## **KIMOTO**





# Contributing to the creation of an enriched society and aiming to become a company capable of continuing business for 100 years



In 1949, a year during an era when Japan was still in turmoil after the Second World War, company founder Ujihito Kimoto launched a film developing service used for developing aerial photographs for land surveying purposes. This was done in order to contribute to the creation of new maps as part of Japan's reconstruction efforts. Later, Ujihito Kimoto would go on to individually develop AK Kent Paper, a tear-resistant paper with outstanding dimensional stability which was used for official map master drawings. After that time, leveraging the company's two core technologies (image processing technology and surface technology) led to the creation of a variety of original products that were launched around the world.

In order to create an environment where employees can work with peace of mind, Kimoto works towards a system that aims at creating a balance between work, family life (especially for child rearing and care giving) and improving work flow. In addition, through event and project activities, we aim to stimulate communication among employees. Through open dialogue and cooperation which is not restricted by company position, we aim to continue providing customers with new value.

Furthermore, I believe that maintaining relationships of mutual trust with all persons involved in business activities, including customers, shareholders, employees, and members of the community, mutual trust serves as the foundation of our company. Connections between people are important.

In consideration of our rapidly changing living environments, social conditions, economic climates, and media environments around the world, and based on the slogan "creating a single domain," our company is moving past regional boundaries and organizational frameworks, working to create a unified Kimoto worldwide to provide flexible and fast service on a daily basis.

Since Kimoto was established, we intensely focus on being a company which is not chiefly concerned with making profits, but rather a company that places importance on making a contribution to local society. From 2011, employees started producing rice by bringing abandoned paddy fields back to life. This approach, of developing together properties with local citizens while supported by local communities, such as activities including the rental of empty old houses for use as job training facilities for employees, is an important ideal of our company.

I am aware that there are so many Japanese companies which have been in business for more than one hundred years that there is almost no comparison when looking at Europe and the US. Although we have a long way to go before reaching our 100th year, we will improve technological developmental capabilities cultivated since our founding and improve our uniqueness as a company, strengthen systems which allow Kimoto to flexibly respond to market changes, and continue to steadily work hard in order to develop into a true global company capable of contributing to society.

Thank you very much for your continued understanding and support.

Kazunobu Kimoto President and Chairman



























#### KIMOTO

History of our Technology Development

#### 1950

Japan moves from its postwar reconstruction period and enters its rapid-growth era. Kimoto makes its start as a manufacturer in the precision map field, a field vital to readying land for use.

#### 1960

Kimoto moves from paper into the era of PET film. Expanding its functional film manufacturing technology, Kimoto plays a role in the development of the integrated circuit (IC) industry, a key industry of the times.

#### 1970

Dia Mat 1965-

manufacturer.

Fosdak 1000

for the computer era.

Kimoto establishes a sandblast method,

a technology which provides film with its functionality.

Kimoto demonstrated its high-level ability to respond

By manufacturing in its self-developed product line,

with technology as a comprehensive functional film

Kimoto shifts its focus from materials to the information industry. The company develops printed circuit boards, LCDs, and other products which contribute to the electronics industry.

#### 1980

Kimoto moves forward into its worldwide business era. The company establishes its first overseas location in the United States and provides products to large-scale consumption regions all over the globe.

Kimotect 1987-

#### 1990

Protective, adhesive film designed for PCB artwork.

Kimotect drastically improves work efficiency

when used as a photomask laminate.

From LCDs to touch panels. Kimoto uses hard coat films, light diffusion films, and similar products for products that symbolize the era.

#### 2000

Laclean 2003-

A product which responds to ecological

environments. Laclean self-cleans,

cuts UV rays, provides heat shielding,

used over acrylic and fluorine film,

a feat only Kimoto is capable of.

Kimoto enters an era in which it provides solutions that respond to a variety of needs. The company proactively works toward making various technologies, such as photocatalytic, print system, and projection screen technologies, possible.

#### 2010

The company enters the era of it being a comprehensive business that creates environments for people. Questioning how a company should function, following the Great East Japan Earthquake, Kimoto creates everything from products environments to work environments.

OptSaver 2012-

#### Kimoto improves its AK Strip Coat masking film a material consisting of a PET substrate coated with a peelable shading film designed to be used for master drawings. The material is used in the field of IC pattern design, recognized as an integral field in industry, and thereby plays a role in industrial development. AK Kent Paper 1955-Micro Trace 1962-Micro Trace drafting film was Kimoto's response AK Kent Paper consists of aluminum material surrounded by Kent Paper, serving as a type of to the industry's move from paper to PET film map paper designed to withstand expansion and for higher precision. Its rough coated surface contraction due to humidity and deterioration allowed for making addition and corrections. from aging. Recognized as a material specified With this product, Kimoto gets its start as a by the Japanese government and the US armed functional film manufacturer forces, this product serves as the company's memorable first step as a manufacturer in the

#### **Aerial Photograph Development** and Drawing Reproduction 1949-

Kimoto's aerial photograph development and secondary master drawing reproduction work served as the company's starting technology. This was a response to the needs of the times where there was a demand for high precision mans. since lapan was experiencing rapid development of its land. A period whereby Japan moved from the postwar reconstruction and entered the rapid-growth era

Peel Coat 1964-

#### KDP (Kimoto Dry Peel) 1976-

KDP is a product which deposits metal on substrate material, making patterning possible using light due to its photosensitivity. KDP was used for cutting-edge electronics applications at the time, such as pattern creation for printed circuit boards and IC boards. As a result, KDP received the Science and Technology Director Award.

#### KB-Film 1980-

With its strong surface hardness, KB-Film is a film designed with a hard-coat surface on a PET substrate. Featuring a variety of added functional qualities, including fingerprint resistance and adhesion. from the 2000s, KB-Film has been a mainstream leading product used during the touch panel era.

**GEINS 1990-**

This product was designed in response to IT technology, a technology that has become more and more refined. LIGHT-UP 1992-LIGHT-UP is a light diffusion film for use

in LCD backlight units. It was designed to control the angle of light emitted from the light guiding plate and produce even brightness over the entire LCD display. In addition to LCD displays, LIGHT-UP can also be used for large sized liquid crystal televisions

and other various functions as a coating Reliability and sustainability of initial adhesive power, minimal adhesion, easy removal after UV exposure, and other qualities mean that no residue is easy removal property. This product contributes to efficiency in the IT industry

Prosave is a protective film for use

various types of circuit boards.

Prosave 2007-

during the manufacturing process for panels by simply adhering to it, and controls color change by angling light waves. OptSaver helps increase the performance of products using organic electroluminescence. properties. OptSaver has attracted attention as the left behind. Prosave is balanced with an next-generation illumination technology.

OptSaver improves brightness of organic

GlassLACE 2013-Available in 68 different versions, GlassLACE is a design film used to ornament glass, adding color to spaces while blocking line of sight and UV rays. In addition to providing combined

functionality, it also possesses great design

**Environment/Display** 

Meteorological Agency to serve as orbiting satellite weather data analysis devices. greatly contributing to weather forecasting, environmental analysis, and similar studies

A color image analysis device developed Later systems were delivered to the Japan

Kimolith makes work easier, is available at a stable price, since it does not use silver, and is eco-friendly

Kimolith 1984-

Kimolith is a non-silver contact film

which makes film development and

representative functional film product.

exposure in an illuminated room

possible. Serving as Kimoto's

over many years, from design focusing on government administration offices. The GEINS system supports database creation which centers on geographical information.

GEINS is a land register survey support system.

the company's involvement in the creation and

application of map data of which was gathered,

GEINS contains Kimoto's know-how, gathered from

Plate Making/Printing

Design/Drafting

# **Spatial Information**

GEOVERSE 2013-Photos/Imaging GEOVERSE is a software product that takes enormous amounts of high-density point group data acquired from laser scanning surveys, photo surveys, etc. and quickly creates drawings using Communication Design

> **Local Contribution Activities**

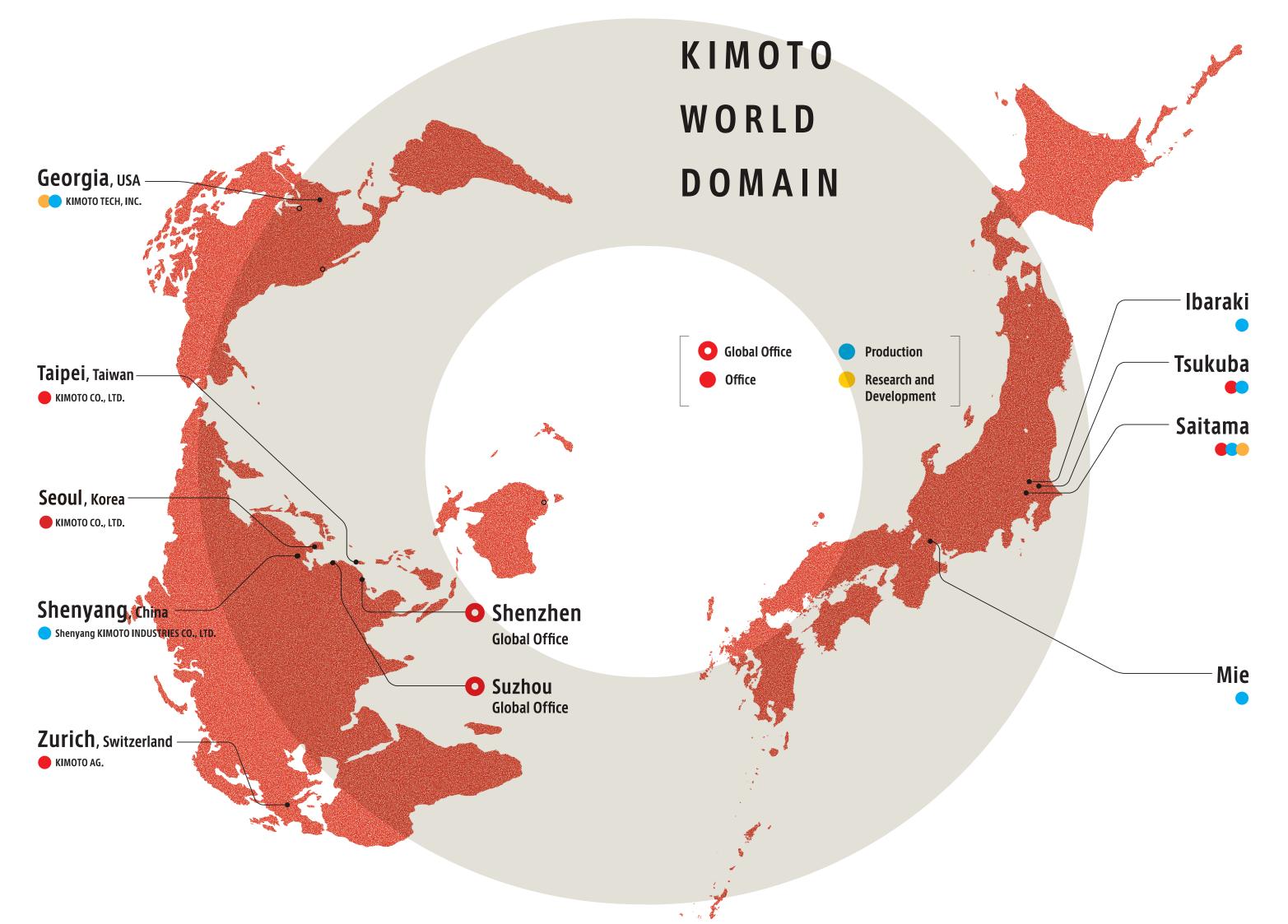
#### "Minori no Hyakunen Mai" 2013-Utilizing fallow land which is increasing due to the falling

population and lack of successors, Kimoto searches for ways to continuously contribute to local areas and new ways to work This program creates a better way of living and better working environments for people of local communities as well as for company employees.

#### Communication Design 2013-

With image processing, plate making, printing, and imaging based information sharing system technology at the core, Kimoto shares its know-how, cultivated over many years, through consulting for the world's manufacturing industry.

# **Historical Events Company History**



## CROSSING OVER



# Kimoto's possibilities come together in many ways

Whether it's conventional products or products that have never existed before,

Kimoto's creative powers become active with the coming together of our various possibilities.

Until now, Kimoto has been involved in the technology of image editing, management, and applications, since its' founding of functional films, which support our advanced information society.

The company has provided the world with approximately 200 types of products and services.

As the company currently continues to achieve such results, it is further paving the way towards new possibilities for in-house communications and local contribution activities.

Everything is aimed at creating a better social environment.

While contributing to society through its unique corporate culture, Kimoto continues to develop and provide products and services necessary for society.

# Crossing ∞ Abilities

Kimoto's domestic and overseas sales offices, R&D centers, and production locations, provide for flexibility toward working together, as one company, transforming possibilities into reality.

#### **Development Capability**

What things are necessary for our customers and our times? Kimoto's development capability is our comprehensive strength which allows us to turn our ideas into reality, from the design stage to production line sceation, not just supported by chemical operations which create various functions.

#### **Business Network**

We want to directly link customer needs with production and services. Kimoto provides one-stop services, from order acceptance, to production, to final delivery, through its sales and production locations scattered around the globe. Kimoto's collective efforts are linked using the newest information and communications technology in order to effectively respond to customer demand.



In regards to creating and providing support for survey map creation systems, Kimoto has earned the trust of government administration offices for more than half a century. This reliability can also be seen in our functional film manufacturing. By establishing clean rooms which boast the highest standards in the industry, Kimoto is able to produce a wide array of high precision products.

Since the release of AK Kent Paper, Kimoto has cultivated its technological superiority along with its development capability. With further advances into functional film manufacturing, information space and imaging technology efforts, Kimoto's technological superiority is now expanding beyond the confines of hardware and software.

#### **Production Ability**

#### **Technological Superiority**

In addition to sales of products from existing lineups,
Kimoto provides a variety of custom options to match customer demand.
Please be sure to contact Kimoto so that we can answer your questions
about potential product and service development.











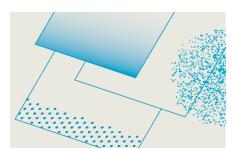


Surface Technology/Functional Film Manufacturing

Functional films are capable of performing a variety of functions while only having a thickness of a few microns. Kimoto's cultivated surface technology allows the company to continue providing products to key industries which support our advanced information society.

#### Technology

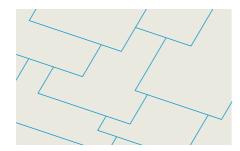
Technology is developed for substrate film which gives it functions that respond to various needs. In addition, we aim at eco-friendly production.



• Wet coating • Sandblast • Transfer printing

#### **Materials**

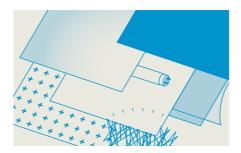
Kimoto expands the diverse functional possibilities by selecting various materials in addition to resins, such as metals (aluminum, etc.), paper, and synthetic paper.



- nyl chloride) TAC (triacetyl cellulose)
- Acrylic Paper and synthetic paper

#### **Functions**

Offering a variety of functions: optical functions including light diffusion, reflection, light shielding, etc.; control of films physical properties which is resilient even for medicine products; and interface control with adhesion and stability.



- Light diffusion
   Light shielding
   UV reduction
- Scratch-proof Durability Adhesion Fingerprint resistance

# Communication .......... In-house Communication Consulting

Kimoto boasts a 60 year history in the two fields of manufacturing and information technology. We provide support for increasing enterprise power through both hardware and software for smooth communication in sales networks and at manufacturing locations.

#### Information

Kimoto will assist customers using its uniquely cultivated know-how, with everything from recognizing the importance of information sharing with manufacturing locations, as well as, with sales departments, to concrete methods for information sharing.



g from actively spreading information to passively

#### Media

With our original digital signage technology at the core, we provide support for effective in-house communication systems through both hardware and software.

### Kimoto develops shared offices for employees in

flexible manner anytime, anywhere.



#### Network

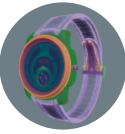
locations all over the world We support the creation of networks in a smooth,



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# **∞** Information

•••••• Spatial Information and Image Editing/System Development

From digital data analysis, to edit development of data management & application systems, Kimoto's know-how in the areas of spatial information and image editing, these are business areas where the company originated, and now has begun to expand into 2D, 3D, and beyond.

#### Forms of Data

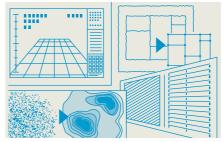
We cater to the ever growing forms of digital data, including 3D point group data acquired from laser scanning surveys and 2D map data utilized for surveys and land registration.



- Point group data 2D image data 2D/3D CAD data

#### Technology

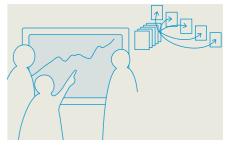
Kimoto Co. utilizes comprehensive implementation of technology from text, numerical and image system development, to data management and application, which includes digital data analysis, processing and editing, as well as database creation.



- Digital data creation Analysis, editing and processing
- Software development Archive creation, manage

#### **Application**

Information is shared and easily understood, since vast amounts of information is properly processed and visualized, and matched to each type of work format. This information provides support for decision making and emergence.



### $\infty$ Local

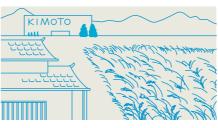
Local Contribution/Social Contribution Projects

Kimoto is developing its social responsibility as a company in the form of a sustainable system by utilizing abandoned rice paddies near our plants, discovering local resources and putting them into use again, and so forth. These are new steps for Kimoto, a company which has been dedicated to contributing to society since its founding.



#### **Land and Resources**

Kimoto develops projects which are designed for the effective use of abandoned rice paddies and empty houses, as resources in regions, where its production locations are located. These efforts contribute to the rejuvenation and revitalization of local environments.



- Use of empty houses as business facilities (Kimoto House)

#### **Production and Processing**

From the production of agricultural products to their final processed forms, Kimoto makes a substantial contribution towards the rejuvenation of local areas by using local resources and branding products with local flair.



• "Minori no Hyakunen Mai" brand rice (Koshihikari rice produced in Mie Prefecture)

#### Ways of working

Kimoto creates environments where people, who are important to the company as well as to the community, can work with satisfaction. As a result, the company continues to search for new ways of working which have not previously existed.



and experiencing foods) • Creation of a system for leasing local resources • Social Contribution Projects

# Kimoto expands its business while keeping in harmony with local communities to create a sustainable society

As we enter into the 2000s century, people started deeply questioning what responsibilities companies have in regards to society. Since its founding, Kimoto has intensely focused on being a company which is not chiefly concerned with making profits, but focused on placing importance on paying consideration to regional environments where we are located as well as contributing to regional society. This approach of developing as a company, while keeping in harmony with local communities, is an important ideal of our company.









#### **Revitalization of Local Communities**

Kimoto has advanced with its local contribution activities. From 2011, we started a satoyama restoration project with land near our manufacturing plant in Inabe City, Mie Prefecture. We renovated old houses vacated due to the population declines, and transformed them into job training facilities for our employees. In addition, our Kimoto Farm project leased abandoned rice paddies for reuse, which resulted in the production of 26 sacks of rice in its first year. In its 10th year (2020), the Kimoto Farm project has increased its production to 268 sacks of rice, steadily increasing its production output.







#### Sports Promotion and International Exchange

Since Kimoto was founded, we have worked towards supporting children in the community through cultural and sporting activities. In particular, our Japan-U.S. Friendship Little League Game has been in existence for 16 years now and has become an event that local communities have become familiar with. In 2014, a team selected from Inabe City travelled to the US to play in the Japan-U.S. Friendship Baseball Game against a little league team from Cedartown, Georgia. All along, Kimoto has served as a bridge between overseas cities that it is related too. Some of these Japanese cities have experienced this bridge through its English classes, soccer training events, and similar activities. Through activities such as these, Kimoto has enhanced the desire to forge international friendships and cultivate the ability to realize dreams.







#### **Consideration for the Environment**

Since it was constructed in 1979, the Mie Plant has been working towards environmental conservation with a high level of awareness of its importance. Waste products from plant operations and other activities such as these are strictly managed; environment related surveys are periodically conducted in the surrounding community; and trees are planted on and off plant grounds on a periodic basis. These are just some of the efforts that form an approach that will never change. In addition, we are currently analyzing, what we can do as a company, to protect the environment, including working towards creating new manufacturing processes which do not use organic solvents.

# Continuing to bring out creativity by providing a flexible office environment and work-life balance

In 2013, Kimoto moved its main office to Saitama City; together with a complete renovation of the Home Office Technological Development Center in Saitama, the company reorganized all its offices to become offices which are connected in a network. Kimoto's new office environment makes full use of cutting edge ICT (information and communications technology). This new ICT environment is changing the way people work, while being connected, with changing their way of thinking.



Each office was designed to be bright and spacious with open-office seating throughout.

This design leads to communication improvement between departments, free ways of thinking and a lively atmosphere.

#### Work-life Balance

Kimoto started a super flex system at all companies in the year 2014. In addition to telecommuting, employees are able to freely select any of our offices to work from. With the elimination of the core time requirement, each individual employee can freely choose when they want to work; this allows employees time for child rearing, care giving, as well as, time for themselves for self-development and hobbies. This system has made it possible for employees to work in a way that fits their particular lifestyle. Valuing individuality, employees can freely demonstrate their creativity. Enabling this concept greatly benefits the company.











Equipped with advanced information and communications technology, each office allows employees the ability to access work using individual devices, creating an environment where an employee can perform business work on demand. The company provides a futuristic work style where cost reduction, improved productivity, business stimulation through speedy work development and risk management (for business continuance during emergencies) can be expected.





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