

During fiscal 2012, ended March 31, 2013, despite a level of growth in the American market, the Brother Group faced an adverse global economy which included the ongoing financial crisis in Europe, slowdown in emerging markets, and the drastic rise over the summer and autumn in the exchange rate for yen.

While the Machinery & Solution business was negatively impacted by this weak market, net sales in fiscal 2012 improved year-on-year, with items such as communications and printing equipment, home sewing machines and online karaoke machines remaining solid. We also experienced an increase due to exchange against the US dollar.

Operating income fell, however, due to negative factors such as the loss in the Machinery & Solution business and changes in the exchange rate. Despite factors such as extraordinary income related to acquisition of shares in an affiliated company, net income also fell year-on-year.

In fiscal 2013 we will forge ahead as a Group towards achievement of our mid-term business strategy “CS B2015” with a year of growth. I kindly ask for the continued understanding and support of our shareholders and other stakeholders.

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