

Outline of Corporate History



Katsutarō Inabata established Inabata Senryoten in 1890 after returning from France, where he had learned the latest dyeing techniques. Inabata Senryoten later became Inabata & Co., Ltd. The "IK" logo, taken from his initials, has been handed down to this day together with the founder's borderless dynamism and entrepreneurial spirit.

- 1890 Inabata Senryoten established as importer of dyestuffs in Kyoto
- 1895 Opens Tokyo branch office
- 1897 Head office moves to Osaka

1890-

- 1918 The company is incorporated and renamed Inabata Shoten (Inabata & Co., Ltd.)
- 1922 Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry appoints Katsutarō Inabata as its 10th president. He remains in the post until 1934
- 1926 Katsutarō Inabata assumes presidency of Nippon Senryo Seizo K.K. manufacturer of dyestuffs
- 1937 Representative office opens in Brussels
- 1938 Nagoya branch office opens
- 1940 Representative office opens in Batavia (now Jakarta)
- 1943 "Inabata Sangyo" becomes the Japanese company name
Representative offices in Keijo (now Seoul), Shanghai, Tianjin, Qingdao, and Hoten (now Shenyang) upgraded to branch offices
Representative office opens in Yogyakarta
- 1944 Nippon Senryo merges into Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd.
Inabata & Co., Ltd. becomes exclusive distributor of dyestuffs, chemicals, and pharmaceuticals for Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd.

1900-

- 1961 Stock listed on Second Section of Osaka Securities Exchange
- 1962 Stock listed on Second Section of Tokyo Stock Exchange
- 1966 Pharmaceuticals Division expands its business by enhancing its structure
- 1970 Dyestuffs, Chemicals, Plastics, Machinery, General Affairs and Personnel departments upgraded to divisions
- 1973 Stock listed on first sections of Tokyo Stock Exchange and Osaka Securities Exchange
- 1974 Building Materials Division becomes independent from Plastics Division
- 1975 Foodstuffs Department set up within Chemicals Division
- 1976 Inabata Singapore (Pte.) Ltd. set up to become the first new overseas office after World War II
- 1978 Inabata America Corp. launched in New York
- 1979 Overseas Division established
- 1983 Tokyo branch office becomes Tokyo Head Office
Machinery and Electronics Materials Division set up
- 1984 Pharmaceuticals Division separated, Sumitomo Pharmaceuticals Co., Ltd. (now Dainippon Sumitomo Pharma Co., Ltd.) established as joint venture with Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd.
- 1987 Siam Inabata Co., Ltd. (now Inabata Thai Co., Ltd.) established in Thailand
- 1988 Foodstuffs Division becomes independent of Chemicals Division
Inabata Sangyo (H.K.) Ltd. established in Hong Kong
Inabata Europe S.A. established in Brussels
- 1989 Taiwan Inabata Sangyo Co., Ltd. established in Taiwan
- 1990 Inabata France S.A.R.L. (now Inabata France S.A.S.) established in Paris
"Villa Kujoyama" built in Kyoto (completed November 1992) for Société de Rapprochement intellectuel franco-japonais to commemorate Inabata's centennial anniversary
Osaka Head Office rebuilt
- 1991 PT. Inabata Indonesia established in Jakarta
- 1995 Sanyo-IK Color (H.K.) Ltd., established in Guangdong, China
- 1998 Inabata Philippines, Inc. established in Manila
- 1999 IT & Electronics, Housing Materials, Chemicals, Plastics, and Food divisions launched to concentrate resources on the major business domains

- 2000 Inabata certified ISO 14001 (environment management system)
Inabata UK Ltd. established in London
- 2001 SC-IK Technology Co., Ltd. set up in Taiwan with Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd. to manufacture polarizing films for liquid crystal displays
- 2002 Inabata Industry & Trade (Dalian F.T.Z.) Co., Ltd. established in China
- 2003 SIK Vietnam Co., Ltd. established in Hai Phong, Vietnam
- 2005 Inabata certified ISO 9001
Nobel NC Co., Ltd. established in Thailand
- 2006 Pharmasynthese S.A., a French fine chemical manufacturer, acquired
Inabata Korea & Co., Ltd. established in Seoul
Inabata Poland Sp.z o.o. established in Poland
- 2007 Shanghai Inabata Fine Chemical Co., Ltd. established in Shanghai
- 2008 NH Inabata, S. de R.L. de C.V. established in Mexico
Inabata Vietnam Co., Ltd. established in Hanoi
Inabata India Private Ltd. established in New Delhi
- 2009 IK-Tech de Mexico, S. de R.L. de C.V. established in Tijuana
PT. Inabata Creation Indonesia established in Jakarta (suburb)

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