

# Chronology

- 1857: Japan's first blast furnace went into operation at Kamaishi.
- 1875: The Ministry of Industry started construction of a steelworks at Kamaishi.
- 1886: Iron was tapped at Kamaishi Mines Tanaka Iron Works (present Kamaishi Works).
- 1897: The Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce started construction of a steelworks at Yawata.
- 1901: The state-owned Yawata Steel Works began operation (present Yawata Works).
- 1909: Wanishi Iron Works of Hokkaido Coal Mine & Ship Co. started operation (present Muroan Works).
- 1934: Japan Iron & Steel Co., Ltd. was founded through merger of Yawata Steel Works with Wanishi Iron Works, Kamaishi Mines, Mitsubishi Iron, Fuji Steel, Kyushu Steel and Toyo Steel.
- 1939: Hirohata Works of Japan Iron & Steel began operation.
- 1950: Japan Iron & Steel was dissolved.
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- 1950: **Yawata Iron & Steel Co., Ltd. and Fuji Iron & Steel Co., Ltd.** were formed.
- 1955: Hikari Works of Yawata Steel began operation.
- 1958: Tokai Iron & Steel Co., Ltd. was established.
- 1958: Yawata Steel inaugurated the Tobata Area of Yawata Works.
- 1961: Sakai Works of Yawata Steel began operation.
- 1965: Kimitsu Works of Yawata Steel began operation.
- 1967: Tokai Steel became Nagoya Works of Fuji Steel.
- 1968: Yawata Steel absorbed Yawata Steel Tube Co., Ltd.
- 1970: Yawata Steel and Fuji Steel merged to form **Nippon Steel Corporation**.
- 1971: Oita Works began operation.
- 1971: Nippon Steel absorbed Fuji Sanki Pipe & Tube Co., Ltd.
- 1974: Engineering Divisions Group was organized.
- 1984: New Materials Projects Bureau was organized.
- 1984: Nippon Steel Chemical Co., Ltd. was inaugurated through the merger of Nippon Steel Chemical Co., Ltd. and Nittetsu Chemical Industrial Co., Ltd.
- 1986: Electronics Division was organized.
- 1987: Electronics & Information Systems Division, New Materials Division and Service Business Division (integrated to Urban Development Div. in June 1992) were organized.
- 1991: Technical Development Bureau was organized by integrating Central R&D Bureau and Plant Engineering & Technology Bureau, and R&E Center began operation.
- 1993: Semiconductor Division was organized.(abolished in April 1999)
- 1997: Silicon Wafer Division was organized.(abolished in April 2004)
- 2000: A divisionally integrated operation system within the Group based on product item or business area was introduced in the steelmaking and steel fabrication sector.
- 2001: Operations of Nippon Steel's Electronics & Information Systems Division and its subsidiary Nippon Steel Information & Communication Systems Inc. were integrated to organize NS Solutions Corporation.
- 2002: All operations of Nippon Steel's Urban Development Division were integrated into Nippon Steel City Produce, Inc.
- 2003: Stainless Business was spun off to Nippon Steel & Sumikin Stainless Steel Corporation.
- 2006: Engineering and construction business was spun off to Nippon Steel Engineering Co., Ltd.  
New materials business was spun off to Nippon Steel Materials Co., Ltd.
- 2011: Agreed to commence consideration of business integration with Sumitomo Metal Industries, Ltd.