

# Corporate History

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January,1933	Privately founded for the purpose of sale silica sand and clay,etc.
May, 1944	Yamakawa Sangyo Co., Ltd was incorporated
June,1962	Osaka office was opened.
April,1963	Sales started for the AV coated sand as a agency of Asahi Organic Chemical Co., Ltd.
May, 1966	Kaketsu Quarry and Kaketsu plant were constructed.
June, 1968	Okayama Branch opened.
August,1970	Hiroshima Branch opened.
May,1971	Started the manufacture and sale of Resin Coated Sand
March,1974	Shimane plant was constructed
June,1975	Started the sale of Furan Resin as a agency of Kao Quaker Co.,Ltd
January,1977	Started the manufacture and sale of Silica Sand manufactured in floatation method.
June, 1977	Higashihama foundry sand recycling plant was constructed. Izumo Branch opened. Nagoya Branch opened.
October,1978	Kaketsu RCS recycling facility was built.
November, 1978	Shiga Branch opened.
September,1979	Hiroshima recycling plant was constructed.
December,1979	Higashihama drying plant was constructed.
May,1981	Head office was moved.
April,1984	Ohama Chromite sand plant was constructed.
November,1986	Shiga plant was constructed.
January,1988	Amagasaki warehouse was constructed.
February,1990	Tokyo branch opened.
October,1990	Akashi branch opened replacing Takasago sales office.
September,1991	Tsurumachi Plant was constructed.
June,1992	Poroustone (ball-shape ceramic soil amendment) plant was constructed.
October, 1995	Akashi Sliding Nozzle Sand plant was constructed.
May,1998	Akashi branch unified into Osaka branch.
May,1999	Sales started for the spherical low expansion sand, Sunpearl .
October,2001	Kaketsu plant was certified for ISO14001.
March, 2002	Head office was moved to Nishinagasu-Cho, Amagasaki-Shi. Unified administration division , technical division, and sales division of Kinki area.
May, 2003	Kanto office opened. Unified Tokyo and Chiba branch.
December, 2004	Started the manufacture and sale of NE sand at Shimane plant
March,2006	Shiga office moved to Minakuchi town, Shiga
April,2007	Hyogo office opened
October,2007	All offices and plants were certified for ISO14001
December,2007	Plant Business Division opened
January,2008	RCS facility construction at Minakuchi plant was started
September,2010	Technical Department established.
October, 2011	Okayama sales office was moved
May, 2012	Indonesian subsidiary, PT. YKS INDONESIA was established
December,2012	Head office acquired ISO 14001 certification