Our Innovation History

—100 Years of Olympus

Olympus was born in 1919 with the purpose of manufacturing microscopes domestically. The Company succeeded in developing the world's first practical gastrocamera roughly 30 years later. For 100 years from the delivery of its first product, Olympus has continued to create new value for society.

1919-1950s

History of Olympus

From the Founding of Olympus and the Path to Business Modernization

1919 Established as Takachiho Seisakusho to manufacture microscopes in Japan

- 1921 Registered trademark as Olympus
- 1949 Name changed to Olympus Optical Co., Ltd Company listed on Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE)

Evolution of Medical Field

Development of World's First Practical Gastrocamera

Olympus succeeded in creating a gastrocamera through joint development between the Company's R&D team and a physician in the Department of Gastroenterology of The University of Tokyo. The introduction of fiberscopes made it possible to see directly inside a patient's stomach in real time.

Scientific Solutions and Imaging Products





Introduced Asahi 600x Introduced Olympus' first camera, the microscope camera business

Medical Equipment



1950 Developed world's first practical gastrocamera

1964 Introduced GTF fiber gastroscope

Launched the Olympus Pen F the



Launched Company's first industrial-use fiberscope

1966

Launched Olympus' first

biopsy scope and

endotherapy devices

(biopsy forceps and

cytology brushes)



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endoscopy field

Entered medical surgical

1975

to view

1990-2010

2004 Acquired Celon AG

New Era of Videoscopes

Diversification of Medical Field

2001 Commenced collaboration with Terumo Corporation

2008 Established first training center in China (Shanghai)

Acquired Gyrus Group PLC to strengthen surgical area of Medical Field





Launch of AH2 microscope series the world's first microscope with autofocus functionality.

2000

Introduced EVIS

video system

EXERA endoscopic



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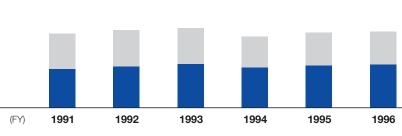
Revenue Medical Field Others

Note: Excludes sales from the Information & Communication Business (FY2005–FY2013) Figures through FY2016, based on Japanese GAAP (JGAAP); Figures from FY2017 onward, based on IFRS



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established in Tokyo, Japan, fo domestic production of



October 1919

1960-1980s

Evolution as an Integrated Optical Manufacturer and Expansion of **Overseas Sales Networks**

- 1964 Established Olympus Europe
- 1968 Established Olympus Corporation of America
- 1979 Established U.S. location in California (currently world's largest endoscope service center)
- 1989 Established Beijing residential office and corporation in Singapore

Entry into Surgical Device Business

Predicting that endoscopes would eventually be used in surgery, Olympus acquired German rigid endoscope manufacturer Winter & Ibe GmbH in 1979 and expanded its business into the surgical endoscope field.

