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TOMY Group 100-Years History



TOMY'S FOCUS

Craftsmanship/ Wartime and postwar **INDUSTRY TREND** Metals and motors

1920

Founded Tomiyama Toy Seisakusho, the predecessor of today's TOMY

In 1924, Eiichiro Tomiyama founded Tomiyama Toy Seisakusho, the predecessor of today's TOMY Company, Ltd. The company manufactured numerous toy airplanes, establishing a reputation in the industry linking the Tomiyama name with toy airplanes. Later, the company expanded its business through one industry-leading initiative after another, including the establishment of the first factory in the toy industry with an assembly line system and the creation of a toy research department. Tomiyama also contributed greatly to the modernization of the toy industry through its determined efforts to improve the standing of toy manufacturers.

1950

Transferred from metal to plastic

After World War II, the company's B-29 Bomber friction toy became a major hit in and outside Japan, blazing the way for the export of large toys. In 1953, the company began its journey toward becoming a modern enterprise by incorporating, and in 1959 it established a sales subsidiary, which had been the founder's ardent wish since the founding. Around this time, waves of innovation in materials and technology rolled through the toy industry, ushering in a major turning point when metal was replaced with plastic and friction toys were succeeded by electric toys.

In 1955, Sato Vinyl Industries, a predecessor of TAKARA Co., Ltd., was founded.

瓜頭研口店 The Game of Life 1960 Piggy Cook Dakko-Chan 1964 Ohanashi Miko-Chan (Talking Miko) LICCA doll The Game of Life (Japanese Version) Magic Skyrail

1969 Tumble Robot

Mass development and production/Economic growth INDUSTRY TREND Material revolution

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1960

Early success in expanding overseas during the export boom

At a time when half of the toys it produced were exported, TOMY was quick to open representative offices in New York and Europe with the aim of making inroads directly. In Japan, the company established production bases, set up a development center-an unprecedented move in the industryand took other steps to create a system uncompromisingly committed to good manufacturing.

TAKARA grew into a comprehensive toy manufacturer, propelled in its business expansion by hit products that made use of the company's vinyl processing technology.



1970

Start-up of overseas production

After commissioning production in Hong Kong, TOMY opened its first factory in Singapore, making it one of the early companies to embark on overseas production. Masanari Tomiyama was appointed the second president and CEO in 1974, the company's 50th anniversary.

TOMY and TAKARA both released numerous long-selling products that remain popular to this day.

1980

Ongoing reform and expansion of sales channels

TOMY established the HT Laboratory in 1980 and popularized efforts in the industry to create barrier-free toys. In 1985, the Plaza Accord threw the company into a sudden management crisis, and drastic reforms were implemented, including the closure of factories in Japan. The following year, Kantaro Tomiyama was appointed the third president and CEO in a shakeup of the management structure.

TAKARA went public in 1984 and grew steadily, being listed on the Second Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange in 1986. In 1988, the company switched from a focus on its core business of toys to diversified operations, rolling out products aimed at a wide range of fields.

From "product out" to "market in"

1990

TOMY prepared for regeneration with a new structure. With this, it announced a business diversification strategy focused on the three core areas of toys, general goods and multimedia products. It rolled out a stream of new measures, including entry into the character business and a business alliance with HASBRO, Inc., in the United States. In 1997, TOMY went public and in 1999 it was listed on the Second Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

From the second half of the 1980s, TAKARA expanded its Hearty Series for enriching people's lives and released products based on TV characters that became hits. With this aggressive product expansion, the company was listed on the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange in 1991.

*The photographs do not represent those at the time of product launch.

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TOMY'S FOCUS

INDUSTRY TREND Public information revolution

2000

Beginning of a new era in the toy industry

In 2000, its stock was transferred to the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange. In pursuit of further growth, TOMY aimed for progress as a group, including the establishment of a development subsidiary and the founding of a new company for the planning and selling of stuffed toys and a company for utilizing new technology.

In 2000, TAKARA advocated expansion of the toy business and aggressively moved forward with the rollout of products and leveraged its planning and marketing prowess to continue offering a succession of popular products. In 2006, TAKARA and TOMY merged, becoming TOMY Company, Ltd. (known as TAKARATOMY in Japanese), with the aim of maximizing their respective strengths and becoming the world's top toy manufacturer.

2010

Toward tomorrow's hit products

Since 2010, TOMY has been accelerating its international expansion. It introduced an overseas version of TOMICA in Europe and North America. It began marketing METAL FIGHT BEYBLADE toys worldwide in conjunction with the introduction of a new TV anime. The toys are enjoying so much enthusiasm that an international competition was held in South Korea in the summer. In 2011, TOMY acquired U.S. toy manufacturer RC2 (the current TOMY International), establishing a platform for global expansion. The entire TOMY Group has started to move into action together, aiming to be a truly global toy company.

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2020

From "toys" to "asobi"

The TOMY Group shifted its focus from "toys" to "asobi," expanding its target age group to include the "kidults" segment. It also expanded its regional strategy to a global focus. TOMY introduced Japanese hit products, such as the tactile LCD care toy Punirunes and BEYBLADE X, to drive its global expansion. With the growing success of Group companies, including T-ARTS and KIDDY LAND, the company achieved record-high performance for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024.

2024

Toward a Global Asobi Company

TOMY celebrated its 100th anniversary on February 2. In fiscal 2024, the company revamped its management system with the launch of its Medium- to Long-Term Management Strategy 2030, setting ambitious goals of ¥300 billion in net sales and a 10% operating profit margin by the fiscal year ending March 31, 2030. The company also clarified its significance in society by establishing a new Purpose, laying the foundation for future growth. Going forward, the Group will unite under ONE TOMY WAY to achieve this Purpose and become a globally beloved Global Asobi Company.

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