

Chronology

1857: Japan's first blast furnace went into operation at Kamaishi.

1875: The Ministry of Industry started construction of a steelworks at Kamaishi.

1886: Iron was tapped at Kamaishi Mines Tanaka Iron Works (present Kamaishi Works).

1897: The Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce started construction of a steelworks at Yawata.

1901: The state-owned Yawata Steel Works began operation (present Yawata Works).

1909: Wanishi Iron Works of Hokkaido Coal Mine & Ship Co. started operation (present Muroran Works).

1934: Japan Iron & Steel Co., Ltd. was founded through merger of Yawata Steel Works with Wanishi Iron Works, Kamaishi Mines, Mitsubishi Iron, Fuji Steel, Kyushu Steel and Toyo Steel.

1939: Hirohata Works of Japan Iron & Steel began operation.

1950: Japan Iron & Steel was dissolved.

1950: **Yawata Iron & Steel Co., Ltd. and Fuji Iron & Steel Co., Ltd.** were formed.

1955: Hikari Works of Yawata Steel began operation.

1958: Tokai Iron & Steel Co., Ltd. was established.

1958: Yawata Steel inaugurated the Tobata Area of Yawata Works.

1961: Sakai Works of Yawata Steel began operation.

1965: Kimitsu Works of Yawata Steel began operation.

1967: Tokai Steel became Nagoya Works of Fuji Steel.

1968: Yawata Steel absorbed Yawata Steel Tube Co., Ltd.

1970: Yawata Steel and Fuji Steel merged to form **Nippon Steel Corporation**.

1971: Oita Works began operation.

1971: Nippon Steel absorbed Fuji Sanki Pipe & Tube Co., Ltd.

1974: Engineering Divisions Group was organized.

1984: New Materials Projects Bureau was organized.

1984: Nippon Steel Chemical Co., Ltd. was inaugurated through the merger of Nippon Steel Chemical Co., Ltd. and Nittetsu Chemical Industrial Co., Ltd.

1986: Electronics Division was organized.

1987: Electronics & Information Systems Division, New Materials Division and Service Business Division (integrated to Urban Development Div. in June 1992) were organized.

1991: Technical Development Bureau was organized by integrating Central R&D Bureau and Plant Engineering & Technology Bureau, and R&E Center began operation.

1993: Semiconductor Division was organized.(abolished in April 1999)

1997: Silicon Wafer Division was organized.(abolished in April 2004)

2000: A divisionally integrated operation system within the Group based on product item or business area was introduced in the steelmaking and steel fabrication sector.

2001: Operations of Nippon Steel's Electronics & Information Systems Division and its subsidiary Nippon Steel Information & Communication Systems Inc. were integrated to organize NS Solutions Corporation.

2002: All operations of Nippon Steel's Urban Development Division were integrated into Nippon Steel City Produce, Inc.

2003: Stainless Business was spinned off to Nippon Steel & Sumikin Stainless Steel Corporation.

2006: Engineering and construction business was spinned off to Nippon Steel Engineering Co., Ltd.

New materials business was spinned off to Nippon Steel Materials Co., Ltd.

2011: Agreed to commence consideration of business integration with Sumitomo Metal Industries, Ltd.