Marubeni’s History

In 2018, Marubeni is commemorating the 160th anniversary of its founding.
Over the past 160 years, we have been creating new value while embracing countless challenges and undergoing self-transformation. Such challenges and transformation are truly the grounds upon which Marubeni’s current foundations as a *sogo shosha* (general trading company) were built.

Looking ahead, Marubeni will boldly navigate the next 100 years to evolve beyond the general-trading-company mold by variously endeavoring to advance society and industry while continuing to unremittingly embrace challenge and transformation.

Challenge and Transformation in Pursuit of New Value Creation

Marubeni has been taking on the challenge of creating new value for 160 years

1858 Founded
1872 Opened Benchu
1918 Marubeni Shoten, Ltd. established
1921 Non-textile sales exceeded 50% of total sales
1941 Received thermal power plant equipment order from Manila Electric Company in the Philippines
1944 Received first sugar plant order on turnkey basis in the Philippines
1949 Marubeni Co., Ltd. established
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
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


Nanyo Bussan Co., Ltd.

Totsu Co., Ltd.

Takashimaya Iida Limited

C. Itoh & Co., Ltd., Kishimoto Shoten, Ltd.

Itoh Chobei Shoten

1858

1950

1970

1858

1950

1970

New York subsidiary

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

Columbia Grain (U.S.)

Helena (U.S.)

Founder Chubei Itoh
Combining all our individual strengths to create a more powerful Marubeni Group

The Marubeni Group aims to be a true global company that contributes to both society and regional economies while outperforming top rivals across all sectors and markets in which it operates.

Fiscal Year Ended March 2018

Consolidated net profit: ¥211.3 billion
Total equity: ¥1,835.6 billion
Employees: 4,436 (parent company) 41,353 (consolidated basis)
Branches/offices: 130 in 66 countries/regions

(As of June 1, 2018)

1996 First shipment from Qatar LNG project delivered
Acquired interest in Los Pelambres Copper Mine in Chile
2000
2001 @ction21 Medium-Term Management Plan initiated
@ction21 “A” Plan announced
Share price bottomed at ¥58 in December

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
2016 GC2018 Medium-Term Management Plan initiated
2018 Earned all-time record profit (¥211.3 billion)
160th anniversary of founding

LNG project (Qatar) Los Pelambres Copper Mine (Chile) Roy Hill Iron Ore Project (Australia) Gavilon (U.S.)