1963  Foundation—We wanted to create the ideal company

Founded by Tokuo Kubo and Toshio Kodaka in November 1963, Tokyo Electron (TEL) began as Tokyo Electron Laboratories Incorporated, with funding from Tokyo Broadcasting System (TBS) and capital of over five million yen.

Before Tokyo Electron, Kubo and Kodaka had worked for general trading companies and directly experienced the impact of the expansion of the electronics industry in the United States through their business deals. At this time, the United States economy was growing at a rapid pace, and with the birth of semiconductors in the industry, the ambitious young men achieved much success during this period by focusing on the electronics market and establishing one venture business after another. Inspired by the excitement of the United States, and possessing a strong desire to personally contribute to the cutting-edge advances being made at the time, the two men decided to become independent and start their own venture. In the ideal company that the founders envisioned, they would combine the after-sales service functions of a specialized trading company with the manufacturer capabilities that were not possible with a general trading company. Employees would be able to freely discuss and share their ideas, and together form a company that was highly profitable, efficient, and continuously growing, in return giving back to its employees, shareholders, customers, and society as a whole. This new company would constantly seek to be on the cutting edge of technology, as well as stay constantly vigilant and alert to changing market needs.

These traditions continue to this day at Tokyo Electron, and we take pride in our workplace and consider our employees part of the TEL family. Of course, we also place a high priority on our shareholders, and profit is the first item in our new revised Management Policies. As a manufacturer, the commitment to stay on the cutting edge of the electronics field remains unchanged from when Tokuo Kubo and Toshio Kodaka started the company fifty years ago. The ideas inherited from the time of the company’s inception, the TEL Spirit, form the cornerstone of our CSR activities.

Corporate Profile

Company name: Tokyo Electron Limited (TEL)
Address: Akasaka Biz Tower, 5-3-1 Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan 107-6325
Established: November 11, 1963
Representative: Tetsuro Higashi, President & CEO
Main business: semiconductor production equipment business, flat panel display (FPD) production equipment business
Capital: 54,961,191,468 yen
Number of employees: 1,551
Number of group employees: 11,355
Number of locations:
  In Japan: 9 companies; 29 locations
  Outside Japan:
    40 companies in 15 countries; 48 locations
    Worldwide total:
    49 companies in 16 countries; 77 locations
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Organized for CSR promotion directly connected to management
joined the United Nations Global Compact
The TEL Group was registered as a member company of the United Nations Global Compact in July 2013.
In support of the Ten Principles, the TEL Group will work to maintain a harmonious pursuit of both its corporate activities and a sustainable society.

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