

HISTORY OF KAJIMA

Kajima was founded in 1840, nearly 179 years ago. Ever since, Kajima has sought through its construction business to provide essential social infrastructure and create places for people to live and work. Whether building railroads, dams, offices, commercial buildings, or homes, Kajima has been driven by its ultimate mission: to help build safe, secure, comfortable societies. With a business footprint in three different centuries, Kajima has been known for constructing Japan's first Western-style buildings, then for railroads, then nuclear power plants, and then skyscrapers. The one constant across the years is Kajima's enterprising spirit, which is always on display as the company takes on challenges using new technology.

Building for the Next 100 Years

As Kajima looks forward to another 100 years in business, it will continue to evolve to meet the needs of a constantly changing and ever more sophisticated world.

1840

THE EARLY YEARS

Constructing Western-Style Buildings

1840

Iwakichi Kajima begins business in Edo (present day Tokyo)

Kajima builds the first Western-style buildings in Yokohama, including the Ei-Ichiban Kan and America-Ichiban Kan. It also constructs other advanced buildings of the time such as edifices for Horaisha and the Okayama prefectural government.



Ei-Ichiban kan



Horaisha

ADVANCING INTO RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION

Taking on Civil Engineering Projects

1880

Kajima advances into railway construction (with delivery of materials to Japan's first railway construction site as the first step)

Tokaido Main Line Tanna Tunnel, Railway between Yokokawa and Karuizawa, as well as railway construction in Korea and Taiwan

Later, Kajima goes on to tackle many large projects such as dams, expressways, bullet train lines, airports, etc.



Aganogawa Railway Bridge



Ueno Station

KNOWN FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS KNOWN FOR SKYSCRAPERS

Staying Ahead of the Times with Technology

1949

Kajima Technical Research Institute established (first research facility in Japan's construction industry)

Kajima builds the Japan Atomic Energy Research Institute No. 1 Nuclear Reactor (Japan's first nuclear reactor) and the Kasumigaseki Building (Japan's first skyscraper)

While advancing into the nuclear power sector, Kajima also constructs thermal power plants and large docks in coastal areas

Completion of the Kasumigaseki Building in 1968 becomes the cornerstone for Kajima's current reputation as a builder of skyscrapers



Japan Atomic Energy Research Institute No. 1 Nuclear Reactor



Shin-Tanna Tunnel for the Tokaido Shinkansen



Kasumigaseki Building

FOCUSING ON REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT, AND VIGOROUSLY EXPANDING OUTSIDE JAPAN

The Road to Globalization

1964

Kajima International Inc. (KII) established in US; real estate development business enters Los Angeles
 Kajima constructs large-scale automobile factories in the United States, and builds hotels in the former East Germany. In Japan, Kajima begins Shiki New Town in Saitama Prefecture, one of the largest housing development projects ever taken on by a single private-sector entity.

1971 — 1988



Little Tokyo Redevelopment (Los Angeles)



Supreme Court



Shiki New Town Development Project



Minami Bisan Seto Bridge

EXPANDING INTO NEW BUSINESS FIELDS

Another Quantum Leap

1988

Kajima Overseas Asia (KOA) established, which, together with Kajima USA (established in 1986) and Kajima Europe Ltd. (established in 1987), creates four regional headquarters in Japan, US, Europe and Asia

2009

170th anniversary of Kajima's founding

2015

Kajima Australia (KA) established



Shiodome area of Tokyo



D-runway at Haneda International Airport in Tokyo



Senayan Square Project (Indonesia)