



Company Name	Shimadzu Limited
Founded	January 5th, 1922
Capital Stock	¥50,000,000
Company President	Shimadzu Tadahiro
Head Office	Yoshino-cho 9700-1, Kagoshima City, 892-0871 TEL 099-247-7000
Departments	Sengan-en, Shoko Shuseikan Museum, Shimadzu Satsuma Kiriko Shimadzu Golf Club, Satsuma Iroha-no-yu, Shimadzu Forestry Shimadzu Crushed Stone, Shimadzu Construction KK Shimadzu Retail Services KK, Minami Kyushu Clean Energy KK

The History of Shimadzu Limited

- 1922 Founded as Satsuma Industrial Enterprise Limited.
- 1923 Former Shuseikan Machinery Factory is opened as the Shoko Shuseikan Museum.
- 1951 Company changes name to Shimadzu Limited.
- 1960 Shin-Kyushu Construction KK founded. Later renamed to Shimadzu Construction KK.
- 1978 Shimadzu Golf Club founded.
- 1985 Satsuma Glass Crafts founded. Satsuma Kiriko reproduced for the first time in over 100 years.
- 1986 Production of Shimadzu Satsuma Kiriko begins.
- 2002 Satsuma Iroha-no-yu Founded.
- 2003 Minami Kyushu Clean Energy KK Founded.
- 2005 Shoko Shuseikan Museum Renewal.
- 2009 Former Shuseikan and Former Shuseikan Machinery Factory Added to the World Heritage Site Nomination List as “Emergence of Industrial Japan: Kyushu and Yamaguchi”. Shimadzu Retail Services KK Founded.
- 2015 Sengan-en and Shoko Shuseikan Inscribed as Part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site “Sites of Japan’s Meiji Industrial Revolution: Iron and Steel, Shipbuilding and Coal Mining”.
- 2017 First full scale renovation of Sengan-en.
- 2018 150th Anniversary of the Meiji Restoration. Shimadzu Golf 40th Anniversary.

Origin of the Company Logo

The logo for Shimadzu Limited is famous as the crest of the Shimadzu family. The cross in a circle crest was adopted by the Shimadzu towards the end of the Sengoku period. Prior to this the crest was simply a cross, a fact that was noted by Saint Francis Xavier when he arrived in Satsuma in 1549. It is not known why the family crest was changed, however it is thought that as the country entered peacetime a more ornamental design was chosen.