

Press Information

Kyocera to construct new development centre at Shiga Yasu Campus in Japan

New centre will consolidate production engineering and development across divisions, improving production capabilities and training for engineers.

Kyoto/London 22. August 2023. Kyocera announced plans to build a new centre for development (tentative name; hereinafter, the centre) at its Shiga Yasu Campus in Japan, where the company will consolidate production engineering and development functions. The new centre will strengthen manufacturing capabilities through stronger collaboration among Kyocera's diverse business divisions, while training new generations of engineering leaders.



**Rendering of Kyocera's planned centre for development,
Shiga Yasu Campus**

Drastic changes in the business environment now compel manufacturers to implement new strategies for raising productivity and improving product quality by deploying AI and robots; tackling carbon neutrality; and training employees to master digital technologies and data analysis. Kyocera plans to raise its capabilities to a new level in production engineering through developing state-of-the-art manufacturing technologies, promoting smart factories by adopting automated and optimized production processes, investing in engineering skills development, building digital transformation expertise, and sharing knowledge among divisions.

Within this context, the company envisions the new centre as a gathering place for production engineers from all major Kyocera manufacturing sites. Key objectives will include strengthening and accelerating development of core technologies and manufacturing processes at Kyocera's components businesses, while creating a new space for engineers from each business division to engage in co-creation, information-sharing, and technological training. The centre is planned to have six floors. The first through third floors will feature spaces for production process and equipment development, including pilot production lines for new technologies in ceramic moulding, dispersion, mixing, firing, and laser processing for components manufacturing. Special emphasis will be placed on optimizing manufacturing processes to achieve carbon neutrality. The fourth to sixth floors will include offices, co-creation cafes, and training spaces both for newly hired engineers and for employees who need to learn the digital transformation skills necessary for operating smart factories. In addition, the centre will collaborate closely with Kyocera's three R&D bases in Japan, including the Minato Mirai Research Centre, Keihanna Research Centre, and Kirishima R&D Centre, to strengthen the manufacturing capabilities of the Kyocera Group.

Overview of the centre

Name	Centre for development at Kyocera Corporation Shiga Yasu Campus (tentative name)
Location	Ichimiyake 800, Yasu-shi, Shiga Prefecture, Japan
Total investment	Approximately 13 billion yen (approx. 83 million Euro).
Building footprint	4,871 m ² , one building in steel construction with 6 stories
Floor area	26,766 m ²
Construction schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Begin construction: August, 2023 - Begin operations: April, 2025 (planned)
Major activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of core technologies and production processes in components business - Development of production equipment for company-wide use



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About Kyocera

Kyocera has been successful in Europe for over 50 years. From its European headquarters in Esslingen am Neckar, KYOCERA Europe GmbH operates 26 sites including manufacturing facilities, with products ranging from fine ceramics, electronics, automotive, semiconductor and optical components to industrial tools, LCDs, touch solutions, industrial printing components, solar systems and consumer goods such as kitchen and office products.

KYOCERA Europe GmbH is a company of the KYOCERA Corporation headquartered in Kyoto/Japan, a world leader in semiconductor, industrial and automotive components as well as electronic components, printing and multifunction systems, and communications technology. The technology group is one of the world's most experienced manufacturers of smart energy systems, with more than 45 years of industry expertise. The Kyocera Group comprises 297 subsidiaries (31 March 2023). In England, Kyocera has a subsidiary in Frimley, KYOCERA Fineceramics Ltd. With around 81,000 employees, Kyocera generated net annual sales of around EUR 13.87 billion in the 2022/2023 fiscal year.

Kyocera is ranked 671 on Forbes magazine's 'Global 2000' list for 2023, and ranked as 'The 100 Most Sustainably Managed Companies in the World' according to the Wall Street Journal. For the second year in a row, Kyocera qualified for the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (Asia-Pacific) and acknowledged as a 'Top 100 Global Innovator 2023', being one of the world's leading innovators, for the seventh time by Clarivate.

The company also takes an active interest in cultural affairs. The Kyoto Prize, a prominent international award, is presented each year by the Inamori Foundation — established by Kyocera founder Dr Kazuo Inamori — to individuals worldwide who have contributed significantly to the scientific, cultural, and spiritual betterment of humankind (equivalent to approximately €685,000 per prize category).

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