Business Ingenuity

In an age that seeks wealth

Determining the needs of society with foresight, Sojitz has developed numerous businesses and striven to solve social issues in accordance with each era by providing necessary functions. Sojitz will continue to contribute to society through business now and in the future as we have in the past.
1917 Suzuki & Co., Ltd.

The original No. 1 Japanese trading company in Japan, overpowering the light industry to the heavy chemicals industry and rose to become the No. 1 general trading company of modern industry.

1892 Japan Cotton Trading Co., Ltd. began importing iron ore from Brazil, which boasted some of the best quality ore in the world. The company continued to supply the raw materials of iron and steel, which were considered the bread and butter of its industry, and supported the dramatic economic growth in Japan.

1956 Nissho Corporation

Dominating the Japanese skies through aircraft business

In 1956, Nissho Corporation signed an agency agreement with The Boeing Company in the U.S. After succeeding in introducing the world’s largest jumbo jet, the 747, the company created an era of mass transportation in Japan’s skies.

1973 Nissho Iwai Corporation

Spearheading the largest LNG introduction project in Japan

In 1973, Nissho Iwai Corporation organized the largest project for the introduction of liquefied natural gas (LNG) in Japan, where LNG was not yet common. It took on the responsibility of realizing part of Japan’s national policy, which aimed for stable and secure resources and energy.

1988 Nichimen Corporation

A pioneer of the Indian industrial salt business

After Chinese industrial salt exports were banned in 1987, Nichimen Corporation turned its attention to Indian salt as a new source. The company actively cooperated to improve quality control and production systems, allowing India to grow to be world’s third-ranked supply source after Mexico and Australia.

1955 Iwai Sangyo Co., Ltd.

Beginning to import Brazilian iron ore

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1971 Nissho Iwai Corporation

Helping to create Nike shoes

Nissho Iwai Corporation recognized the potential of selling sports goods, and began trading with the U.S. company Blue Ribbon Sports (now Nike, Inc.) in 1971, supporting the development of their original shoes. Now, the Nike brand is loved not just in Japan but all over the world.

1986 Nissho Iwai Corporation

Contributing to the development of the Vietnamese economy for more than 30 years

After the reunification of Vietnam, Nissho Iwai Corporation was the first Japanese company to establish an office there. In addition to beginning afforestation and chemical fertilizer businesses, the company focused on the electric power business and invitations to industrial parks. The company formed a friendship with Vietnam in addition to supporting the country’s economic development.