

History of the Marubeni Group



OVER 160 YEARS SINCE THE GROUP'S ESTABLISHMENT.
BUILDING THE CORNERSTONE OF MARUBENI.



Brass furnishings at the old building of Toyosato Elementary School (Shiga Prefecture) related to Tetsujiro Furukawa



Osaka Head Office (1949)



The Marubeni Group traces the origins of its business to the linen cloth business started by our founder Chubei Itoh in 1858. Since that time, the Group has grown alongside society and our customers by continually embracing and working to solve the issues society and customers confront.

Our experience of overcoming various changes and adversities in the social and economic environment has been condensed into the Company Creed, "Fairness(正), Innovation(新), and Harmony(和)," formulated in 1949, which remains the foundation of our business activities today.



Marubeni's founder
Chubei Itoh
1842 - 1903



First President of Marubeni Shoten
The 9th Chobei Itoh
1868 - 1941



Marubeni Shoten's Senior Managing Director
Tetsujiro Furukawa
1878 - 1940



Growth of the Business

- 1950** Listed on Tokyo Stock Exchange
- 1951** First overseas subsidiary established in New York
- 1958** Centennial of founding
- 1961** Non-textile sales exceeded 50% of total sales
- 1963** Received thermal power plant equipment order from Manila Electric Company in the Philippines
- 1966** Received first sugar plant order on turnkey basis in the Philippines



New York subsidiary



Manila Electric Company's generator No. 1 (Philippines)

- 1978** U.S. grain consolidator, granary and exporter Columbia Grain established
- 1981** Sales and shareholders' equity exceeded ¥10 trillion and ¥100 billion, respectively
- 1987** Acquired U.S. agri-input retailer Helena



Columbia Grain (U.S.)



Helena (U.S.)

- 1996** First shipment from Qatar LNG project delivered
Acquired interest in Los Pelambres Copper Mine in Chile



LNG project (Qatar)



Los Pelambres Copper Mine (Chile)

- 2007** Net profit exceeded ¥100 billion
- 2008** Acquired interest in Esperanza Copper Mine in Chile
Earned all-time record consolidated net profit for fifth consecutive fiscal year

- 2012** Acquired equity stake in Roy Hill Iron Ore Project in Australia
- 2013** Acquired Gavilon in U.S.
Shareholders' equity exceeded ¥1 trillion
- 2018** 160th anniversary of founding
- 2019** Earned all-time record profit (FYE 3/2019 net profit: ¥230.9 billion)
GC2021 Medium-Term Management Strategy initiated



Roy Hill Iron Ore Project (Australia)



Gavilon (U.S.)

Values of the Marubeni Group

UNCHANGING VALUES, PASSED DOWN TO THE PRESENT DAY.

Our Company Creed, “Fairness(正), Innovation(新), and Harmony(和),” dates back to Marubeni’s first president, Shinobu Ichikawa.

This Creed is the starting point for the Marubeni Group and its employees, and encapsulates values that act as constant guideposts even in times of rapid change.



First President of
Marubeni Co., Ltd.
Shinobu Ichikawa
1897 - 1973

Company Creed/Management Philosophy



Company Creed

Fairness—Act with fairness and integrity at all times.

Innovation—Pursue creativity with enterprise and initiative.

Harmony—Give and earn the respect of others through cooperation.

Management Philosophy

In accordance with the spirit grounded in “Fairness, Innovation and Harmony,” the Marubeni Group is proudly committed to social and economic development and safeguarding the global environment by conducting fair and upright corporate activities.

OUR VISION Global crossvalue platform

The Global crossvalue platform clarifies and reaffirms the Marubeni Group’s raison d’être, and represents the Group’s commitment to increase corporate value in a lasting way.

The Marubeni Group itself aims to integrate its wide variety of businesses into a single mega-platform, and, drawing together an array of values on a global scale, aims to increase corporate value in a lasting way by generating new businesses and creating solutions for society and customers.



Global crossvalue platform Marubeni

Pursue growth engines and create new business models by proactively addressing the challenges of customers and society through vertical evolution and horizontal expansion