

History

Koyo Seiko and Toyoda Machine Works have supported industry in Japan since its very beginning, through their original technologies.

Now, joined together as JTEKT, this top-class technology and passion for *monozukuri* are passed on ceaselessly, as we continue to produce new No. 1 & Only One value.

Koyo

► 1921

• Zenichiro Ikeda founded Koyo Seiko in Osaka city as a private enterprise where he first sold imported bearings, then began manufacturing them himself



Zenichiro Ikeda, Founder

► 1935

• Reorganization into Koyo Seiko Co., Ltd.

► 1938

• Completed construction of Kokubu Plant



► 1943

• Absorption-type merger with Koyo Seiki and Hikari Jukogyo to establish Takamatsu Plant and Tokyo Plant

► 1958

• Bearing sales company established in USA



► 1960

• Began development and prototyping of steering systems

► 1961

• Established Koyo Machine Industries Co., Ltd. from Koyo Seiko as a company to manufacture Koyo brand machine tools



► 1963

• Entered a business alliance with Osaka Bearing Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (currently: Daibea Co., Ltd.)
• Completed construction of Tokushima Plant

► 1975

• Commenced production of bearings in the U.S.
• Completed construction of Hiketa Plant (currently: Kagawa Plant) and commenced production of tapered roller bearings

► 1987

• Merged with Koyo Automatic Machine Co., Ltd. and continued operations as Nara Plant and Toyohashi Plant



► 1988

• Developed and produced world's first electric power steering (EPS) system



► 1990

• Completed construction of Kameyama Plant
• Capital participation in Societe de Mecanique D'Irigny S.A. (currently: JTEKT EUROPE S.A.S.), a steering subsidiary of Renault S.A.S., France and concluded a technical support agreement



► 1992

• Capital participation in Sona Koyo Steering Systems Limited (SKSSSL), Indian Company



► 1995

• Commenced production of bearings in China



► 1998

• Completed the R&D Center (Kashiwara, Nara Prefecture)

1920~30

1940~50

1960~70

1980

1990

TOYODA

► 1941

• Machine tools department of Toyota Motor Corporation separated and established Toyoda Machine Works, Ltd.



Kiichiro Toyoda, Founder

► 1955

• Technical tie-up with French company, Gendron and commenced production of cylindrical grinders
• First transfer machine in Japan completed



► 1965

• Developed the Toyoda brand grinder



• Completed construction of Okazaki Plant

► 1968

• Commenced production of power steering
• Development of machining centers

► 1972

• Development of general-purpose controller TOYOPUC

► 1973

• Established a machine tool base in Brazil



► 1977

• Machine tool sales company established as joint venture in USA



► 1980

• Commenced production of CVJ, Constant Velocity Joints for automobiles

► 1986

• Development and production of master-less camshaft grinders



• Completed construction of Takahama Plant (currently: Tadamisaki Plant)

► 1996

• Commenced production of steering systems in Thailand



► 1998

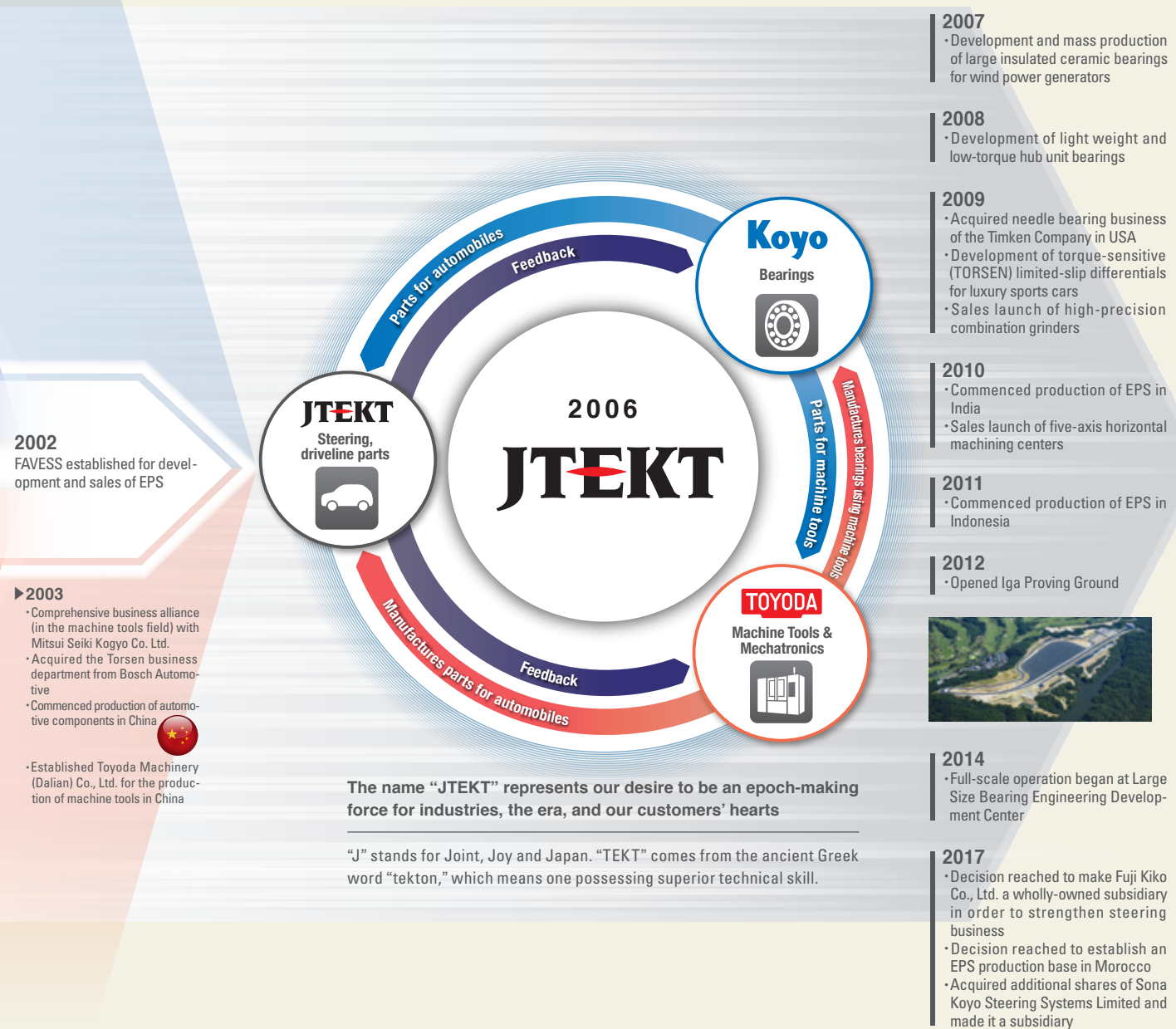
• Commenced production of electronic intelligent torque controlled coupling (ITCC) for 4WDs



• Established a Technical Center (Hanazono)



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- * ITCC is a registered trademark of JTEKT Corporation.
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JTEKT Automotive parts **Koyo** Bearings **TOYODA** Machine Tools & Mechatronics

JTEKT is our automotive components brand, koyo is our bearings brand and TOYODA is our machine tools brand. Together, these three brands are contributing to the creation of an abundant society with reliable technologies.