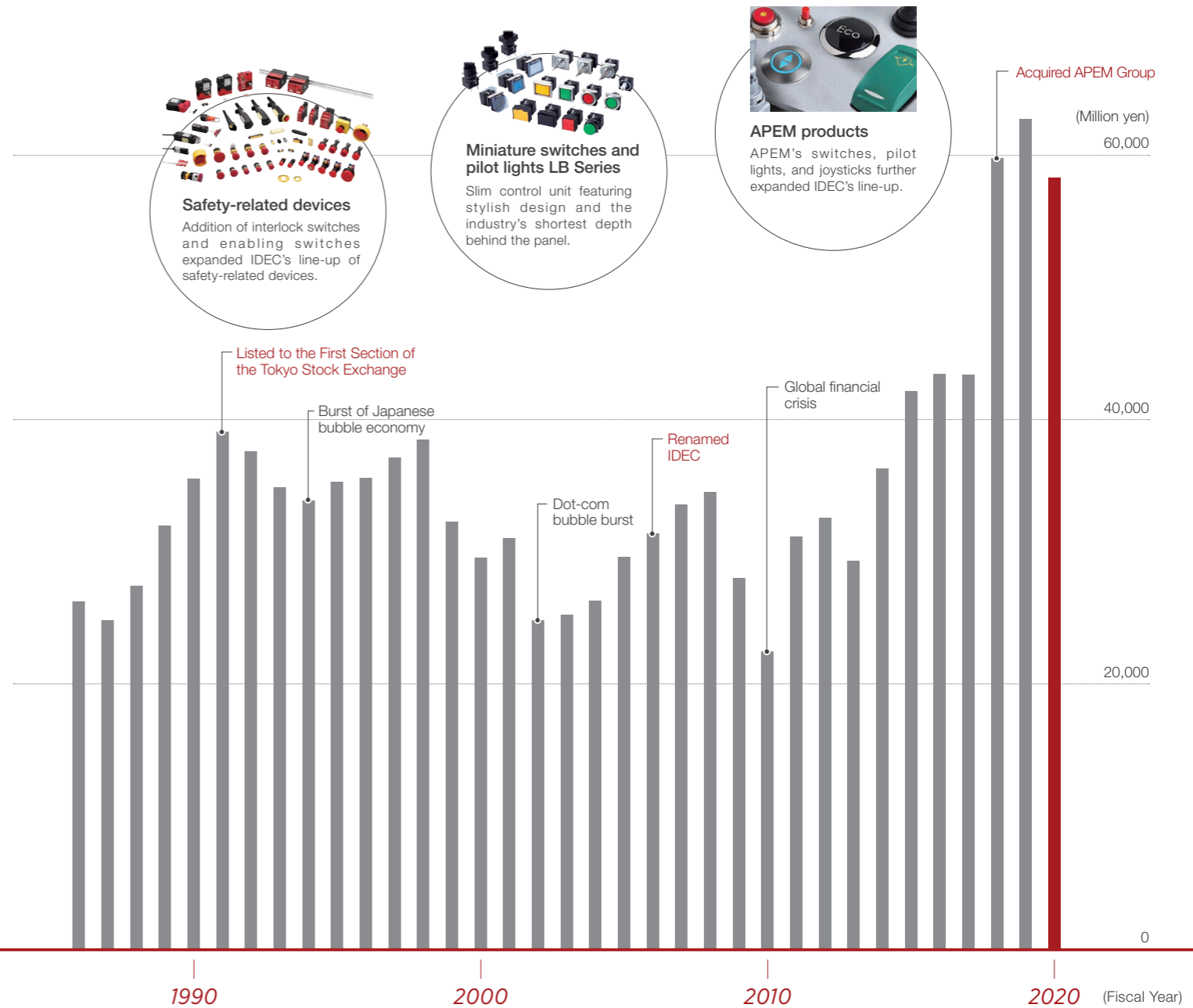
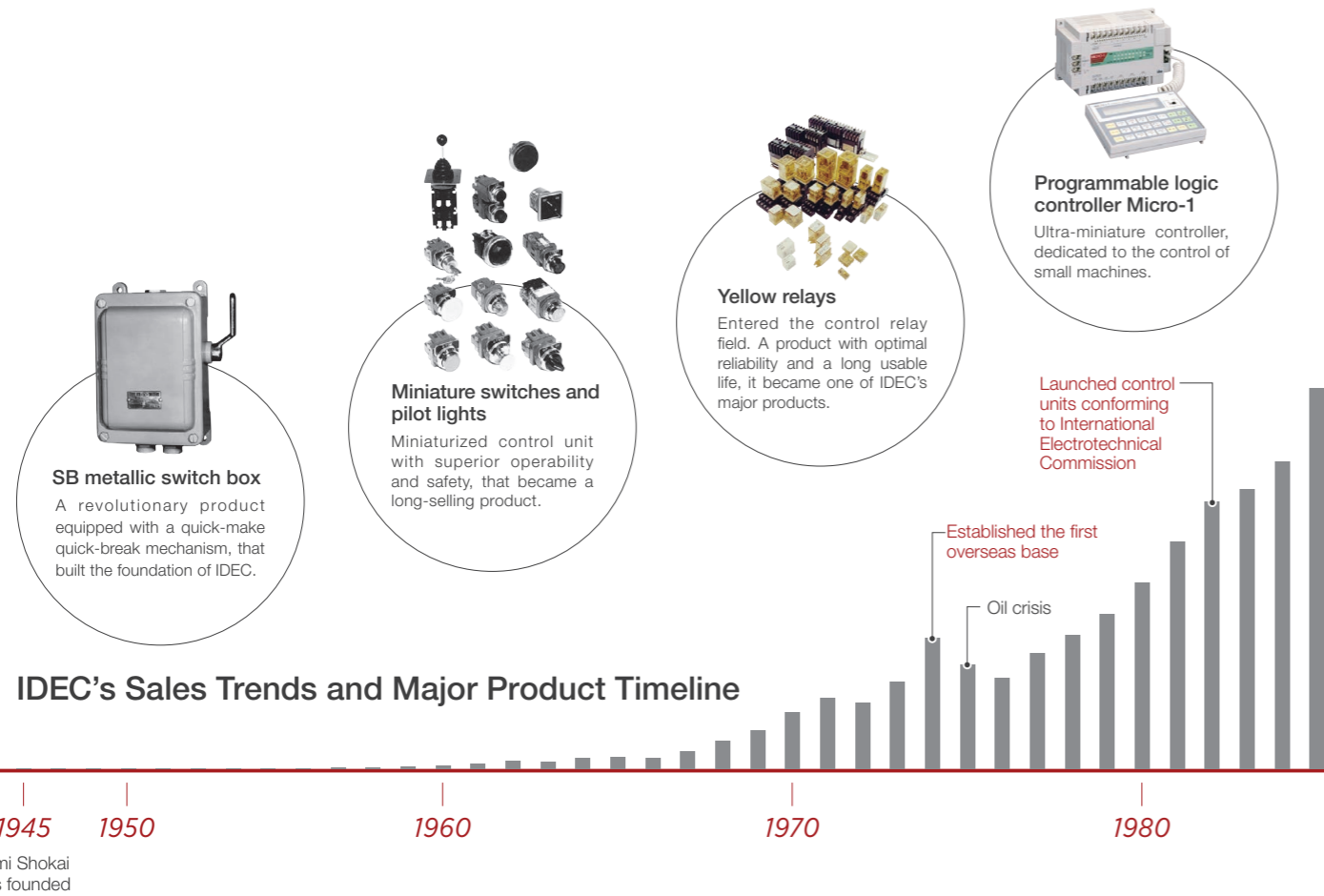


IDEC Group History

Taking up the challenge of global societal challenges; thinking of our 100th anniversary and beyond.



Supporting Japan's manufacturing in the postwar era

IDEC was founded in 1945 as Izumi Shokai Co., Ltd. and was initially engaged in the sale of electric appliances, including retail sales. Recognizing the shortage of switch boxes, that were essential for many machines, IDEC began developing high-quality switch boxes. Being well received by manufacturers, the switch boxes became IDEC's long-selling products and helped support Japan's manufacturing in the postwar reconstruction period, along with explosion protection devices, which were widely used in textile/chemical plants and petrochemical complexes.

Contributing to automation and mechanization, as a comprehensive control device manufacturer

In response to the growing demand for measurement and control technology, and propelled by rapid economic growth in Japan, IDEC was transformed into a comprehensive control device manufacturer. In tandem with the advance of automation and mechanization of factory equipment, IDEC expanded into the field of electronics and system products. Starting in 1970, IDEC established overseas manufacturing and sales bases, pursuing corporate scale expansion and responding to the trend for greater mass production. Global business expansion led to further business growth and to a stock listing upgrade to the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange in 1990.

Creating an "optimum environment for humans and machines"

Since 1990, more and more manufacturing sites have increased the need for humans and machines to coexist. Responding to the need for machines and equipment to reflect consideration of safety and productivity, IDEC developed a number of products, such as the industry's first interlock switches and enabling switches. In 2000, IDEC installed a robot-control cellular production system that enabled multi-variety variable production at its main Takino Factory, promoting automation and labor-saving in manufacturing sites.

Challenging global societal challenges

In its 60th anniversary year, 2005, the company changed its name to IDEC CORPORATION. In 2017, IDEC acquired APEM Group, as part of its global business expansion. IDEC also strives to develop new businesses that contribute to solving societal challenges. In 2019, a new philosophy "The IDEC Way" was adopted, clearly stating IDEC's commitment to sustainable growth by continuing innovation and facing the challenges of becoming a truly global company.