# **Profile**

Tokuyama Corporation was founded in 1918 to begin production in Japan of soda ash, also known as sodium carbonate, which was being imported at that time. As a fundamental material for industry, soda ash was indispensable for facilitating the country's industrial development in the early 20th century.

The company has gone on to produce and supply a wide range of chemical products. Building on this foundation, Tokuyama is currently expanding its main businesses globally, with a special focus on its information and electronics business, which markets semiconductor-related products, the life and healthcare business, which includes eyeglass lens materials, dental materials and other products, as well as cement, recycling and environment-related businesses.

On February 16, 2018, Tokuyama celebrated the 100th anniversary of its foundation. We at the Tokuyama Group are committed to creating new value centered on the field of chemistry. In creating a constant stream of new value, we will contribute to people's happiness as well as the growth and development of society.

# **Company History**

### 1918~1944 Establishment and specialization in soda production

- 1918 Nihon Soda Kogyo Co., Ltd. (currently Tokuyama Corporation) was established to produce soda ash
- 1938 Commenced cement business
- 1940 Expansion of inorganic chemicals business

### 1945~1960 Further expansion of inorganic chemicals business

1952 Commenced electrolytic chlor-alkali business

## 1961~1974 Entry into petrochemicals business

- 1964 Commenced petrochemicals business 1966 Commenced polyvinyl chloride business
- 1967 Commenced ion exchange membrane business
- 1970 Commenced polypropylene business

#### 1975~1989 Entry into specialty and processing business

- 1976 Commenced polyolefin film business
- 1978 Commenced dental materials and equipment business
- Commenced building materials business 1981
- 1982 Commenced life-related business
  - Commenced fine chemicals business
- Commenced IC chemicals business (high-purity chemicals 1983
  - for electronics manufacturing)
  - Commenced medical diagnosis systems business
- 1984 Commenced electronic materials business (polycrystalline silicon)
- 1985 Commenced aluminum nitride business
  - Commenced gas sensors business



The Factory as it was established



1960's Cement kiln (length: 185m)



Tokuyama Factory (Current)

## 1990~2004 Strengthening and restructuring of business

- Established Sun Tox Co., Ltd. as a joint venture for manufacture and sale of polyolefin film 1992
- 1995 Established Shin Dai-ichi Vinyl Corporation as a joint concern for manufacture and sale of polyvinyl chloride
- 2000 Commenced recycling & environment-related business

#### 2005~ Accelerating overseas business expansion

- 2005 Established Tokuyama Chemicals (Zhejiang) Co., Ltd. in Zhejiang, China as a manufacturing and sales company of fumed silica
  - Established Tokuyama Trading (Shanghai) Co., Ltd., as a China-based local subsidiary.
- 2013 Established Tokuyama Nouvelle Calédonie S.A., in New Caledonia, as a manufacturing and sales company of cement.

#### 2016~ **Re- Foundation**

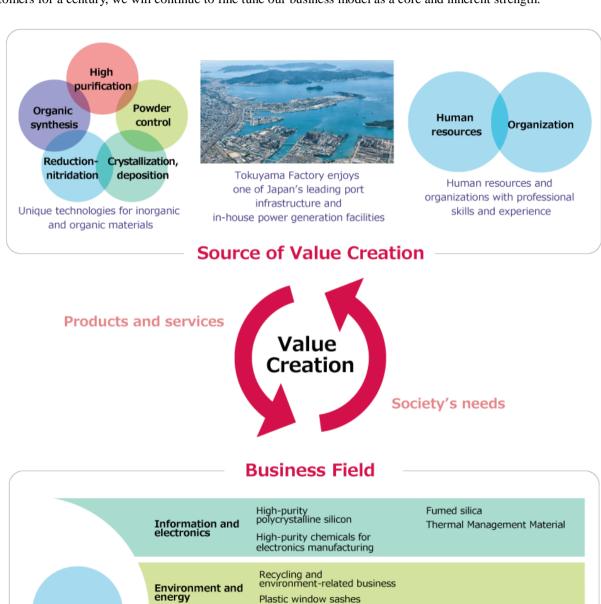
- 2017 Transferred all of the shares of Tokuyama Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. 2018 Acquire all shares of TOKUYAMA KAIRIKU UNSO K.K.
- Tokuyama Corporation Annual Report 2019 4

# A Value Creation Cycle that Spans Close to a Century

Drawing on its unique technologies in the manufacture and development of inorganic and organic chemicals, Tokuyama has continued to refine its capabilities as the driving force behind its value creation endeavors for just short of a century.

As a platform for the manufacture and seamless delivery of products that employ these technologies to reduce costs to an unprecedented level, the Company also makes full use of the industry-leading port infrastructure and in-house power generation facilities owned and operated by Tokuyama Factory. Located in the Shunan Industrial Complex, Tokuyama Factory works diligently to deepen ties with neighboring companies. In addition to the supply of electric power and raw materials, Tokuyama Factory actively engages in the collection of waste. As the Group's main manufacturing facility, Tokuyama Factory boasts a highly efficient production structure and systems that link several plants and operational units to ensure the integrated and effective use of raw materials, products, byproducts, and waste.

Taking full advantage of its tangible and intangible asset including unique technologies, competitive manufacturing facilities as well as human resources and organizations with professional skills and experience, the Tokuyama Group provides products and services that match the needs of the market. With a proven track record of creating value with our customers for a century, we will continue to fine tune our business model as a core and inherent strength.



Ion exchange membranes

Plastic lens-related materials

Dental materials/equipment

Medical diagnosis systems

intermediates

Microporous film

Bulk pharmaceutical ingredients/

Caustic soda

Soda ash

Cement

Polyolefin film

Chlorine derivatives

Polyvinyl chloride

Life and healthcare

Customers

