

Third Party Comments



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About 40 years ago, I used to encounter the “Yamatake” logo everyday, in the meter room of an iron manufacturer. Printed in large letters on many of the instrument boards, this logo gave us a special impression.

A pioneer of measurement and control in Japan, Yamatake will mark its 100th anniversary in fiscal 2006. Taking this opportunity, the company discussed the direction of its business activities in the coming 100 years, and is contemplating the company’s role in society and the global environment from a broad viewpoint and perspective.

In 1945 the world population numbered less than 3 billion. Through a process of exponential growth, the world population today has surpassed 6.5 billion, and in 2050 is expected to pass the 9 billion mark. Naturally, our consumption of resources has continued to grow exponentially, and no one would doubt that this is causing rapid changes in the global environment. In the past century, yesterday was followed by today; in the next century, however, tomorrow might not follow today.

With this awareness, the Yamatake Group has started to discuss its CSR, and this action is extremely significant.

Yamatake’s corporate activities, which take a comprehensive view of society, are highly regarded. One example is the company’s promotion of energy and resource conservation not only at its own factories, but also at its customer’s site through the provision of energy- and resource-saving products. Moreover, Yamatake’s total engineering, which combines software and hardware to meet the customer’s unique requirements, will establish a new core for its Advanced Automation business. Unlike many equipment makers who supply advanced-function products to optimize one part of the system, Yamatake’s solutions are designed to optimize the entire system.

Likewise, in its Life Automation business, Yamatake should be able to bring forth its unique value. The target of the company’s measurement and control has shifted from machinery to people. We can expect various fields of innovation based on technology to grow infinitely in this area. Even the Building Automation business may be facing an important mission in the future.

Yamatake is striving for measurement and control not only of this moment, but also in the long term, from generation to generation, and I feel that we can visualize Yamatake’s next century. This opportunity to visit Yamatake and meet with its employees has convinced me of the company’s high potential. I also sensed a freshness that hadn’t changed from my first impression of Yamatake in a factory meter room 40 years ago.

Corporate Data

Company Profile

Name:	Yamatake Corporation
Founded:	December 1, 1906
Incorporated:	August 22, 1949
Headquarters:	Tokyo Building 2-7-3 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-6419 Japan
Representative:	Seiji Onoki, President and CEO
Paid-in capital:	¥10.5 billion
Employees	
(as of March 31, 2006):	5,464 (Yamatake Corporation) 8,382 (Yamatake Group)

Main business: Yamatake Corporation engages in the development, manufacture, sales, installation, engineering and maintenance of systems and products of its core businesses of Building Automation and Advanced Automation. Yamatake is actively promoting its international business, and developing and expanding its Life Automation business as its third core business. Life Automation encompasses the environment, care service and biotechnology fields to fill the emerging needs of society.

Financial Data (FY2005)

	(¥ million)	
	Non - consolidated	Consolidated
Net sales	163,979	188,320
Recurring profit	11,461	13,938
Net income	8,263	9,795

Yamatake Group Profile

Domestic companies:	27
Overseas companies:	18

Production Bases

Domestic:

Yamatake Corporation:
Fujisawa Factory, Shonan Factory, Isehara Factory
Yamatake Control Products Co., Ltd.
Taishin Co., Ltd.

Overseas:

Dalian Yamatake Control Instruments Co., Ltd.
Yamatake China Limited ShenZhen Plant