

Press Information

Kyocera to construct new R&D Center in Kirishima City, Kagoshima, Japan

New facility at Kyocera Kokubu Campus will expand R&D speed, capabilities

Kyoto/London, January 13th, 2021. Kyocera has announced it will begin construction of a new research and development center in January 2021 at its Kokubu campus in Kirishima City, Kagoshima, Japan. Kyocera has executed a location agreement with the mayor of Kirishima City for the new R&D center, which will focus on new innovations in the fields of information and communications, environmental preservation, and smart energy.

Hub for Innovation and New Technology

The Kokubu campus is already an innovation hub and site of three strategic R&D groups: Kyocera's Monozukuri R&D Laboratory, which focuses on advanced material technologies; its Production Technology Division, focusing on manufacturing process innovation; and its Analysis Center, which develops simulation and evaluation technologies.



Architect's rendering of a new R&D center

R&D programs at the campus currently include 5G smartphone technologies, electronic- and semiconductor components used in IoT devices, and key components for new smart energy technologies, such as cell stacks for Solid Oxide Fuel Cells (SOFCs). Intellectual property developed there has found a wide range of other applications as well, in the automotive, aerospace, medical and healthcare fields.

Centre to be platform for sharing knowledge and networking

Through greater collaboration among these R&D operations, Kyocera will establish a new platform to accelerate development and production efforts, with comprehensive support for manufacturing new products, promoting factory automation, and improving manufacturing efficiencies. Kyocera will position the new facility specifically as an incubator for open innovation, sharing technical information for human resource development, and networking with inventors outside of Kyocera.

Outline of Kyocera's New R&D Center

Name	(To be announced)
Location	Kyocera's Kagoshima Kokubu Plant Campus 1450-1 Azadainomaru, Kokubukamikogawa, Kirishima-shi, Kagoshima Prefecture, Japan
Total investment	Approximately 10 billion yen (approx. 96 million U.S. dollars)
Building area	5,990 m ² steel construction with 5 stories
Total floor space	22,902 m ²
Construction plan	Construction begins: January 2021 Facility opens: September 2022
Main R&D activities	Development of laminated ceramic capacitors, ceramic packages for electronic devices, cell stacks for SOFCs

For more information on Kyocera: www.kyocera.co.uk

About Kyocera

Headquartered in Kyoto, Japan, KYOCERA Corporation is one of the world's leading manufacturers of fine ceramic components for the technology industry. The strategically important divisions in the KYOCERA Group, which is comprised of 298 subsidiaries (as of March 31, 2020), are information and communications technologies, products which increase quality of life, and environmentally friendly products. The technology group is also one of the most experienced producers of smart energy systems worldwide, with more than 40 years of know-how in the industry.

The company is ranked #549 on Forbes magazine's 2020 "Global 2000" listing of the world's largest publicly traded companies. With a global workforce of over 75,500 employees, Kyocera posted sales revenue of approximately €13,33 billion in fiscal year 2019/2020. The products marketed by the company in Europe include printers, digital copying systems, semiconductor-, fine ceramic-, automotive- and electronic components as well as printing devices and ceramic kitchen products. The KYOCERA Group has two independent companies in the United Kingdom: KYOCERA Fineceramics Ltd. and KYOCERA Document Solutions Ltd.

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 (converted at approximately €828,000 per prize category).

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