

Further Active Expansion in Japan

We are actively advancing business expansion, such as establishing new production sites, together with our Group companies.

Establishing Oshu Plant, Tohoku Nippatsu

Tohoku Nippatsu has set up Oshu Plant in Oshu City, Iwate, which began operations in December 2017. Our company needed to establish and transition production to its own plant after the company handling the pressed parts for automotive seat frames manufactured by NHK Spring shut down. On December 18th, Corporate Officer Yuji Shibuya, Tohoku Nippatsu President Tomoyuki Chino, Oshu Mayor Masaki Ozawa, and Director General Tomuro of the Iwate Department of Commerce, Industry, Labor, and Tourism attended the signing ceremony held for the location of the plant.



Signing ceremony held at the Oshu City Hall

Newly Established NHK Seating Mizushima Began Operation

NHK Seating Mizushima, established in July 2017, leased a plant and equipment from local companies and started production of automotive seats ordered by Mitsubishi Motors in January 2018. NHK Seating Mizushima is currently moving forward with the setup of a new production line inside Mitsubishi Motors Corporation's Mizushima Plant.



NHK Seating Mizushima beginning production

Safety Ceremony for the Miyada Plant, Industrial Machinery and Equipment Division

On January 22, 2018, a safety ceremony was held at the intended site of the new plant in Miyada, Nagano. The Miyada Plant will be established on the site of the Chemical Products Department and will be the second plant to produce components for equipment to manufacture semiconductors for the Chemical Products Department, which are currently being made by the Isehara Plant. We plan to begin production after the plant is partially complete in order to handle the rapid need for increased production. Production and construction will proceed simultaneously.



Safety ceremony held at the Shinto services

Safety Ceremony for No. 12 Plant in Ina

In March 2018, a safety ceremony was held on the grounds of the new No. 12 Plant in Ina City, Nagano. The mayor of Ina City, Takashi Shirotori, attended the ceremony together with representatives of NHK Spring. The No. 12 Plant will be built on the NHK FLEX site to respond to the increased production of automotive precision springs at our Ina Plant. The new plant is scheduled to be completed in November and start operations in January 2019 in a two-story building boasting a total floor area of 6,988 square meters.



President and Chief Operating Officer Takashi Kayamoto breaking ground

NHK MEC Corporation Plant Extension

On May 29, 2017, NHK MEC Corporation (hereinafter "MEC") held a ceremony to lay the cornerstone for the new extension of the Komagane Plant in Komagane City, Nagano. The production space and other areas of the MEC Komagane Plant had become narrow and, in anticipation of further business expansion in the medium and long term, an extension was built on the neighboring lot. We completed this new wing in 2018 and held a completion ceremony on May 17.



Finished new wing at MEC

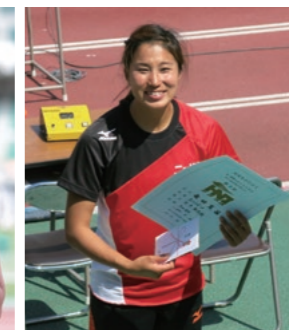
TOPICS Active Participation of Top Athletes at NHK Spring

Top athletes employed by NHK Spring participate in various tournaments and competitions.

In track and field, our top athletes competed and performed magnificently in competitions worldwide. Kaede Miyasaka (triple jump) won the All Japan Championships for the second consecutive year. Kanae Tatsuta (pole vault) took second at the Japan National Industrial Teams Championships. Yurina Hiraka (long jump) placed fifth at the East Japan Industrial Track and Field Championships. In women's soccer, Mizuki Hirakuni joined the company in April 2018 as a new member of the NHK Spring Yokohama FC Seagulls in the Second Division Women's Football League. Mizuki Oshima as well as her teammates worked hard with the hope of being promoted to the First Division of the Women's Football League. In the future, we hope the participation of these top athletes will heighten the familiarity and brand image of NHK Spring while helping cultivate a sense of solidarity throughout the Group.



Triple jumper Kaede Miyasaka (General Affairs Dept.)



Pole vaulter Kanae Tatsuta (Human Resources Dept.)



Long jumper Yurina Hiraka (Human Resources Dept.)



NHK Spring Yokohama FC Seagulls Mizuki Oshima (General Affairs Dept.)



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*Athletes affiliated with NHK Spring are introduced on the NHK Spring Athlete website. <https://nhkspg-athlete.com/>

TOPICS Social Contribution Activities of the NHK Spring Group

Throughout the Group we actively promote activities that contribute to society.

Donation of Two Wheelchairs to the Yokohama City Hospital [NHK Spring Mutsumi-kai]

The NHK Spring Mutsumi-kai organized by our Group companies in Japan (hereinafter "Mutsumi-kai") donated wheel chairs to the Yokohama City University Hospital located next to the Yokohama Office as part of its social contribution activities. This year is the 20th annual donation to the Yokohama City Hospital from the money raised by selling used books provided by employees of the NHK Spring Group. Ryuji Yashiro, Mutsumi-kai Chairman (President of NHK Sales), presented two wheel chairs to Michiko Aihara, Director of the Yokohama City University Hospital, on June 21, 2018. Director Michiko Aihara shared her thanks and presented us with a letter of appreciation.

*The positions of the members included herein is current as of the date of the donation.



From left in front of the donated wheelchairs: Chairman & Chief Executive Officer Kazumi Tamamura, Mutsumi-kai Chairman Ryuji Yashiro, Hospital Director Michiko Aihara, and Chairperson Yoshiyuki Futami

Nippatsu Harmony Opens Shiga Office

Nippatsu Harmony, a special subsidiary for persons with disabilities, opened the Shiga Sales Office in April 2017 and began operations by recruiting three new employees. This is our first sales office in western Japan.



Welcoming ceremony at the Shiga Sales Office for three new employees