### **Product History**

### st generation 1924-

## 1920 >

#### Founded Tomiyama Toy Seisakusho, the predecessor of today's TOMY

On February 2, 1924, Eiichiro Tomiyama founded Tomiyama Toy Seisakusho, the predecessor of today's TOMY Company, Ltd. The company manufactured numerous toy airplanes, establishing a reputation in the industry linking the Tomiyama name with toy airplanes. Later, the company expanded its business through one industryleading initiative after another, including the establishment of the first factory in the toy industry with an assembly line system and the creation of a toy research department. Tomiyama also contributed greatly to the modernization of the toy industry through its determined efforts to improve the standing of toy manufacturers.

#### TOMY'S FOCUS Craftsmanship/Wartime and postwar INDUSTRY TREND Metal and motors

### **2**nd generation 1954-

# 1950 >

#### Transferred from metal to plastic

After World War II, the company's B-29 Bomber friction toy became a major hit in and outside Japan, blazing the way for the export of large toys. In 1953, the company began its journey toward becoming a modern enterprise by incorporating, and in 1959 it established a sales subsidiary, which had been the founder's ardent wish since the founding. Around this time, waves of innovation in materials and technology rolled through the toy industry, ushering in a major turning point when metal was replaced with plastic and friction toys were succeeded by electric toys. Sato Vinyl Industries, a predecessor of TAKARA Co., Ltd., was founded in 1955.

# 1960 >

### Early success in expanding overseas during the export boom

At a time when half of the toys it produced were exported, TOMY was quick to open representative offices in New York and Europe with the aim of making inroads directly. In Japan, the company established production bases, set up a development center-an unprecedented move in the industry-and took other steps to create a system uncompromisingly committed to good manufacturing.

TAKARA grew into a comprehensive toy manufacturer, propelled in its business expansion by hit products that made use of the company's vinyl processing technology.

1960

Dakko-Chan



#### TOMY'S FOCUS Mass development and production INDUSTRY TREND Material revolution

### 1970 >

Start-up of overseas production

After commissioning production in Hong Kong, TOMY opened its first factory in Singapore, making it one of the early companies to embark on overseas production. Masanari Tomiyama was appointed the second president and CEO in 1974, the company's 50th anniversary. TOMY and TAKARA both released numerous longselling products that remain popular to this day.

1970	TOMICA
	G.I. Joe
1972	Henshin Cyborg
1974	Microman (Micronauts)
1975	Pop Up Pirate
	Pocket Mate
	Tuneyville Choo Choo
	Kotetsu Jeeg
1976	Water Game
	Amikko Knit Stitcher
	Born Free
	TOMIX
1977	Sensei
	Koeda-Chan mini dolls
	(Treena & Her Forest Friends)
1978	Black Racer



#### TOMIX Approved by East Japan Railway Company

Koeda-Chan mini dolls

Sensei

Choro-Q (Penny Racers)

ZOIDS

## 1980 >

### Ongoing reform and expansion of sales channels

TOMY established the Handicap Toy Laboratory in 1980 and popularized efforts in the industry to create barrier-free toys. In 1985, the Plaza Accord threw the company into a sudden management crisis, and drastic reforms were implemented, including the closure of factories in Japan. The following year, Kantaro Tomiyama was appointed the third president and CEO in a shakeup of the management structure. TAKARA went public in 1984 and grew steadily, being listed on the Second Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange in 1986. In 1988, the company switched from a focus on its core business of toys to diversified operations, rolling out products aimed at a wide range of fields.

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TRANSFORMERS

### <u>**3**rd</u> generation 1984-

# 1990 >

From "product out" to "market in"

TOMY prepared for regeneration with a new structure. With this, it announced a business diversification strategy focused on the three core areas of toys, general goods and multimedia products. It rolled out a stream of new measures, including entry into the character business and a business alliance with HASBRO, Inc., in the United States. In 1997, TOMY went public and in 1999 it was listed on the Second Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange. From the second half of the 1980s, TAKARA expanded its Hearty Series for enriching people's lives and released products based on TV characters that became hits. With this aggressive product expansion, the company was listed on the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange in 1991

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	1770	Dear Word Processor for children
		Chibi Maruko-chan character products
	1991	Healing Birds
	1992	Thomas and Friends
		Super Famicon software Legend
		of the Hungry Wolf
	1993	B-Daman
		Pinkish
	1994	Perfect Picture Maker
		Toshinden
		LAMAZE
	1996	Cella Sticker Machine
		Lullaby Home Theater
	1997	Polyámon (Tous)
		BEAST WARS: TRANSFORMERS
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TOMY'S FOCUS Marketing/Growth of mass media INDUSTRY TREND Public information revolution

## 2000 >

Beginning of a new era in the toy industry

TOMY concluded a comprehensive licensing agreement with Walt Disney International Japan Inc. in 2000, the same year its stock was transferred to the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange. In pursuit of further growth, TOMY aimed for progress as a group, including the establishment of a development subsidiary and the founding of a new company for the planning and selling of stuffed toys and a company for utilizing new technology. In 2000, TAKARA advocated expansion of the toy business and aggressively moved forward with the rollout of products and leveraged its planning and marketing prowess to continue offering a succession of popular products. In 2006, TAKARA and TOMY merged, becoming TOMY Company, Ltd. (known as TAKARATOMY in Japanese), with the aim of maximizing their respective strengths and becoming the world's top toy manufacturer.

## 2010 >

#### Toward tomorrow's hit products

Since 2010, TOMY has been accelerating its international expansion. It introduced an overseas version of TOMICA in Europe and North America. It began marketing METAL FIGHT BEYBLADE toys worldwide in conjunction with the introduction of a new TV anime (the actual names of the toys and anime differ by region). The toys are enjoying so much enthusiasm that an international competition was held in South Korea in the summer of 2010. In 2011, TOMY acquired U.S. toy manufacturer RC2, establishing a platform for global expansion. The entire TOMY Group has started to move into action together, aiming to be a truly global toy company.



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