



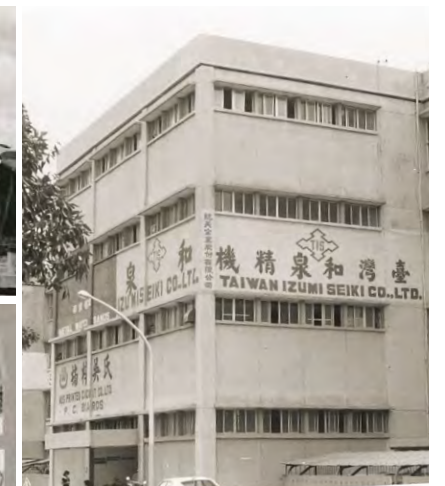
Tsuneo Funaki, Founder

The history of IDEC Group began when IZUMI Shokai opened its door in the Doshomachi section of Osaka in November, 1945. The name "IZUMI" ("和泉," two Chinese characters meaning "Togetherness" and "Fountain," respectively) was chosen because the founder had a vision that the business would harness the strength of its people, and that innovation and creativity would spring forth like water from a fountain.



The first shop at the time of company founding

Mikuni Plant completed in 1956 in Osaka (Photo/above)
Working in the plant at the time (Photo/below)



IZUMI SEIKI TAIWAN CO., LTD.
(now IDEC TAIWAN CORPORATION),
the first plant outside Japan

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At the time of Start-up 1945-

Over 70 years of Innovation

Since its founding, IDEC has been dedicated to making products that provide safety for manufacturing sites. We shall continue our commitment to providing solutions to social problems and making contributions to society in years to come through our control and environmental technologies.

Inventing "New Possibilities" is IDEC's vision passed down since its founding.






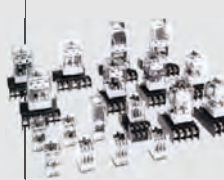
Manufacturing and sales of control devices began in the Post-WWII reconstruction era

IDEC was founded under the original name of IZUMI Shokai Co., Ltd. in 1945, the year World War II ended. First, selling electric appliances upon its founding, soon IDEC recognized the shortage of various switch boxes that were essential for machines and began developing high-quality switch boxes. The safety box switches IDEC's forerunner developed were highly praised by the industry. They passed the strict requirements of the US Military Force in Japan, becoming their specified products and remaining the company's longest-selling product line. These switches, along with our explosion-proof products widely used in textile/chemical plants and petrochemical complexes, helped boost Japan's post-war reconstruction efforts.

A behind-the-scenes hero backing Japan's economic growth becomes major control device manufacturer

The economic boom brought increasing demand for measurement/control technologies for controlling and keeping equipment and systems in an optimal state. This was the turning point for IDEC to begin producing control devices using its previous experience and knowledge to become an all-around control device manufacturer, again contributing to Japan's economic expansion. To keep pace with business growth and the need to increase production, the company grew its manufacturing and sales bases both in Japan and overseas in the 1970s.

【 IDEC Products and Technologies 】

<p>1950</p>  <p>SB metallic switch box</p> <p>The first big hit with a ground-breaking quick-make/quick-break mechanism, which laid the foundation for IDEC.</p>	<p>1953</p>  <p>AR water-proof, corrosion-proof, explosion-proof fluorescent light</p> <p>Developed specifically for lighting in textile/chemical plants.</p>	<p>1958</p>  <p>Miniature switches and pilot lights</p> <p>Drastically miniaturized control units; helped to redirect IDEC's course as a control device manufacturer.</p>	<p>1960</p>  <p>Flame-proof control box</p> <p>Sold to industries requiring explosion-proof devices, such as petrochemical complexes.</p>	<p>1969</p>  <p>SPS step programmer</p> <p>A precursor to the present-day programmable logic controllers, equipped with revolutionary functions for that time.</p>	<p>1972</p>  <p>Yellow relays</p> <p>Entered into the relay market for the first time. Known for reliability and long life, these yellow general purpose relays became our bread-and-butter products.</p>
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At the
time of
Growth
1970-

Changing with times,
but always a guardian
of manufacturing sites.

Global business growth

Entering into the 1970s, IDEC began aggressively expanding business overseas, establishing subsidiaries, exhibiting at European tradeshows and forming alliances with highly-rated overseas corporations. During that time, IDEC launched control units conforming to the IEC standards, which turned out to be another big hit, and the products have been successful even to this day. As business grew, the company's bid for public stock listing was granted in 1982.

Creating an optimal environment for people and machines

Entering into the 1990s, the manufacturing environment of HMIs (Human Machine Interfaces), in which people and machines work together, became mainstream. In responding to the need for machines and systems providing higher productivity and safety, IDEC launched Japan's first safety switches and enabling switches. In 2000, fully-automated robot control cellular production systems were installed in our main manufacturing site, the Takino Plant. These systems realized the optimal multi-product production in varying volumes while promoting automation and saving labor and power.



Think Automation and beyond...

New IDEC logo and tagline



Plant factory laboratory



New headquarters building completed in 2013



Exhibited at Hannover Messe in Germany



IDEC CORPORATION opened in California, USA



TW Series control units certified for IEC conformity



Robot-control cellular production system

Thrive for 100th
and beyond.

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At the
time of
Expansion
2000-

From IZUMI to IDEC

In commemorating our 60th anniversary, the name of the headquarter was changed to IDEC from IZUMI and the new company logo was created in 2005. In 2015, the year of our 70th anniversary, a group of young employees took on a central role in creating and implementing a new 10-year vision for the IDEC Group for 2025.

For a sustainable society

We believe that future challenges on a global scale are environmental pollution due to increasing CO² emissions and food shortages due to population growth. IDEC will continue inventing new possibilities beyond its 100th anniversary by improving and promoting LED lighting, renewable energy and agricultural automation, all backed by solid technologies.

【 IDEC Products and Technologies 】

1989



Operator interfaces
Liquid-crystal display devices launched as the HD series.



MICRO-1
Set a precedent in the micro-controller segment of the PC market, attracting tremendous attention from the industry.

1993



GaLF
IDEC's proprietary pressurized multi-phase flow fine bubble generator "GaLF" launched.

1998



Enabling switches
Japan's first enabling switches to protect personnel in an emergency debuted.

2011



Miniature switches and pilot lights LB Series
The industry's shortest panel depth, flush bezel and easy to wire.

2014



SmartAXIS controllers FT1A
Combining HMI monitoring makes user applications simple and saves labor and space.