

# Company History

<b>1917: Jan.</b>	Takeuchi Mining Industry (founded in 1894) established Komatsu Iron Works to manufacture machine tools and mining equipment for in-house use.	
<b>1921: May</b>	Komatsu Iron Works separated from Takeuchi Mining Industry to become Komatsu Ltd.	
<b>1924: -</b>	Komatsu built its first press, a 450-ton sheet-forming press.	
<b>1931: Oct.</b>	Produced Japan's first crawler-type farm tractor.	
<b>1935: Oct.</b>	Began production of high-grade castings and special steel materials after years of research.	
<b>1938: Mar.</b>	Established the Awazu Plant.	
<b>1941: Nov.</b>	Began production of large hydraulic presses.	
<b>1943: Jan.</b>	Produced the Komatsu Model 1 Ground Leveling Machine (the prototype of Japan's bulldozers).	
<b>Dec.</b>	Completed construction of a large press-assembly shop at the Komatsu Plant.	
<b>1947: Dec.</b>	Introduced the D50 bulldozer.	
<b>1948: Feb.</b>	Began production of diesel engines.	
<b>1951: Aug.</b>	Relocated head office from Ishikawa (Komatsu City) to Tokyo.	
<b>1952: Oct.</b>	Opened the Osaka Plant.	
<b>Oct.</b>	Began production of motor graders.	
<b>Dec.</b>	Established the Kawasaki and Himi plants following the acquisitions of Ikegai Automobile Manufacturing Company and Chuetsu Electro Chemical Co., Ltd., respectively.	
<b>1953: Jan.</b>	Began production of forklift trucks.	
<b>Nov.</b>	Began production of dump trucks and special-purpose vehicles.	
<b>1954: Mar.</b>	Began production of shell-mold precision castings.	
<b>1955: Jan.</b>	Exported motor graders to Argentina (Komatsu's first export of construction equipment).	
<b>Aug.</b>	Exported 400-ton multipurpose hydraulic presses to Argentina (Komatsu's first export of presses).	
<b>1956: Sep.</b>	Began production of shovel loaders.	
<b>1958: Sep.</b>	Signed a technical assistance agreement with India's Ministry of Defense to locally manufacture tractors.	
<b>1961: Sep.</b>	Introduced the company-wide quality control (QC) program.	
<b>Nov.</b>	Signed a technology tie-up agreement for diesel engines with Cummins Engine Co., Inc. of the United States.	
<b>1962: Dec.</b>	Opened the Oyama Plant.	
<b>1963: Jan.</b>	Entered technology license tie-up with Bucyrus-Erie of the United States concerning hydraulic excavators (terminated in March 1981).	
<b>1964: -</b>	Opened Komatsu's first overseas liaison office in India.	
<b>Nov.</b>	Received the Deming Prize for quality control.	
<b>Dec.</b>	Reached agreement for a joint venture with International Harvester of the United States (terminated in January 1982).	
<b>1965: -</b>	Began production of wheel loaders.	
<b>1966: Mar.</b>	Completed construction of the present Tokyo Head Office (Komatsu Building).	
<b>1967: Jan.</b>	Established N.V. Komatsu Europe S.A., Komatsu's first overseas subsidiary in Belgium.	
<b>1968: Oct.</b>	Began production of hydraulic excavators.	
<b>Dec.</b>	Completed construction of an integrated production facility for diesel engines at the Oyama Plant.	
<b>1970: Feb.</b>	Established Komatsu America Corp. in the United States.	
<b>1971: Jan.</b>	Established Komatsu Singapore Pte Ltd. in Singapore.	
<b>1972: Dec.</b>	Launched the business of small presses.	
<b>1973: Apr.</b>	Completed construction of the Himi Plant for steel castings.	
<b>1974: Sep.</b>	Established Dina Komatsu Nacional S.A. de C.V. in Mexico.	
<b>1975: Apr.</b>	Komatsu do Brasil Ltda. produced the D50A bulldozer, marking Komatsu's first offshore production of construction equipment.	
<b>1977: Oct.</b>	Marketed the small-diameter pipe jacking system.	
<b>1978: Dec.</b>	Established Komatsu Australia Pty., Ltd. in Australia.	
<b>1980: Jul.</b>	Developed a super-large combination press line.	
<b>1981: Nov.</b>	Received the Japan Quality Control Prize.	
<b>1982: Dec.</b>	Established PT Komatsu Indonesia (production began in 1983) in Indonesia.	
<b>1984: Mar.</b>	Introduced laser machines on the market.	
<b>1985: Feb.</b>	Established Komatsu America Manufacturing Corp. in the United States.	
<b>Aug.</b>	Established Komatsu America Industries LLC in the United States.	
<b>Dec.</b>	Established Komatsu UK Ltd. in the United Kingdom.	
<b>1986: Aug.</b>	Established Komatsu Industries Europe GmbH in Germany.	
<b>1988: Sep.</b>	Established Komatsu Dresser Company in the United States.	
<b>1989: Jul.</b>	Equity participation in Hanomag AG of Germany.	
<b>Dec.</b>	Established Komatsu Europe International N.V. in Belgium to coordinate and expand Komatsu's operations in Europe.	
<b>1990: Dec.</b>	Completed construction of a leading-edge FA facility for hydraulic equipment at the Oyama Plant.	
<b>Dec.</b>	Completed construction of a leading-edge FA facility for hydraulic excavator assembly at the Osaka Plant.	
<b>1991: Mar.</b>	Introduced a new corporate brand logotype and issued a corporate policy statement.	
<b>Oct.</b>	Established NS Komatsu Pty. Ltd. in Australia (renamed Komatsu Australia Pty. Ltd. in June 2001).	
<b>Nov.</b>	Completed construction of casting plant at PT Komatsu Indonesia.	
<b>Nov.</b>	Equity participation in Fai S.p.A. in Italy.	
<b>1992: Aug.</b>	Komatsu UK Ltd. introduced wheeled excavators to the European market.	
<b>1993: Sep.</b>	Established Applied Komatsu Technologies, Inc., a joint venture to produce LCD manufacturing systems, with Applied Materials, Inc. of the United States (sold to Applied Materials in October 1999).	
<b>Oct.</b>	Established Komatsu Cummins Engine Co., Ltd. and Cummins Komatsu Engine Company, in Japan and the United States, respectively.	

<b>1994: Jan.</b>	Established Komatsu Huanan Ltd. in Hong Kong.	<b>Oct.</b>	Reached a basic agreement with Hitachi Construction Machinery for collaboration in production and procurement of construction and mining equipment.
<b>Jun.</b>	Established Komatsu Industries Corporation and Komatsu Machinery Corporation.	<b>2003: Oct.</b>	Established Komatsu Forklift (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. in China as a sales company for forklift trucks.
<b>Aug.</b>	Completed construction of a transmission assembly plant at the Awazu Plant.	<b>2004: Jan.</b>	Established Komatsu Forest AB acquiring Partek Forest AB, a manufacturer and distributor of forestry equipment in Sweden.
<b>1995: Mar.</b>	Established Komatsu Saigon Co., Ltd. in Vietnam.	<b>Jan.</b>	Established Komatsu Industries (Shanghai) Ltd. in China as a sales company for industrial machinery.
<b>May</b>	Established Komatsu Changlin Construction Machinery Co., Ltd. (renamed Komatsu (Changzhou) Construction Machinery Corporation in November 2000) in China.	<b>Apr.</b>	Established Hensley Lingfeng Co., Ltd., a manufacturer of teeth for construction equipment.
<b>May</b>	Hanomag AG renamed Komatsu Hanomag AG.	<b>Jun.</b>	Established Komatsu Zenoah (Shandong) Machine Co., Ltd (renamed Komatsu Hydraulics Manufacturing Co., Ltd. in November 2007) in China, a manufacturer of mini excavators and hydraulic equipment.
<b>Aug.</b>	Established Komatsu Shantui Construction Machinery Co., Ltd. in China.	<b>Jun.</b>	Established Komatsu Power Generation Systems (Shanghai) Ltd. in China, a manufacturer of power generators.
<b>Sep.</b>	Established Komatsu Changlin Foundry Corporation (renamed Komatsu (Changzhou) Foundry Corporation in November 2000) in China.	<b>Aug.</b>	Established Komatsu Forklift Manufacturing (China) Co., Ltd (renamed Komatsu Utility (China) Machine Co., Ltd. in November 2007) in China, a manufacturer of forklift trucks.
<b>Sep.</b>	Established FKI Fai Komatsu Industries S.p.A. (renamed Komatsu Utility Europe S.p.A. in June 2000) in Italy.	<b>Aug.</b>	Ayumi Tanimoto, a member of the Komatsu Women's Judo Club, won a gold medal in the Athens 2004 Olympic Games.
<b>Oct.</b>	Concluded the sales and service agency contract for laser cutting machines with TRUMPF GmbH+Co. KG of Germany.	<b>Sep.</b>	Established PT Pandu Dayatama Patria in Indonesia, a manufacturer of hydraulic equipment.
<b>Nov.</b>	Established Bangkok Komatsu Co., Ltd. in Thailand.	<b>Dec.</b>	Began production of PC3000, super large excavator, in Rokko Plant.
<b>1996: Jan.</b>	Komatsu Dresser Company renamed Komatsu America International Company. (renamed Komatsu America Corp. in April 2002)	<b>2005: Jul.</b>	Sold polysilicon business (ASIMI) to SGS Holdings Inc., the U.S. subsidiary of the Norwegian company Renewable Energy Corporation.
<b>Jan.</b>	Established Demag Komatsu GmbH (renamed Komatsu Mining Germany GmbH in February 1999) in Germany.	<b>Oct.</b>	Developed the frontier engine technology "ecot3" compliant to Tier III emission standards.
<b>Mar.</b>	Established Komatsu (Shanghai) Ltd. in China.	<b>Nov.</b>	Began production of dump trucks in China.
<b>Jul.</b>	Established Komatsu Asia & Pacific Pte Ltd in Singapore as a supervisory company of the Asia Pacific region.	<b>2006: Oct.</b>	Sold out 51% of Komatsu Electronic Metal's stock to SUMCO CORPORATION. Marked 50th anniversary of participation in the China's market.
<b>1997: Feb.</b>	Established Komatsu Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd. in South Africa.	<b>Nov.</b>	Completed the construction of three new plants, i.e. Ibaraki Plant, Kanazawa Plant (both in Japan) and Chennai Plant (in India).
<b>Apr.</b>	Established Komatsu Mining Systems, Inc. in the United States.	<b>Apr.</b>	Integrated Komatsu Forklift Co., Ltd. and Komatsu Zenoah into new Komatsu Utility Co., Ltd.
<b>Jul.</b>	Established Komatsu Utility Corporation in the United States.	<b>Oct.</b>	Established Komatsu Undercarriage China Corp. in China.
<b>1998: Jan.</b>	Established Industrial Power Alliance Ltd. in Japan.	<b>2008: Feb.</b>	Established Komatsu Manufacturing Rus, LLC in Russia. (Scheduled to launch production in June 2010)
<b>1999: Jan.</b>	Established Komatsu Middle East FZE. in U.A.E.	<b>Mar.</b>	Made NIPPEI TOYAMA Corporation (renamed Komatsu NTC Ltd. in October 2008) a wholly owned subsidiary.
<b>Apr.</b>	Integrated Komatsu MEC Corp. and Komatsu EST Corp.	<b>Jun.</b>	Introduced the world's first hybrid hydraulic excavator.
<b>Apr.</b>	Began OEM supply of small diesel engines for industrial-use equipment to Cummins Engine Co., Ltd.	<b>Aug.</b>	Ayumi Tanimoto won a gold medal in the Beijing Olympic Games (her second straight victory.)
<b>May</b>	Established Komatsu Cummins Chile Ltda.	<b>Dec.</b>	Began operation of the autonomous haulage systems at the mine of Rio Tinto in Australia.
<b>2000: Feb.</b>	Agreed to establish global collaboration with the Linde Group of Germany in the manufacture and sale of forklift trucks and related products.	<b>2009: Mar.</b>	Completed joint project with Japan Mine Action Service for community reconstruction in Cambodia.
<b>Apr.</b>	Agreed to extend the existing tie-up in the sheet metal machine business on more of an international basis with TRUMPF GmbH+Co. KG of Germany.	<b>Apr.</b>	Reorganized Japanese sales and service structure for construction equipment and established Komatsu Construction Equipment Sales and Service Japan Ltd.
<b>Aug.</b>	Established GIGAPHOTON INC.		
<b>Dec.</b>	Acquired Hensley Industries, Inc., a construction and mining equipment component maker of the united states.		
<b>Dec.</b>	Decided to establish PT Komatsu Undercarriage Indonesia to manufacture components for construction equipment crawlers.		
<b>2001: Jan.</b>	Established Komatsu (China) Ltd., a holding company in China.		
<b>2002: Jan.</b>	Founded "Newberry Manufacturing Operation," a facility for utility equipment, in the United States.		
<b>Mar.</b>	Five plants in Japan achieved "Zero Emission."		
<b>Apr.</b>	Established Komatsu Italia S.p.A in Italy.		
<b>Apr.</b>	Signed a letter of intent with Volvo Construction Equipment for the production of wheel loader cabs for Komatsu.		
<b>Oct.</b>	Komatsu Forklift and Komatsu Zenoah transformed into wholly owned subsidiaries.		