

Company History

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

1994: Jan.	Established Komatsu Huanan Ltd. in Hong Kong.	Oct.	Komatsu Forklift and Komatsu Zenoah transformed into wholly owned subsidiaries.
Jun.	Established Komatsu Industries Corporation and Komatsu Machinery Corporation.	Oct.	Reached a basic agreement with Hitachi Construction Machinery for collaboration in production and procurement of construction and mining equipment.
Aug.	Completed construction of a transmission assembly plant at the Awazu Plant.	2003: May	Delivered an electronic-drive dump truck "730E" manufactured by Komatsu America Corp. to Nittetsu Mining Co., Ltd in Kouchi pref. 
1995: Mar.	Established Komatsu Saigon Co., Ltd. in Vietnam.	Oct.	Took 10 billion yen orders for crude oil and natural gas development projects in Russia.
May	Established Komatsu Changlin Construction Machinery Co., Ltd. (renamed Komatsu (Changzhou) Construction Machinery Corporation in November 2000) in China.	Oct.	Established Komatsu Forklift (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. in China as a sales company for forklift trucks.
May	Hanomag AG renamed Komatsu Hanomag AG.	2004: Jan.	Established Komatsu Forest AB acquiring Partek Forest AB, a manufacturer and distributor of forestry equipment in Sweden.
Aug.	Established Komatsu Shantui Construction Machinery Co., Ltd. in China.	Jan.	Established Komatsu Industries (Shanghai) Ltd. in China as a sales company for industrial machinery.
Sep.	Established Komatsu Changlin Foundry Corporation (renamed Komatsu (Changzhou) Foundry Corporation in November 2000) in China.	Apr.	Established Hensley Lingfeng Co., Ltd., a manufacturer of teeth for construction equipment.
Sep.	Established FKI Fai Komatsu Industries S.p.A. (renamed Komatsu Utility Europe S.p.A. in June 2000) in Italy.	Jun.	Established Komatsu Zenoah (Shandong) Machine Co., Ltd in China, a manufacturer of mini excavators and hydraulic equipment.
Oct.	PT Komatsu Indonesia Tbk listed on the Jakarta Stock Exchange (delisted in January 2006).	Jun.	Established Komatsu Power Generation Systems (Shanghai) Ltd. in China, a manufacturer of power generators.
Oct.	Concluded the sales and service agency contract for laser cutting machines with TRUMPF GmbH+Co. KG of Germany.	Aug.	Established Komatsu Forklift Manufacturing (China) Co., Ltd in China, a manufacturer of forklift trucks.
Nov.	Established Bangkok Komatsu Co., Ltd. in Thailand.	Aug.	Ayumi Tanimoto, a member of the Komatsu Women's Judo Club, won a gold medal in the Athens 2004 Olympic Games.
1996: Jan.	Komatsu Dresser Company renamed Komatsu America International Company.	Sep.	Established PT Pandu Dayatama Patria in Indonesia, a manufacturer of hydraulic equipment.
Jan.	Established Demag Komatsu GmbH (renamed Komatsu Mining Germany GmbH in February 1999) in Germany.	Dec.	Began production of PC3000, super large excavator, in Rokko Plant.
Mar.	Established Komatsu (Shanghai) Ltd. in China.	2005: May	Completed construction of one of the world's largest acoustic testing laboratories.
Jul.	Established Komatsu Asia & Pacific Pte Ltd in Singapore as a supervisory company of the Asia Pacific region.	Jul.	Sold polysilicon business (ASiMI) to SGS Holdings Inc., the U.S. subsidiary of the Norwegian company Renewable Energy Corporation.
1997: Feb.	Established Komatsu Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd. in South Africa.	Oct.	Developed the frontier engine technology "ecot3" compliant to Tier III emission standards.
Apr.	Established Komatsu Mining Systems, Inc. in the United States.	Nov.	Began production of dump trucks in China.
Jul.	Established Komatsu Utility Corporation in the United States.	2006: Aug.	Changed the number of shares constituting one unit(tangen) of shares from 1,000 to 100.
1998: Jan.	Established Industrial Power Alliance Ltd. in Japan.	Oct.	Sold out 51% of Komatsu Electronic Metal's stock to SUMCO CORPORATION.
1999: Jan.	Established Komatsu Middle East FZE. in U.A.E.	Nov.	Marked 50th anniversary of participation in the China's market.
Apr.	Integrated Komatsu MEC Corp. and Komatsu EST Corp.	2007: Jan.	Completed the construction of three new plants, i.e. Ibaraki Plant, Kanazawa Plant (both in Japan) and Chennai Plant (in India).
Apr.	Began OEM supply of small diesel engines for industrial-use equipment to Cummins Engine Co., Ltd.	Apr.	Integrated Komatsu Forklift Co., Ltd. and Komatsu Zenoah into new Komatsu Utility Co., Ltd.
May	Established Komatsu Cummins Chile Ltda.		
2000: Feb.	Agreed to establish global collaboration with the Linde Group of Germany in the manufacture and sale of forklift trucks and related products.		
Apr.	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.		
Aug.	Established GIGAPHOTON INC.		
Dec.	Acquired Hensley Industries, Inc., a construction and mining equipment component maker of the united states.		
Dec.	Decided to establish PT Komatsu Undercarriage Indonesia to manufacture components for construction equipment crawlers.		
2001: Jan.	Established Komatsu (China) Ltd., a holding company in China.		
May	Announced the new brand "GALEO," Komatsu's new-generation construction equipment for customers worldwide.		
2002: Jan.	Founded "Newberry Manufacturing Operation," a facility for utility equipment, in the United States.		
Mar.	Five plants in Japan achieved "Zero Emission."		
Apr.	Established Komatsu Italia S.p.A in Italy.		
Apr.	Signed a letter of intent with Volvo Construction Equipment for the production of wheel loader cabs for Komatsu.		