavi Graduate when seeking other employers later.

Capture career mobility opportunities of engineers to develop it into a third source of earnings.

# Screen for job seekers

Job seekers search for job opportunities where their skills are useful within their commutable areas.



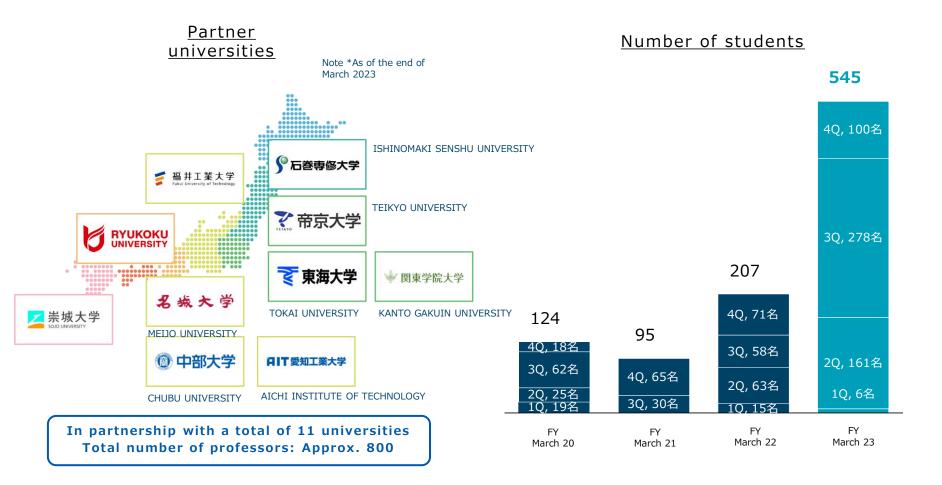
31%

### Cognavi Vision2026 (4) Cognavi College



It provides skill training reskilling for engineers working for manufacturers at partner universities.

It develops a database of skills owned by professors to make precise matching of highly technical training according to corporate demand for reskilling.



# Cognavi Vision 2026 (5) Cognavi India Expansion to India



In 2022, we entered India, where the market potential is more than 35 times greater than it is in Japan. Aim to turn all students in mechanical and electrical engineering into engineers, as in Japan, in a bid to swiftly achieve profitability.



**Cognavi Guraduate** 

STEM students

STEM graduates

39K annually

### Manufacturer

Manufacturers in the Indian market Product-Base Industry % 2

Approx.
30,000
companies

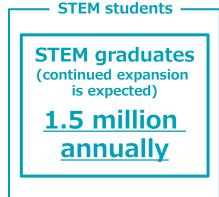
\*2 Estimated by Forum Engineering based on local market data

Expanidng the "Cognavi Graduate" model from Japan to India

### **Cognavi Freshers** \*3

Job portal site for STEM new graduates in India

(Launch of the service planned in June 2023)



\*3 Tentative name

<sup>\*1</sup> Number of our targets

### Cognavi Vision2026 (5) Cognavi India Capital Partnership among Three Companies in Japan and India for Business Acceleration



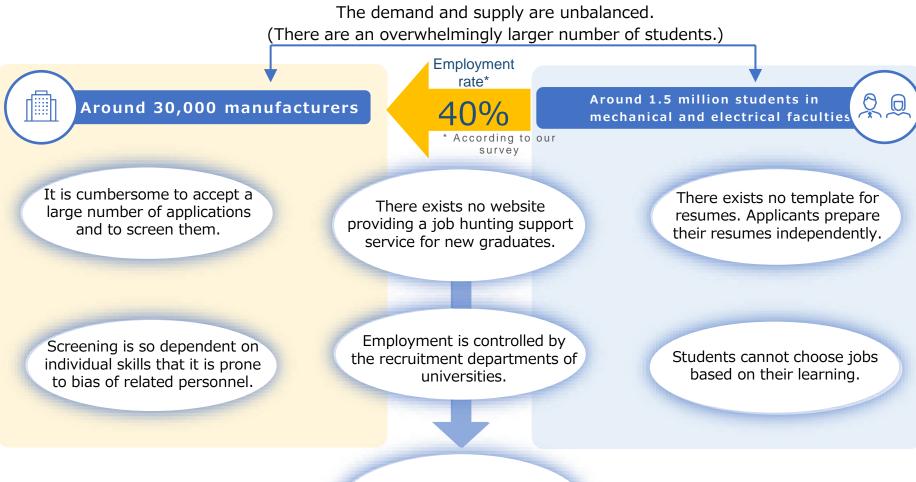
Cognavi India Private Limited operates in India to develop and run a job portal website linking science and engineering students in India with local manufacturers. The Company partners with India-based SRM Global Consulting Private Limited and Japan-based Cresco Ltd. and decided to take a capital stake in it.



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### Cognavi Vision2026 (5) Cognavi India Current State and Problems about Job Hunting in India





There exists no means of direct communication between employers and students.

To cope with these issues, Cognavi Freshers establishes a job hunting platform.

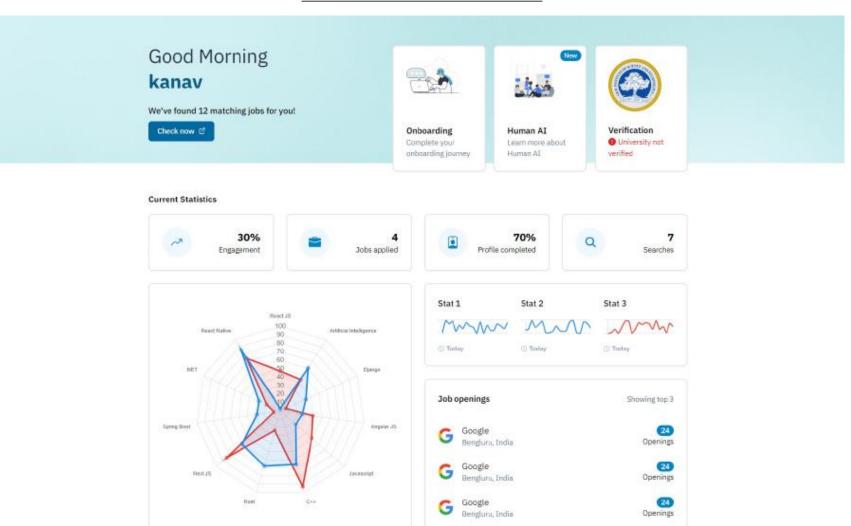
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# Cognavi Vision2026 (5) Cognavi India Outline of Cognavi Freshers



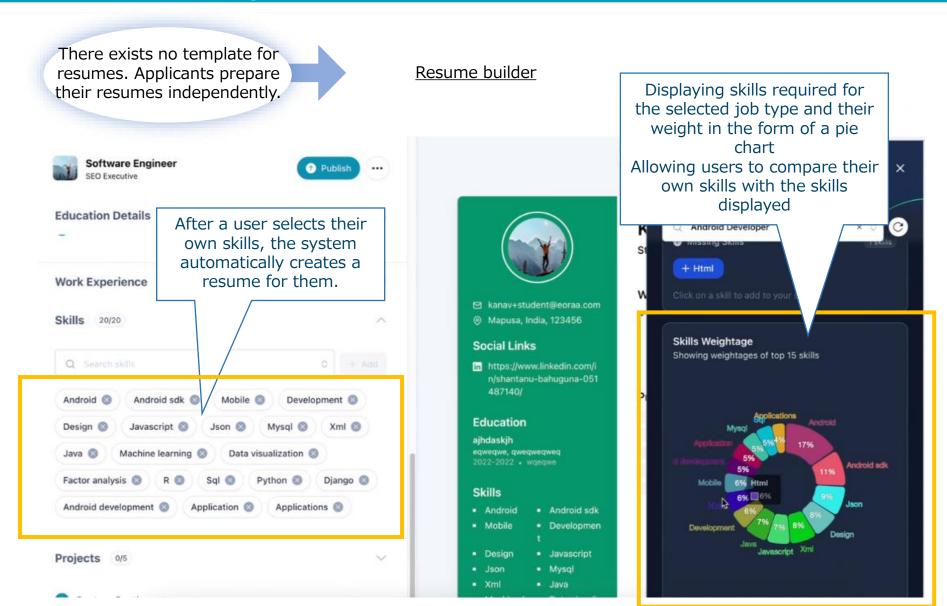
Cognavi India is in the process of developing a job portal website specially designed for students who are prospective graduates in India. Launch of the service planned in June 2023

### Home screen for student users



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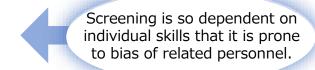


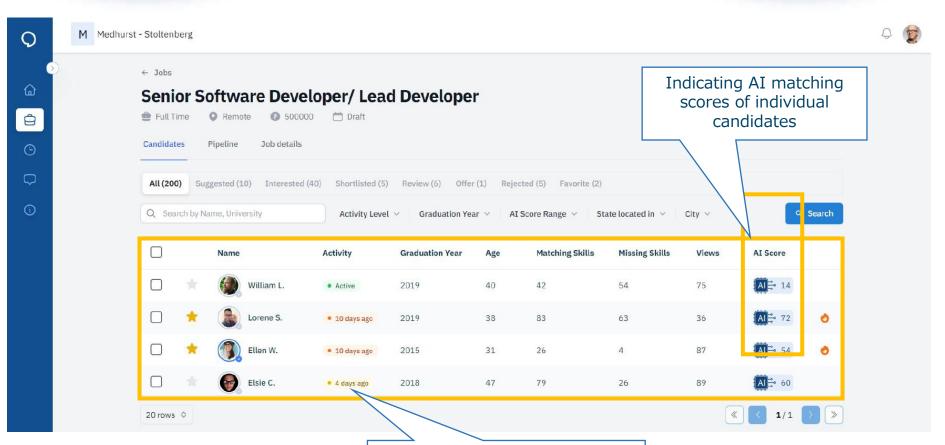
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It is cumbersome to accept a large number of applications and to screen them.

<u>Applicants management</u> <u>screen for corporate users</u>





Comparing candidates in a list for individual job types for which applicants are sought





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# **Mission**

Seeking for the World Where Skills Connect with One Another





# ◆ 「cognavi Vision2026」 Sustainability initiatives

– Japan is a manufacturing country now facing a structural shortage of engineers after its population began to decline. In Japan and around the world, we will link courses taken by mechanical and electrical students and skills owned by mechanical and electrical engineers with manufacturers seeking them on our original skill matching system, Cognavi, with a view to a world where skills connect. –

In medium- and long-term pursuit of its mission from three perspectives of the environment (E), society (S) and governance (G), the Company will take actions in consideration of the 17 universal sustainable development goals (SDGs) addressed by the United Nations for building a sustainable society by 2030. The Company will thus find subjects to work on for conducting new ESG practices that lead to the Company's sustained growth.

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