Introduction

Our Principles

Since our foundation, we have consistently striven together with stakeholders to contribute to the development of society through the pioneering monozukuri—the traditional Japanese concept of craftsmanship.

MHI Group traces its roots back to 1884, when founder Yataro Iwasaki launched a full-scale shipbuilding business in Nagasaki. Over the more than 130 years since then, we have strived together with our customers, shareholders and other stakeholders to take on the challenges of creating new “monozukuri” ahead of the times. MHI Group has achieved its growth by contributing to the development of society through providing products and services that support people’s lives. Our Principles, formulated on the basis of the Three Principles of Mitsubishi Group, are: “We deliver reliable and innovative solutions that make a lasting difference to customers and communities worldwide;” “We act with integrity and fairness, always respecting others;” and “We constantly strive for excellence in our operations and technology, building on a wide global outlook and deep local insights;” and we have consistently adopted Our Principles as immutable philosophy.

Today, as a global leader in monozukuri and engineering, MHI Group utilizes its advanced technology to provide integrated solutions in a wide range of fields, from infrastructure such as shipbuilding, transportation systems, commercial aircraft, and power systems, to space systems. Our activities have also expanded worldwide. MHI Group aims to contribute to progress of society more broadly by solving complex global issues, such as rapid urbanization in emerging countries, infrastructure upgrades in developed countries and environmental issues including climate change.

Yataro Iwasaki, MHI’s first president

Nagasaki Shipyards & Machinery Works in 1885
June 1, 1970

The origins of MHI extend far back to 1870, and the fact that we are here today is the fruit of the untiring efforts of our founder, Yataro Iwasaki, as well as successive generations of management and employees. Lessons learned from these predecessors remain engraved in our minds to this day, and, recalling them, we have resolved to establish Our Principles suitable to MHI with its rich tradition in preparation for further leap forward into the future.

The wording of Our Principles is directly based on the idea of the Three Principles of Koyata Iwasaki, the fourth president: corporate responsibility to society, integrity and fairness, and global understanding through business. Our Principles are a concise expression of the Three Principles from the three perspectives: the basic stance of the Company, the mindset of our employees, and the future direction to which the Company should aspire. On this occasion as we marked 100th anniversary of our foundation, and at the start of the turbulent 1970s, we aim to continue moving forward with motivation in response to the changing times. This is the purpose for the establishment of Our Principles which incorporate new sense.

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We will continue to take on challenges with the aim of being a company with a global presence, based on the belief contained in our CI statement, “Our Technologies, Your Tomorrow,” which is the philosophy to “continuously provide an assured future where people can live safe, secure, and enriched lives through technologies that can excite people and passion as a manufacturer for the sustainability of the earth and humankind.”