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## Manufacturing Game Changers and Life Savers

Takatori Corporation's proud history producing machinery for industries such as semiconductors and healthcare has made it a key player across Japan's economy.



Makoto Masuda, President & CEO,  
Takatori Corporation

Like the many small and medium enterprises (SMEs) powering the Japanese economy, Takatori Corporation plays a vital role in the industries most important to modern living.

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The manufacturer of production machinery contributes equipment crucial to sectors such as semiconductors, healthcare technology and EV (electric vehicle) batteries. According to President and CEO, Makoto Masuda, developing and maintaining a product lineup with such wide-ranging applications and clients has always been a central part of the firm's strategy. "Our machines and sales are very strong, while our distributors understand market trends. We will work to maintain our business formation and contribute to the development of the global economy," said Masuda. The firm began life in 1956 as a textile machine manufacturer, then evolved to include electronics-related manufacturing work such as semiconductors.

It now boasts a rich portfolio including panel display equipment and its Multi Wire Saw. Significant advances have included key developments in equipment for cancer treatment, such as the M-Cart developed in

collaboration with Tokushima University. Innovation is vital. "I like to think of myself as an 'ideas man' because I usually think of the initial ideas and then our people manufacture the products," said Masuda. "In any field, in any machine, the secret is creation and innovation. We create the ideas based on technical research, and collaborations are very important." The firm has big plans for the future, including laser cutting technology and EV battery production-related machines. The company also hopes to expand its existing footprint in foreign markets such as China. While COVID-19 restrictions may have hampered in-person trade visits, distributors in different countries are active and global sales remain strong. International growth is very much on the agenda.

Multi Wire Saw, Model  
MWS-SiC6.



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