

Company Profile

Dainichiseika

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Company name	Dainichiseika Color & Chemicals Mfg. Co., Ltd.
Head office	1-7-6 Nihonbashi Bakuro-cho, Chuo-ku, Tokyo 103-8383 JAPAN
Founded	October 16, 1931
Established	December 20, 1939
Representative	Koji Takahashi, Representative Director and President
Share capital	10,039 million yen (Tokyo Stock Exchange, Prime Market)
Number of employees	Dainichiseika: 1,405 Consolidated: 3,594 (As of March 31, 2025)

Manufacturing and sales of:

- inorganic, organic, and prepared pigments
- colorants for plastics and textiles
- printing inks, coating agents, and related equipment
- synthetic leather materials and other polyurethane resins
- naturally-derived functional polymers
- functional materials and CCM systems

This report contains information as of January 1, 2026.

Group Network

Domestic

Sales Bases

East Japan Head Branch
Central Japan Head Branch
West Japan Head Branch

Production and Technical Service Bases

Hokkaido Branch
Bando Production Plant
Tokyo Production Plant
Tokai Production Plant
Osaka Production Plant
Shiga Production Plant
UKIMA CHEMICALS & COLOR MFG. CO., LTD.
Sakura Production Plant
HI-TECH CHEM CO., LTD.
DAINICHI COLOR COMPOSITE CO., LTD.
Kazo, Togo, Katano Production Plant
KYUSHU DAINICHISEIKA CO., LTD.
KYUSHU KAKO CO., LTD.

Overseas

Asia

DAINICHISEIKA(HK)LTD.
DAINICHISEIKA(HK)COLOURING CO., LTD.
DAINICHISEIKA(SHENZHEN)TRADING LTD.
DONGGUAN DAINICHI CHEMICAL MANUFACTORY CO., LTD.
DAICOLOR SHANGHAI MFG. CO., LTD.
SHANGHAI MITSUI PLASTIC COMPOUNDS LTD.
TAI CHIN CHEMICAL INDUSTRY CO., LTD.
AEOLIAN CORPORATION
SAMBO FINE CHEMICALS MFG. CO., LTD.
P.T. HI-TECH INK INDONESIA
DAINICHI COLOR VIETNAM CO., LTD.
DAINICHI COLOR(THAILAND)LTD.
DAINICHI COLOR INDIA PRIVATE LTD.

America

HI-TECH COLOR, INC.

Europe

DAICOLOR ITALY S.R.L.

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Color & Chemicals Mfg. Co., Ltd.

CORPORATE PROFILE



Dainichiseika



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Realizing social contribution centered on advancing technology and promoting ESG

Dainichiseika Group was founded in 1931 as a manufacturer of all things related to color. Since then, we have focused on adapting swiftly to technological innovations around the world and have contributed to society through fine chemicals by creating new technologies and products.

We are now aiming to become an excellent company in the field of functional materials. To achieve this, we will combine the core technologies Dainichiseika Group has developed to date with new technologies through DX promotion, etc., to actively engage a broad range of business areas, including IT and Electronics Functional Materials, Life Science & Personal Care, Mobility, and Environmentally Friendly Packaging.

We also recognize that to raise corporate value, we need to step up our ESG activities in a way that encourages the long-term sustainable growth of both global society and the company. Going forward, we will work with various stakeholders to make social contributions in areas such as tackling environmental issues, promoting diversity, and strengthening corporate governance.

We will continue working tirelessly to meet the expectations and maintain the trust of our stakeholders. I look forward to your continued support.



Koji Takahashi

Representative Director and President of Dainichiseika, Japan

Corporate Philosophy

- Have an interest in people
- Have an interest in something new
- Have an interest in the future

Precept

Man is interesting,
then customers as well as companies are constituted of such men.
All the economic principles and the management theories are based upon human behavior patterns.
Have an interest in people.

New things always excite us to expectation.
Customers, marketplaces are dug up with technical innovation & product development, which makes people active.
Have an interest in something new.

It is pleasant to imagine the future.
The future is in favor of children.
Thinking of the future, we know companies as well as people shall not live all alone.
Without customers' growth, albeit some profit is brought to us, it would never last long.
In consequence, neither we nor companies can keep alive unless admitted into the society.
Have an interest in the future.

Meanwhile, we have kept a business creed "Full Achievement" established in 1968.
Being proud of this traditional creed, we shall abide by it along with the corporate philosophy set forth.

Our Business Creed, "Full Achievement"

**Under our business creed "Full Achievement"
each of us shall set to work with modest pride as a member of
Dainichiseika Group taking on the responsibility for Color-Age^{*1}.**

- Work always to be achieved with aiming at the end.
- Pursue the opportunities of expanding our products to the world with good knowledge of products.
- Enhance the trust of our company through business or products.
- Have an opportunity to always cultivate ourselves, and to deepen reflection as a member of society.
- Make Dainichiseika Group the most valuable company by performing services for the society through business.

^{*1} Color-Age : A word coined by the founder of Dainichiseika, which implies prosperous times led by color technology.

Progress to Date

Yoshihiro Takahashi, founder of Dainichiseika, believed that “it is a common feeling among human beings to feel pleasure from beautiful colors, and it is our wish that our lives be enveloped by the colors we love.” We have been conducting research and development to fulfill our customers’ wishes for “more flexible coloring” and to contribute to society through our corporate activities. We sincerely hope that our “color” will become an indispensable element in people’s lives and continue to enrich people’s lives in the future.



Founder
Yoshihiro Takahashi

Founded with the aim of producing pigments domestically

Yoshihiro Takahashi, the founder of the company, was concerned about the fact that most pigments were imported before World War II, and founded Saika Ganryo L.P. in 1931 with the aim of producing pigments domestically. He believed that pigments were difficult to use as they were and that they had to be made into an easy-to-use form to popularize them, so he began research and development.

In 1944, the company merged with two other companies in the industry which it had acquired, and company name changed to Dainichiseika Kogyo k.k. (that is, Dainichiseika Color & Chemicals Mfg. Co., Ltd.), forming the base of the company as we know it today.

Technical Development and production systems were established and penetrated the domestic market

After World War II, we made a fresh start and “set synthetic resin colorants,” “pigment printing agents,” and “mass colorants for synthetic fibers” as the three pillars of our postwar plan. By 1953, the three pillars of technological development had been established, and in 1968, the Tokai Plant (now the Tokai Production Plant) was completed. It was here that we began to penetrate the domestic market in earnest.

Expanding “Domestically Produced” technology into overseas markets

Since the 1980s, as Japanese companies have been aggressively expanding overseas, we’ve been expanding the areas in which we operate to meet their needs. Today, we have 15 sales and production bases in 10 countries and regions, and have built a system to meet the development needs of our customers around the world.



Dainichiseika

Our logo, established in 1950, is based on the motif of an amphibious “pelican” and “the earth.” It represents the desire of our founder and employees to be like the king of water-fowls, carrying beautiful colors, walking all over Japan and spreading its wings to the world.



Our company was founded in 1931 with the aim of domestic production of pigments, and since then, we have contributed to society by paying close attention to technological innovation and creating new technologies and products.

As our brand message “BEYOND COLOR” suggests, by accurately identifying needs that grow ever more complex and sophisticated, we will take significant strides toward a sustainable society. To this end, our ongoing commitment is pushing beyond Dainichiseika’s current identity, challenging all possibilities and steadily advancing forward.

In addition, the sub-message “Explore the unknown to reach a better future” represents our roadmap to challenge “something new” and open up “the future” as positioned in our corporate philosophy.

This brand message expresses our strong desire to see the future of the Group as our “personal goal.”

Technologies

Pigment Synthesis and Surface Treatment Technology

Formulation and Dispersion Processing Technology

Polyurethane and Acrylic Resin Synthesis Technology

Markets entered

- 1938 Began full-scale production of milori blue, chrome yellow, fanal pigment, and azo pigments.
- 1944 Entered the offset ink business.
- 1948 ^{First in Japan} Developed and launched colorants for polyvinyl chloride (PVC). Entered the plastic colorant business.
- 1950 Developed and launched vinyl inks. Entered the gravure ink business.
- 1953 ^{First in Japan} Undiluted colorant for vinylon and rayon fibers. Entered textile colorant business.
- 1967 Entered the polyurethane resin business.
- 1975 ^{First in Japan} Announced a computer color matching system in the field of plastic colorants (CCM).
- 1976 Entered the UV curable coating agent business.
- 1985 Entered the naturally-derived functional polymer business.
- 1985 Silicone polyurethane resin.
- 1998 Inkjet dispersions.
- 2003 Pigments for color filters.

Bases

- 1930s —
 - 1931 Founded Saika Ganryo L.P.
 - 1939 Company renamed Saika Shikiso Kogyo Co., Ltd.
- 1940s —
 - 1944 Acquired two other companies in the same industry and changed company name to Dainichiseika Color & Chemicals Mfg. Co., Ltd.
 - 1945 Head Office (Chuo-ku, Tokyo) and Tokyo Plant begin operations. (now Tokyo Production Plant)
 - 1947 Opened Sapporo Office and Plant. (later renamed HOKKAIDO DAINICHISEIKA CO., LTD. Merged with the Company in 2014)
- 1950s —
 - 1950 Opened Osaka Office. (now West Japan Head Branch)
 - 1957 Established UKIMA CHEMICALS & COLOR MFG. CO., LTD.
- 1960s —
 - 1960 Opened Osaka Plant. (now Osaka Production Plant)
 - 1961 Listed on Second Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange.
 - 1962 Opened Hong Kong Representative Office. (now DAINICHISEIKA(HK)LTD.)
 - 1963 Opened Narita Plant. (now HI-TECH CHEM CO., LTD.)
 - 1964 Opened Nagoya Office. (now Central Japan Head Branch)
 - 1967 Opened Shizuoka Office.
 - 1968 Opened Tokai Plant. (now Tokai Production Plant)
- 1970s —
 - 1968 Opened Okayama Office. (now Chugoku Branch)
 - 1969 Listed on First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange.
 - 1969 Opened Kyushu Office. (now KYUSHU DAINICHISEIKA CO., LTD.)
 - 1969 Established NAGOYA KAKO CO., LTD. (now Togo Production Plant, DAINICHI COLOR COMPOSITE CO., LTD.)
 - 1973 Established TAI CHIN CHEMICAL INDUSTRY CO., LTD.
 - 1977 Established SAMBO FINE CHEMICALS MFG. CO., LTD.
 - 1977 Established DAINICHI PLABOARD CO., LTD. (now DAINICHISEIKA KAKO HANBAI CO., LTD.)
 - 1978 Opened Shikoku Office. (now Shikoku Branch)
- 1980s —
 - 1984 Established DAICOLOR ITALY S.R.L.
 - 1985 Opened Hokuriku Office. (now Hokuriku Branch)
 - 1988 Established HI-TECH COLOR, INC.
 - 1989 Established DAINICHI COLOR(THAILAND) LTD.
 - 1989 Established KANTO DAINICHISEIKA CO., LTD. (now Kazo Production Plant, DAINICHI COLOR COMPOSITE CO., LTD.)
 - 1990s —
 - 1993 Established OSAKA KAKO CO., LTD. (now Katano Production Plant, DAINICHI COLOR COMPOSITE CO., LTD.)
 - 1994 Established SHANGHAI MITSUI PLASTIC COMPOUNDS LTD.
 - 1995 Established P.T. HI-TECH INK INDONESIA.
 - 1995 Established DONGGUAN DAINICHI CHEMICAL MANUFACTORY CO., LTD.
 - 1996 Opened Shiga Production Plant.
 - 1997 Established DAINICHISEIKA(HK) COLOURING CO., LTD.
 - 2000s —
 - 2003 Established DAICOLOR SHANGHAI MFG. CO., LTD.
 - 2005 Established DAINICHI(SHENZHEN) TRADING LTD.
 - 2006 Established DAINICHI COLOR VIETNAM CO., LTD.
 - 2007 Established KYUSHU KAKO CO., LTD. (Kumamoto Production Plant)
 - 2008 Established DAINICHI COLOR INDIA PRIVATE LTD.
 - 2008 Established DAINICHISEIKA COLOR & CHEMICALS MFG. CO., LTD. EUROPE REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE.
 - 2010s —
 - 2013 KANTO DAINICHISEIKA CO., LTD. merged with NAGOYA KAKO CO., LTD. and OSAKA KAKO CO., LTD. and changed trade name to DAINICHI COLOR COMPOSITE CO., LTD.
 - 2016 Acquired additional equity interest in AEOLIAN CORPORATION.
 - 2020s —
 - 2020 Established Bando Production Plant.
 - 2021 Established Sakura Technology Innovation Center (STIC).
 - 2022 Due to the revision of the market classification of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, the company moves from the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange to the Prime Market.

Our Technologies

We provide new value through our various accumulated technologies, which integrates our three core technologies depicted in the diagram for product development.

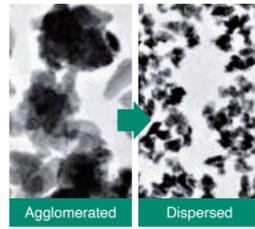
▶ Please refer to this website for more information on our three core technologies.
<https://www.daicolor.co.jp/english/rd/solutions/index.html>



Our Three Core Technologies



Pigment Synthesis and Surface Treatment



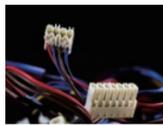
Formulation and Dispersion Processing



Polymer Synthesis

Segment Overview

Color & Functional Products — Pigments and Secondary Pigment Processed Products —

	Main products	Main applications
Pigments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inorganic and organic pigments*¹ are used in a wide range of applications, including paints, printing inks, and for displaying and recording information, as well as for imparting functionality such as heat dissipation and infrared reflection General-purpose pigments Pigments for color filters Pigments for inkjet printers Pigments for toners Cellulose powder Thermally conductive inorganic powder 	 <p>Color filters for LCD panels</p>  <p>Inks for inkjet printers</p>
Colorants and resin compounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colorants and functional material master batches for thermoplastic resins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass colorants for synthetic fibers • Pigment printing agents • Paper colorants • Colorants for polyvinyl chloride • Colorants for fluororesin • Colorants for olefin resin Colorants for thermosetting resins Functional material compounds 	 <p>Fibers for apparel</p>  <p>Wire harnesses</p>

*¹ Inorganic and organic pigments: Pigments, which are the source of color, can be divided into inorganic pigments made from inorganic substances such as metals, and organic pigments made from organic substances.
 *² Mass colorants: A colorant that is added to the resin before it is spun.
 *³ Printing agents: A material used when printing on cloth.

Polymer & Coating Materials — Synthetic Resins and Special Coating Agents —

	Main products	Main applications
Polyurethane resins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polyurethane resins and colorants used in synthetic leather and molded products, special coating agents and adhesives that impart functionality, and imide resins, which are representative heat-resistant resins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polyurethane resins, surface treatment agents, adhesives, and colorants for synthetic and artificial leather Adhesives for flexible packaging materials and industrial materials Coating agents for thermal recording, functional coating agents Paint additives Materials for various types of molding (injection, extrusion, calendaring, etc.)  <p>Automotive interior materials</p>
Naturally-derived functional polymers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chitosan*⁴, which is made from crab shells, and other naturally-derived functional polymer products made from various marine organisms and natural products that have been extracted for their active ingredients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chitosan derivatives made from crab shells Solid cosmetics using base materials such as polysaccharides and proteins  <p>Cosmetics</p>
Coating agents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UV and EB curable coating agents and decorative and functional coating agents used in the information and electronics fields, the automotive field, and the interior building materials field, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UV and EB curable coating agents  <p>IT devices</p>

*⁴ Chitosan: A naturally occurring material found in the shell skins of arthropods and crustaceans such as crabs and shrimps. It is a substance obtained by alkali treatment of polysaccharides whose chemical structure resembles cellulose.

Graphic & Printing Materials — Inks for Packaging and Advertising & Publishing —

	Main products	Main applications
Printing inks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gravure printing inks, coating agents, and water-based flexo printing inks that can all be used to print on a variety of base materials, and offset printing inks and special inks used for paper media such as newspaper inserts, books, and packaging materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gravure inks Flexo inks Coating agents Offset inks Adhesives  <p>Beverage bottle labels</p>  <p>Environmentally friendly packaging</p>  <p>Paper packaging materials for daily necessities</p>  <p>Books and advertisements</p>

We have established the following policies as a guideline to promote our sustainability activities.

- CSR and ESG Basic Policy
- Information Security Policy
- Human Asset Development Policy
- Environmental Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Internal Environment Development Policy
- Quality Policy
- Human Rights Policy
- Purchasing Policy
- Multi-stakeholder Policy
- Health Management Policy

Please refer to this website for the respective policies of Dainichiseika Group.
<https://www.daicolor.co.jp/english/csr/policy/index.html>

