

Tracing the Footsteps of Shimadzu's Overseas Activities

Berlin Office
(circa 1931)



Late 1960s Universal Testing Machine (Australia)



Shimadzu Scientific Instruments, Inc. (late 1970s)



Shimadzu Precision Instruments, Inc. (early 1980s)



Shimadzu Scientific Instruments, Inc. (1983)



Analytical equipment in France (early 1980s)



Pittsburg conference exhibition (1984)



Customer Training and Education Center of Shimadzu Scientific Instruments, Inc. (1994)



Shimadzu Vietnam Medical Hi-Teck Co. Ltd. (2000)

- 1875 Genzo Shimadzu began to manufacture physical and chemical equipment
- 1917 First company in Japan to export medical X-ray apparatus to Argentina, then, subsequently, to China and Russia in 1918
- 1920 Tsunesaburo Shimadzu (younger brother of Genzo Shimadzu Jr.) visited Europe and the United States and began importing scientific equipment
- 1923 Opened office in Berlin to introduce advanced European technology and products to Japan
- 1931 Opened field office in Taipei
- 1956 Participated in international product fairs in Beijing and Shanghai
- 1963 Opened office in New York for promotion and sales of analytical and measuring equipment
- 1966 Opened office in San Francisco, primarily for sales of aircraft equipment (moved to Los Angeles in 1969)
- 1968 Established Shimadzu (Europa) GmbH in Dusseldorf, Germany
- 1975 Established Shimadzu Scientific Instruments, Inc. in Maryland, USA
- 1977 Opened office in Cairo (moved to Istanbul, Turkey in 1995)
- 1979 Established Shimadzu Precision Instruments, Inc. in California, USA
Opened Beijing service and repair center
- 1980 Beijing service and repair center expanded to Beijing office
Opened office in Buenos Aires
- 1981 Opened office in Singapore
- 1983 Shimadzu Scientific Instruments moved to Columbia, Maryland and started analytical instrument assembly
- 1987 Shimadzu (Europa) GmbH moved to Duisburg and started assembly of analytical instruments
- 1988 Established Shimadzu do Brasil Representacao, Ltda. in Sao Paulo, (renamed Shimadzu do Brasil Comercio, Ltda. in 1997)
- 1989 Acquired Kratos Group Plc. in Manchester, UK
- 1989 Established Shimadzu (Asia Pacific) Pte Ltd. in Singapore
- 1991 Established Shimadzu Oceania Pty Ltd. in Sydney, Australia
- 1992 Opened Moscow office
Established Beijing Shimadzu Medical Equipment Co. Ltd. in Beijing, China
Established joint venture Toshbro-Shimadzu Pvt Ltd. in India (operated until 2003)
- 1994 Established Shimadzu Australia Manufacturing Pty Ltd. in Melbourne (operated until 2003)
Established Tianjin Shimadzu Hydraulic Equipment Co. Ltd. in Tianjin, China
- 1996 Established Shimadzu Philippines Manufacturing Inc. in Cavite
Established Shimadzu USA Manufacturing, Inc. in Oregon
Established Shimadzu Research Laboratory (Europe) Ltd. in Manchester, UK
Established Shimadzu Vietnam Medical Hi-Teck Co. Ltd. in Hanoi
Established Shimadzu (Hong Kong) Ltd. and incorporated all other China offices (completed 1999)
- 1998 Established Shimadzu Philippines Corporation in Manila
Established Shimadzu (Suzhou) Instruments Manufacturing Co., Ltd. in Suzhou, China
- 2000 Established Joint venture Dong-Il Shimadzu Corporation in Seoul, Korea
- 2004 Shimadzu International Trading (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. a subsidiary of Shimadzu (Hong Kong) Ltd. assumed responsibility for all sales and technical support in China



Beijing Shimadzu Medical Equipment Co. Ltd. (2002)



Tsunesaburo Shimadzu (on left) in Leipzig, Germany (1920)



Taipei Office (circa 1937)



Late 1960s medical X-ray system (Philippines)



President of Shimadzu with Chinese Prime Minister at Beijing exhibition (1973)



Shimadzu (Europa) GmbH (early 1980s)



Kratos Group Plc. (early 1990s)



Shimadzu (Asia Pacific) Pte Ltd. (1990) (First floor)



Shimadzu Australia Manufacturing Pty Ltd. (1995)



Shimadzu USA Manufacturing, Inc. (1997)