

The Hodogaya Chemical Group's History of Innovation

Hodogaya Chemical was founded in 1916 as the first company in Japan to manufacture caustic soda using an electrolysis method.

Since its foundation 110 years ago, Hodogaya Chemical has responded to the needs of the times by applying technologies developed over the long years, and through continuous innovation, created a wide range of products from dyes and agricultural chemicals to pharmaceutical intermediates, polyurethane materials and OLED materials, which support people's lifestyles and society.

All members of the Hodogaya Chemical Group are committed to launching SPEED 25/30 as a corporate group that contributes to the development of society through the creation of products and services that benefit people for the next 100 years.

**1915**  
Hodogaya Soda Works founded in present-day Hodogaya Ward, Yokohama City, Kanagawa.

**1916**  
Toyo Soda Co., Ltd. (present-day Koriyama Plant) opened.

**1939**  
Tsurumi Plant (current Yokohama Plant) was established. Name changed to Hodogaya Chemical Co., Ltd.

**1967**  
New York Office opened. (incorporated in 1986)

**1971**  
Nanyo Plant opened.

**1978**  
Hodogaya Vandex Construction Products Co., Ltd. established. (changed its name to Hodogaya Construction Products Co., Ltd. in 2017).

**1991**  
Tsukuba Research Laboratory was established.

**1993**  
Hodogaya Contract Laboratory Co., Ltd. founded.

**1994**  
HODOGAYA AGROS Co., Ltd. founded. (Changed its trade name to HODOGAYA AGROTECH Co., Ltd. in 2011.)

**1997**  
Hodogaya Logistics Co., Ltd. founded. Shanghai Office opened. (Incorporated in 2014)

**2006**  
Some of the shares of Nippon Polyurethane Industry Co., Ltd. sold. (all shares sold off in 2012.)

**2008**  
Office in South Korea opened (incorporated in 2011). HODOGAYA UPL Co., Ltd. established.

**2010**  
Düsseldorf Office opened. (incorporated in 2018) Taipei Office opened. Shares of SFC Co. Ltd. (South Korea) acquired.

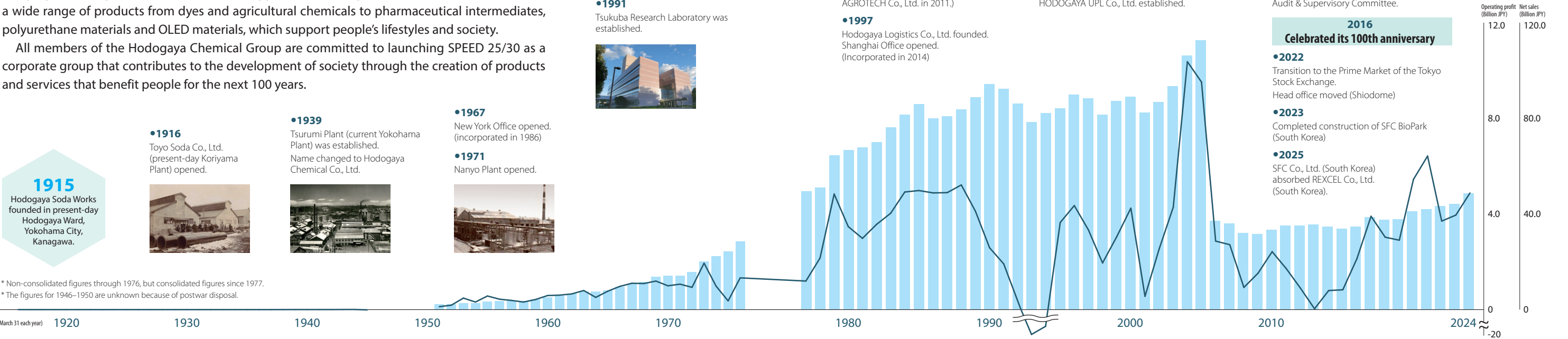
**2015**  
Company transitioned to one with Audit & Supervisory Committee.

**2016**  
**Celebrated its 100th anniversary**

**2022**  
Transition to the Prime Market of the Tokyo Stock Exchange. Head office moved (Shiodome)

**2023**  
Completed construction of SFC BioPark (South Korea)

**2025**  
SFC Co., Ltd. (South Korea) absorbed REXCEL Co., Ltd. (South Korea).



\* Non-consolidated figures through 1976, but consolidated figures since 1977.  
\* The figures for 1946–1950 are unknown because of postwar disposal.

	1920	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020	
Products developed	<b>1915</b> Production of caustic soda using an electrolysis method launched (first for Japan)	<b>1926</b> Production of phosgene started. <b>1927</b> Dye production launched.		<b>1950</b> Production of agrochemicals started.	<b>1963</b> Production of urethane materials (PTG) launched. <b>1966</b> Hydrogen peroxide production started. <b>1967</b> Production of urethane waterproof materials started (first in Japan).		<b>1978</b> Production of charge control agents (CCA) for toners launched.	<b>1984</b> Charge transport materials (CTM) production launched.	<b>2001</b> Production of OLED materials and hole transport materials (HTM) launched. <b>2004</b> OLED materials and electron transport materials (ETM) developed.	<b>2017</b> Production of OXYATTACK (disinfectant agent for food products), a peracetic acid formulation, started. Urethane waterproof material Sugomaku production launched.	<b>2020</b> Mass production of materials for PCR diagnostic kits launched. <b>2021</b> Began production of metal-free dyes for aluminum coloring. <b>2024</b> Started production of PTG-SOFTENA.	
Needs of society	<b>1914</b> World War I	<b>1923</b> The Great Kanto Earthquake		<b>1939</b> World War II	<b>1950</b> Postwar rebuilding	<b>1960</b> Rapid economic growth	<b>1973</b> Oil crises	<b>1985</b> Plaza Accord	<b>1991</b> Economic bubble burst	<b>2008</b> The collapse of Lehman Brothers	<b>2011</b> Great East Japan Earthquake	<b>2020</b> Novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19)
	Broke free of chemical industry's reliance on imports Founder Otosuke Isomura		Became an integrated chemicals manufacturer as society industrialized and modernized		Developed various products that supported post-war recovery			Expanded business fields to electronic materials with an eye toward the emergence of an electronics era		Creating an environmentally conscious society through new materials and products with low environmental impact		
Technological roots and change	Original products (1916–)			Raw materials and intermediates			Major product groups			Timeline from -1980 to Present day		
	<div>Salt electrolysis<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Caustic soda</li><li>Chlorine</li><li>Hydrogen</li></ul></div>			<div>Aromatic or organic compounds<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Organic and optical device materials</li></ul></div> <div>Natural materials<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Various dyes</li></ul></div> <div>Organic compounds<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Urethane materials</li><li>Pharmaceutical/agrochemical raw materials</li><li>Industrial chemical raw materials</li><li>Urethane waterproof materials</li></ul></div> <div>Phosgene<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Various herbicides</li></ul></div> <div>Aromatic or organic compounds<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Hydrogen peroxide and its derivatives</li></ul></div> <div>Hydrogen</div>			<div>-1980<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Materials for copiers</li><li>Aluminum coloring dyes</li><li>Raw materials of spandex</li><li>Raw materials for release agents</li><li>Construction materials</li><li>Herbicides</li><li>Hydrogen peroxide</li></ul></div> <div>-2000<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Stationery dyes</li><li>Technical grade active ingredients (in-house and in-licensed)</li><li>Sodium percarbonate</li></ul></div> <div>Present day<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>OLED materials</li><li>Bio Business</li><li>Color filter dyes</li><li>Dyes for hair color treatment</li><li>Pharmaceutical intermediates</li><li>Agricultural materials</li><li>Peracetic acid</li></ul></div>					