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Kyocera to Strengthen Open Innovation in AI and IoT with New Research Center

Yokohama, Japan research center will focus on new business development for IoT, AI, robotics, and autonomous vehicles

Kyoto/London, August 8th, 2019. Kyocera Corporation announced the opening of the new Minato Mirai Research Center in Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan. The center was created with the aim of promoting open innovation and the development of new business and technologies.

Kyocera operates three research and development facilities around the Tokyo metropolitan area which focus on software and systems for the telecommunications, automotive, and environmental & energy industries. Recognizing the importance of technological development in these fields, the company established the Minato Mirai Research Center in order to integrate resources of the current three facilities and encourage new business creation and R&D related to IoT, artificial intelligence (AI), robotics, and autonomous driving.



Kyocera's Minato Mirai Research Center in Yokohama, Japan

The location of Minato Mirai will help encourage open innovation, and ultimately new business development, as Kyocera staff are able to collaborate and share information with people around the world. Minato Mirai, which means “harbor of the future,” is a seaside urban area of

central Yokohama that attracts a wide range of businesses, from small startups to large enterprises with advanced technologies, making it ideal for an open innovation approach.

The building includes two co-creation spaces — “Creative Fab” on the first floor and “Innovation Square” on the sixth floor — which have been arranged for the purpose of encouraging the creation of new ideas through meetings with business partners both inside and outside the company.

“Expansion of our current businesses and creation of new businesses are necessary for the Kyocera Group to reach its target of 2 trillion yen in sales by March 2021. In addition to reducing our operating costs by doubling productivity and revising inefficient processes, we hope to create synergies between each business section inside the company and accelerate joint projects with outside partners to develop new businesses,” commented Hideo Tanimoto, President of Kyocera Corporation, at the opening ceremony. “Taking advantage of Minato Mirai’s unique business ecosystem, we will also focus on promoting open innovation,” Tanimoto continued.

Overview of the Minato Mirai Research Center

Name	Minato Mirai Research Center
Total floor space	10,770 m ²
Location	3-7-1 Minatomirai Nishi-ku Yokohama-shi Kanagawa 220-0012 Japan



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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 286 subsidiaries (as of March 31, 2019), 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 solar energy systems worldwide, with more than 40 years of know-how in the industry.

The company is ranked #655 on Forbes magazine's 2019 "Global 2000" listing of the world's largest publicly traded companies. With a global workforce of over 77,000 employees, Kyocera posted net sales of approximately €12,99 million in fiscal year 2018/2019. 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 kitchen products. The Kyocera Group has two independent companies in the United Kingdom: Kyocera Fineceramics Ltd. and Kyocera Document Solutions.

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 and groups worldwide who have contributed significantly to the scientific, cultural, and spiritual betterment of humankind (converted at approximately €818,000 per prize category).

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