

Corporate History

- 1878 -Kawasaki Tsukiji Dockyard established in Tsukiji, Tokyo by Shozo Kawasaki.
- 1896 -Kawasaki Dockyard Co., Ltd. Established under first President, Kojiro Matsukata.
- 1906 -Unga Annex Works established in Hyogo Prefecture.
- 1917 -Fukiai Works established in Hyogo Prefecture.
- 1939 -Nishinomiya Works established in Hyogo Prefecture.
-Corporate name changed to Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd.
- 1943 -Chita Works established in Aichi Prefecture.

- 1950 -Kawasaki Steel Corporation established (by separation of the steel division of Kawasaki Heavy Industries as an independent company). Capitalized at ¥500 million. First President, Yataro Nishiyama.
- 1951 -Chiba Works opened in Chiba City with the aim of constructing the first integrated iron and steel works of the postwar era.
- 1953 -Chiba Works No. 1 blast furnace blown in.
- 1957 -Technical Research Laboratories established at Fukiai Works.
- 1961 -Construction of Mizushima Works started in Kurashiki City, Okayama Prefecture.
- 1967 -Mizushima No. 1 blast furnace blown in.
- 1973 -Engineering Center established.
- 1976 -Companhia Siderurgia de Tubarao established in Brazil.
-Chiba Works No. 3 blast furnace started up. (Japan's first bottom blown converter)
- 1977 -Sinter plant at Philippine Sinter Corporation (PSC) started operation.
- 1984 -Kawatetsu Chemical Co., Ltd. Absorbed through merger, Chemical Division established.
-Investment in California Steel Industries in the U.S.
- 1989 -Armco Steel Co., LP., established as integrated steel works through joint venture with Armco in U.S.
- 1990 -LSI Division established.
-Kawatetsu 21st Century Foundation established.
- 1991 -Entry into plastic compounding business by establishment of Kawasaki LNP (K-LNP) in US and business companies in the United States and Holland.
- 1992 -Development of ultra-low carbon steel sheets for automotive applications using the high temperature continuous annealing method (awarded the Okouchi

- Memorial Industrial Prize).
- 1994 -System Electronics Division merged with Kawatetsu Systems Development Co. to form Kawatetsu Information Systems Co.
-Chiba Works No. 4 steelmaking shop started up (steelmaking process for stainless steel by smelting reduction of chromium ore)
- 1995 -Steel Plant Division, Steel Structures Division, Energy and Water Works Division, Construction Division, Environment Engineering Division, and Urban Development Division established.
-Fukiai Works closed.
- 1996 -Endless hot strip rolling equipment started up at Chiba Works No. 3 hot strip mill.
-Steel Structure Division and Bridge and Steel Structure Division merged to form Bridge and Steel Structure Division.
- 1997 -Solar Cell Material Business Promotion Department established.
-Waste gasification and melting technology introduced from Thermosteel S.A. (Switzerland). Entry into next-generation waste treatment plant business with -
-Kawasaki Steel Thermosteel process.
- 1998 -Relining of Chiba Works No. 6 blast furnace completed in 62 days (half the conventional time). No.6 BF blown in for 2nd campaign.
-Engineering Division reorganized into four divisions, Steel Plant, Energy and Water, Construction, and Environmental Engineering Divisions.
- 1999 -Basic Agreement for Mutual Cooperation concluded with Dongkuk Steel in Korea.
-Mizushima Works No.2 blast furnace set world's record for continuous operation.
- 2000 -50th anniversary of the establishment of Kawasaki Steel Corporation.
-Comprehensive cooperative agreement concluded with Hyundai Pipe (Hyundai HYSCO, Korea)
- 2001 -Planned consolidation of operations with NKK announced.
-Cooperative agreement concluded with AK Steel (USA) for automotive steel products.
-LSI Division split off to form Kawasaki Microelectronics Inc.
-Foundation of JFE Group announced.