

SANYO's History

Calendar Year	Events	Presidents
1947	SANYO Electric Works founded (Moriguchi City, Osaka) by Toshio Iue Bicycle generator lamp produced at Hojo Plant, Hyogo Prefecture	Toshio Iue (Feb.1947-Jan.1968)
1950	SANYO Electric Co., Ltd. established	
1952	Japan's first plastic radio made, marking the Company entrance to home electric appliances market	
1953	Japan's first pulsator-type washing machines introduced	
1954	SANYO Electric Co., Ltd. stock listed on Tokyo Stock Exchange and Osaka Securities Exchange	
1959	Tokyo SANYO Electric Co., Ltd. established	
1960	SANYO Electric Trading Co., Ltd. established (Present SANYO Sales & Marketing Corporation)	
1961	R&D Center established Nickel-cadmium battery "CADNICA" developed; production commenced in 1964	
1963	Tokyo SANYO Electric Co., Ltd. stock listed on Tokyo Stock Exchange and Osaka Securities Exchange	
1965	Color TVs overcome cost hurdle of ¥10,000 per inch for the first time in industry	
1966	TOTTORI SANYO Electric Co., Ltd. established	
1969	SANYO Electric Credit Co., Ltd. established SANYO retail chain (called SBC) established, strengthening Company marketing network	Yuro Iue (Jan.1968-Jan.1971)
1971	SANYO Electric Distribution Co., Ltd. (present SANYO Electric Logistics Co., Ltd.) established	Kaoru Iue
1979	World's first amorphous silicon batteries developed; production commenced in 1982	(Jan.1971-Feb.1986)
1983	Production of "OS-CON," aluminum solid capacitor with organic semiconductive electrolyte, commenced	Satoshi Iue
1986	SANYO Electric Co., Ltd. and Tokyo SANYO Electric Co., Ltd. merged	(Feb.1986-Nov.1992)
1990	Mass production sales of nickel-metal hydride batteries "TWICELL" commenced	
1991	World's first HIT solar cell developed	
1992	First solar power generation system developed for home-use in Japan	Yasuaki Takano
1994	The Company entered mobile phone business Mass production of cylindrical lithium-ion batteries commenced	(Dec.1992-Jun.1998)
1995	The Company entered digital camera business	
1997	Production of "POSCAP," solid electrolytic capacitor with polymerized organic semiconductor, commenced	
1999	SANYO Electric Credit Co., Ltd. stock listed on First Sections of Tokyo Stock Exchange and Osaka Securities Exchange Nickel-metal hydride rechargeable batteries for hybrid electric vehicles developed	Sadao Kondo (Jun.1998-Oct.2000)
2001	Agreement reached with Ford Motor Company for exclusive supply of battery systems for Ford hybrid electric vehicles Nickel-metal hydride battery business acquired from Toshiba Group	Yukinori Kuwano (Nov.2000-Jun.2005)
2002	Comprehensive agreement reached with Haier Group Company for wide-ranging collaboration Electric vending machine business sold to Fuji Electric Co., Ltd.	
2004	LCD business merged with Seiko Epson Corporation, to form joint venture Niigata Chuetsu Earthquake struck NIIGATA SANYO ELECTRONIC Co., Ltd. (present SANYO Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.), seriously affecting semiconductor production lines	
2005	New corporate vision "Think GAIA" announced, and SANYO EVOLUTION PROJECT, a three-year transformation project, commenced SANYO Electric Logistics Co., Ltd. stock listed on JASDAQ Securities Exchange Medium-term Management Plan announced Part of the Company's stockholdings in SANYO Electric Credit Co., Ltd. transferred to affiliates of Goldman Sachs Group.	Toshimasa Iue (Jun.2005-Apr.2007)
2006	Capital increase by ¥300 billion through issuance of preferred stocks to third parties Semiconductor business spun off into subsidiary, SANYO Semiconductor Co., Ltd. Strategic alliance formed with Quanta Computer Inc. to establish joint venture company for TV business Strategic alliance formed with Haier Group Co. to establish joint venture for refrigerator business in 2007	
2007	SANYO Sales & Marketing Corporation taken over by SANYO Electric Co., Ltd.	Seiichiro Sano (Apr.2007-)