

# **PROTO CORPORATION (4298:JP)**

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November 4,2015

# **Corporate Profile**

Corporate Name Founded

Established
Common Stock

**Shares Outstanding** 

**Head Offices** 

**Branch Offices** 

Fiscal Year-end
Number of Employees

Stock Exchange Listing Subsidiary

orporate Name PROTO CORPORATION

October 1, 1977

June 1, 1979

1,824,620 thousand yen (As of September 30, 2015)

20,940,000 shares (As of September 30, 2015)

23-14, Aoi 1-chome, Naka-ku, Nagoya 460-0006, Japan

22-2, Hongo 2-chome, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-0033, Japan

Sapporo, Sendai, Takasaki, Nagano, Hamamatsu, Nagoya, Kanazawa, Osaka, Hiroshima, Matsuyama,

Fukuoka, Kumamoto (57 Sales Outlets Nationwide)

March 31

Consolidated: 1,497 (As of September 30, 2015)

Parent: 670 (As of September 30, 2015)

Tokyo Stock Exchange JASDAQ Standard (Listed on September 12, 2001)

- 1. PROTO-RIOS INC. (Full subsidiary since October 2002)
- 2. PROTO DATA CENTER (Full subsidiary, established in April 2007)
- 3. PROTO MEDICAL CARE (Full subsidiary since October 2009)
- 4. Bike Bros. Inc. (Full subsidiary since April 2010)
- 5. CAR CREDO Co., Ltd. (Full subsidiary, established in February 2012)
- 6. Kings Auto Co., Ltd. (Full subsidiary since April 2012)
- 7. AUTOWAY Co., Ltd. (Full subsidiary since April 2013)
- 8. iSolutions Co., Ltd. (Full subsidiary since October 2014)
- 9. TIRE WORLD KAN BEST CO., LTD. (Full subsidiary since April 2015)
- 10. PROTO MALAYSIA Sdn. Bhd. (Full subsidiary since September 2011)
- 11. PROTO (TAIWAN) CO., LTD. (Full subsidiary, established in December 2011)
- 12. CAR CREDO MALAYSIA SDN. BHD. (Full subsidiary, established in September 2015)
- 13. SMT Media Pte. Ltd. \* (Full subsidiary since September 2011)
- 14. PT. PROTO INDONESIA \* (Full subsidiary, established in December 2012)
- (As of October 31, 2015) \*The companies are currently under liquidation.



Our magazine was first issued in 1977

# Introduction of PROTO Group

### Automobile-related Information (Domestic)



To offer automobile-related & lifestyle-related information



Sales of imported tires and wheels



Sales of the tires, wheels (Share acquisition in April 2015)



Export and sales of used cars



Mail-order services for motorbike Parts, the operation of the online shop specializing in motorbikes, and the publication of motorbike magazines



Development and sales of software for automobile maintenance, repair



To offer car inspection services, including "Goo-inspection"

### Automobile-related Information (Overseas)



To offer automobile-related information (Malaysia)



To offer automobile-related information (Taiwan)

### Lifestyle-related Information • Other Business



To offer the services of introducing and dispatching personnel in the fields of medicine, nursing care, and welfare, and information services



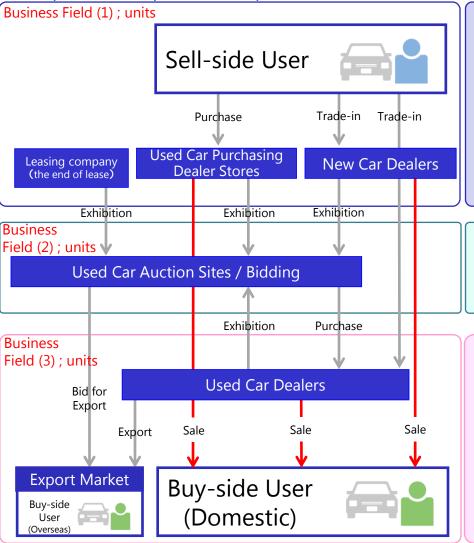
Business process outsourcing (BPO) business, including data inputting/ To offer automobile-related & lifestyle-related information



Design, development, and sales of website systems

### Used Car Distribution Flowchart and Major Products and Services of our Corporate Group

■ We will cover all aspects of used car distribution industry from the upper to lower stage, and promote the development and provision of products and services that meet customers' needs.



#### Business Field (1)

Data Line PRO, Basic Price Data for Automobile Manufacturers

To offer the data on final bidding prices and retail prices, etc.

#### Data Line Assessment, e-satei

To offer the system for appraising used cars for corporations

#### Business Field (2)

Goo-net Automobile Distribution, Automobile Distribution Journal

The trend of the distribution market is informed via websites and paper sheets to automobile-related firms.

#### Business Field (3)

Goo Series (Information magazines, PC, Smartphone)

To search favorite cars and estimate their prices

MOTOR GATE (platform for dealers)

Sales, Stock, client, and customer management tools utilizing the platform for dealers, etc.

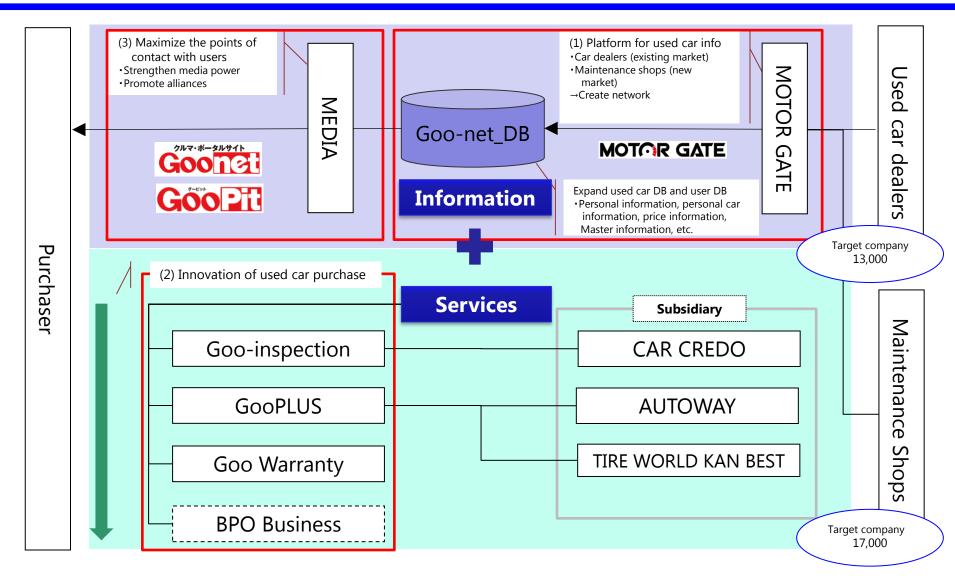
Goo-inspection

Addition of the information on the appraisal by the third-party institution

GooAUTO, Goo-net Exchange

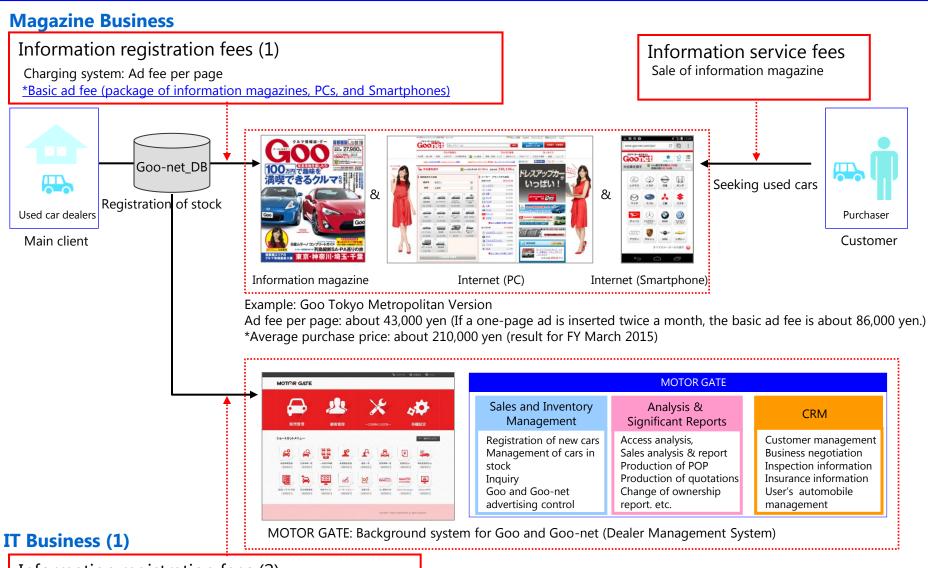
To assist exporters and dealers in the export of used cars

### Automobile-related Info: Business Outline



We plan to create the Japan's largest network of used car dealers and maintenance shops, and establish the "Goo" brand through producing and providing private-brand products and services.

### **Business Process of Goo Series**



Information registration fees (2)

Fee for Internet option products, such as Goo-net (MOTOR GATE)

# Outline of Goo-inspection

■ By promoting Goo-inspection, we will develop an environment in which users can select automobiles without anxiety while trusting it



### **Outline of GooPLUS**

By promoting GooPLUS, we will develop an environment in which users can select automobiles without anxiety while trusting it



# The operation of the nationwide version of "GooPit," the website specializing in car maintenance, started.

With the nationwide version of "GooPit," we entered the car maintenance field on a full-scale basis.

(The service began on Jan. 30, 2015.)





Detail pages of GooPit



#### ■ Advantages of GooPit

- 1. Media power and number of client firms
  - •The expertise nurtured through Goo-net is utilized in the car maintenance field.
  - About 3,900 shops belong to GooPit (As of September 30, 2015).

#### 2. Quality of information

- •Only accredited and designated maintenance shops can belong to GooPit, and the numbers of Class 1 and Class 2 mechanics can be seen.
- The features and prices of maintenance shops are described as much as possible.
- •In addition to the achievements, images, movies, etc. of member shops, we adopted "reviews on maintenance shops."

#### 3. Sales capability

- Maintenance shop follow-up system with the nationwide sales network
- Direct sales activities by sales staff versed in the field

#### Business models

- 1. Website specializing in car maintenance
  - Advertisement fee: fixed monthly charge model
- 2.Other optional services, such as MOTOR GATE call
  - Commission charge: Pay-as-you-go model

#### Store menu, achievements, etc.



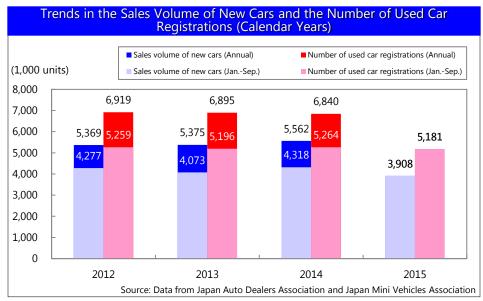






## Japanese Car Market Trend







Mar. May

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2014

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2015 (Surveyed by our company)

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2013

Mar.

2012

500

#### Sales Volume of New Cars

The sales volume of new cars for 2014 (Jan.-Dec.) was 5.56 million (103.5% of the value for the same period of the previous year). The sales volume of new cars for 2015 (Jan.-Sep.) was 3.90 million (90.5% of the value for the same period of the previous year).

#### **Number of Used Car Registrations**

The number of used cars registered in 2014 (Jan.-Dec.) was 6.84 million (99.2% of the value for the same period of the previous year). The number of used cars registered in 2015 (Jan.-Sep.) was 5.18 million (98.4% of the value for the same period of the previous year).

#### **Variations in Average Retail and Wholesale Prices of Used Cars**

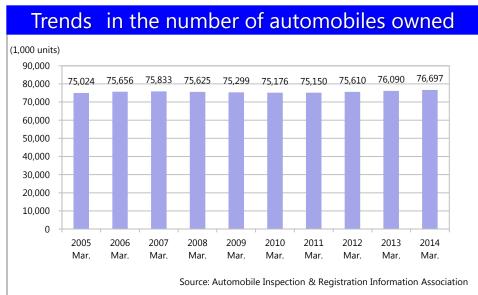
After the end of the Eco-Car Subsidy, the average retail price is around 800,000 yen. As for average wholesale price, it is around 650,000 yen. it bottomed out in April 2014 and began to rise.

【For reference: Eco-car Subsidy】

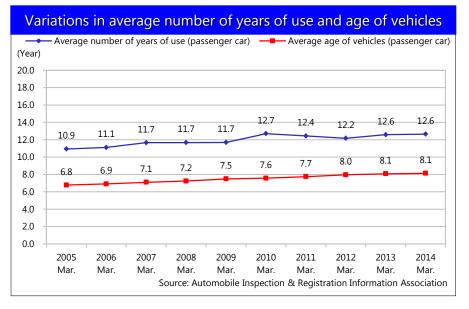
- 1. First phase: Eco-car Subsidy
- April 10, 2009 to September 7, 2010: a budget of 583.7 billion yen with Scrap Incentive
- 2. Second phase: Eco-car Subsidy
- December 20, 2011 to September 21, 2012: a budget of 300 billion yen without Scrap Incentive

# Japanese Car Market Trend (Car maintenance field)









#### Variation in the number of automobiles owned

The number of automobiles held is around 76 million.

# Variations in average number of years of use and age of vehicles

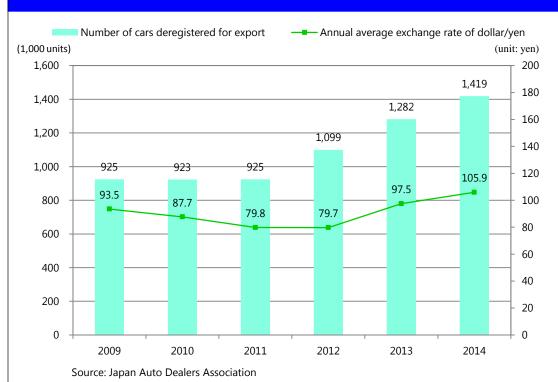
Average number of years of use and age of vehicles are increasing.

#### Variation in the number of car maintenance shops

The number of car maintenance shops (accredited and designated shops) is slightly increasing. (maintenance shops, dealers, car accessory stores, gas stations, etc.)

# Japanese Car Market Trend(Used car export field)





Volume of export of used cars to each country in 2014

Rank	Country	Number of cars (thousand units)
1	MYANMAR	160
2	RUSSIA	128
3	U.A.E	112
4	NEW ZEALAND	110
5	CHILE	73
6	KENYA	67
7	SOUTH AFRICA	53
8	KYRGYZ	48
9	GEORGIA	38
10	PAKISTAN	38

Source: Japan Used Motor Vehicle Exporters Association

#### Variation in the number of cars deregistered for export

Thanks to the yen depreciation, the number of cars deregistered for export is increasing, although there are some effects of the import regulations in each country, etc.

#### Variation in the number of cars exported to each country

The export volume of used cars to the top 5 countries accounts for over 40%.





### **Future Outlook**

The IR information in this document includes a future outlook.

Such information other than the past events may be influenced by the risk and uncertainty due to the competition, market, and systems in the field of our company's business. As a result, the outlook based on the assumption and estimation with available information may be different from actual results and performance in the future. We would appreciate your understanding.

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