

Milestone

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

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- 1918 The company is incorporated and renamed Inabata Shoten (Inabata & Co., Ltd.)
- 1922 Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry appoints Katsutaro Inabata as its 10th president. He remains in the post until 1934
- 1926 Katsutaro 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 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.

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It was way back in 1890 that Katsutaro Inabata founded Inabata Senryoten, the predecessor of Inabata & Co., Ltd., after studying what was then the world's most advanced dye technology in France. The IK logo deriving from his initials was born at the same time.

Although the color and shape may have changed with the times, IK has always been familiar to the public as the symbol of our company. Along with his philosophy of love (ai: "I") and respect (kei: "K") for people, today's Inabata Group carries on the borderless dynamism and entrepreneurial spirit of our founder.

- 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
- 1996 Shanghai Inabata Trading Co.,Ltd. established in 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)
- 2010 Inabata France S.A.S. branch office established in Zug, Switzerland
New Management Philosophy, "Mission", "Vision", "IK Values" are established to coincide with Inabata's 120th anniversary

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