

Special Feature: Marubun's 180th Anniversary

**A heritage of looking forward
that has woven our history.
The ambition for staying ahead.**



**In 2024, we celebrated the Company's 180th anniversary.
As an independent electronics trading company,
Marubun does not limit itself to products in specific fields.
Rather, we handle a variety of products matched to market
needs and to environmental and social changes,
working to solve the issues faced by customers and society.
Our spirit of looking forward and staying ahead,
always fixing our sights on the direction of the times
and adapting to coming needs, has been handed down
since our founding to create new value today.**

Our first-generation founder Kakujiro, who anticipated the trends of the times

The history of Marubun began with the founding of a kimono textile wholesaler in 1844. In 1859, 15 years after our founding, the Edo Shogunate abandoned its long policy of national isolation and opened Yokohama to foreign trade. Squarely addressing this historic event, our founder Kakujiro Horikoshi acted quickly to open a branch in Yokohama. At that time, Japan was then in the midst of the turbulence and exclusionism of the Shogunate's last days and the Meiji Restoration. Kakujiro read the times and took the lead in handling imported textiles.

Kakujiro demonstrated a solid talent as a trader and expanded his business, exporting raw silk while importing muslin fabric. Through his deep friendship with Yukichi Fukuzawa, he contributed to numerous social projects that included cooperation in the establishment of Keio University. Kakujiro was also deeply involved in the establishment of Japan's first foreign exchange bank, Yokohama Specie Bank (later Bank of Tokyo and currently MUFG Bank).

Riding the wave of Japan's opening to the world, Kakujiro grew his business as a pioneering import trading company and contributed to social projects. His foresight and approach to sustainability form the cornerstone of today's Marubun.

The birth of the electronics trading company Marubun

After our Company transitioned from the kimono textile wholesaling to the real estate business, our fifth-generation leader, Yoshio Horikoshi, established MARUBUN CORPORATION in 1947 amid the turmoil of the post-World War II period.

Under a conviction that working toward industrial prosperity was the only way to rebuild Japan from its ruin, he began importing goods from the industrially advanced U.S. In 1952, we entered into an agreement as the general agent in Japan of U.S.-based Rocke International, Inc., a company with many cutting-edge electronic equipment manufacturers under its umbrella.

From this start, we began handling measuring equipment, space and defence equipment, laser equipment, and other products that are the mainstay of our current Electronic Systems Business. In 1958, we expanded our services by establishing a technology division, a rarity for an import trading company at the time, and built up a track record as an electronics trading company.

Contributing to technological innovation in Japan

Our spirit of looking forward and staying ahead is also closely linked to Japan's technological innovation.

In 1965, we began the first import and sales of integrated circuits in Japan. In 1975, we became the first trading company to participate in and support the N-I Rocket launch project of the National Space Development Agency of Japan (currently JAXA). Through such actions, we laid the foundation of Japan's electronics industry and contributed to the advancement of science and technology.

Since the late 1980s when Japanese electronics manufacturers began to actively expand overseas, we have established subsidiaries in Asian countries. In 1998, we launched a joint venture with U.S.-based Arrow Electronics, Inc., the world's largest semiconductor distributor, and established a structure by which we could provide the same quality of services overseas as in Japan. This structure continues today, allowing us to achieve prompt procurement of components and materials worldwide together with off-shoring support.

Now, 180 years after our founding

Adding to the Electronic Devices Business and Electronic Systems Business that are pillars of our business, we established the Electronic Solutions Business in FY2022. We are promoting the discovery of innovative products and technologies and the development of new services, and are addressing social issues including the aging of society, labor shortages, and the shift to greening. We are also promoting the development of new solutions that combine our extensive product offerings with the technologies and know-how we have built up.

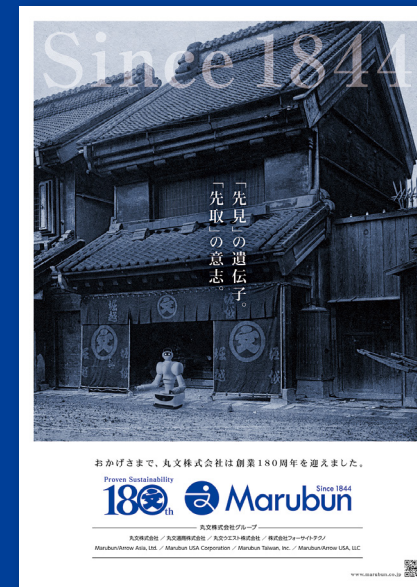
Continually pursuing the needs of the times, we will promote further transformation and evolution and will continue our endeavors aimed at achieving a prosperous future.

180th anniversary logo and commemorative posters

We incorporated the store emblem at the time of our founding into the design of our 180th anniversary logo. The words "Proven Sustainability" express our presence as a company that has adapted to the changes of the times to achieve sustainable growth.

Proven Sustainability

180th



By pairing the company office building used at the time of Marubun's founding with Aeolus Robot, we express our history from our founding to the present and our spirit of looking forward and staying ahead.



The design incorporates a kimono as a nod to Marubun's kimono textile wholesaler origin. The robot arm emerging from the sleeve expresses our Electronic Solutions Business. The semiconductor, a device which we began to import and sell ahead of competitors, expresses our Electronic Devices Business. The laser light behind the chip expresses our Electronic Systems Business.