

History

Company History

- 1890** Founder Kenkichi Taguchi opens Taguchi Santendo in Kitahama, Osaka
- 1925** Operations incorporated as Santendo Co., Ltd.
1935 Yodogawa Plant established in Higashiyodogawa-ku, Osaka
1945 Head Office transferred to Yodogawa Plant (current site)
 Company name changed to Santendo Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.
- 1958** Company name changed to current form of Santen Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.
 Santen enters prescription pharmaceuticals business
- 1977** Stock listed on First Section of Tokyo Stock Exchange and Osaka Securities Exchange
 Production system introduced to allow filling of solution into molded containers to make bottle-packed eye drops
- 1982** Central Research Laboratories established
1985 Noto Plant established
- 1990** Long-term business vision formulated to mark centenary
- 1993** Subsidiary Santen Inc. established in United States
1994 Subsidiary Santen GmbH established in Germany
1995 Representative office established in Beijing, China
1996 Nara Research and Development Center and Shiga Plant established
1997 Finnish ophthalmics pharmaceutical company acquired and Santen Oy established
 Subsidiary Taiwan Santen Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. established
1998 Medium-term Plan "Hitomi 21" formulated
- 2000** Subsidiary Santen Pharmaceutical Korea, Co., Ltd. established
 Representative office established in Guangzhou, China
2001 U.S.-based Advanced Vision Science, Inc. acquired
- 2002** Introduced Dimple Bottle, an innovative patient-oriented container for ophthalmic solutions
2003 2003-2005 Medium-term Management Plan formulated
 ISO 14001 certification acquired by Noto Plant
 Santen Activity Improved Navigator (SAIN) medical information support system developed
- 2004** U.S. sales partnership with Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc. started
- 2005** Representative office established in Shanghai, China
 Subsidiary Santen Pharmaceutical (China) Co., Ltd. established
- 2006** 2006-2010 Medium-term Management Plan formulated

Product History

- 1890s** Main product is *Heburin-gan*, a cold medicine
- 1899** Launch of *Daigaku Eye Drops*
- 1952** Launch of *Daigaku Penicillin Eye Drops*
1953 Launch of *Daigaku Mycillin Eye Drops*
1954 Launch of *Daigaku Super Eye Drops*
1956 Launch of *Sante de U*
- 1962** Launch of *Mydrin-P*, a mydriatic drug (for pupil dilation)
 Launch of *Super Sante* marks first use of plastic eye drop containers in Japan
- 1963** Launch of *Thiola*, an original liver detoxification agent
- 1970** Launch of antibiotic ophthalmic *Ecolicin*
1975 Launch of anti-inflammatory ophthalmic *Flumetholon*
- 1978** Santen commences sales of medical devices
- 1981** Launch of *Timoptol*, a treatment for glaucoma
- 1985** Launch of *Sante 40 NE*
1986 Santen commences sales of intraocular lenses
1987 Launch of anti-infective ophthalmic *Tarivid*
 Launch of anti-rheumatic *Rimatil*
- 1991** Launch of *Sante FX*
1992 Launch of *Kary Uni*, a treatment for early-stage senile cataracts
 Launch of *BSS PLUS*, an ophthalmic perfusion and bathing solution
- 1995** Launch of *Hyalein*, a drug for treating corneal and conjunctival epithelial disorders
 Launch of anti-allergy ophthalmic *Alegysal*
 Launch of anti-rheumatic *Azulfidine EN*
 Launch of *OPEGAN Hi*, an adjuvant for ophthalmic operations
- 1999** Launch of *Timoptol XE*, a treatment for glaucoma
 Launch of *Sante FX Neo*
- 2000** Launch of anti-infective ophthalmic *Cravit*
- 2001** Launch of *Detantol*, a treatment for glaucoma
 Launch of anti-allergy ophthalmic *Livostin*
- 2002** Launch of *Sante de U Plus E Alpha*
 Launch of *Sante 40*
2003 Launch of *ClariFlex* foldable intraocular lenses
- 2004** Launch of *Rescula*, a treatment for glaucoma
 Launch of anti-rheumatic *Metolate*
- 2006** Launch of *PAPLOCK* Mini ophthalmic solution 0.1%, a treatment for vernal keratoconjunctivitis
 Launch of *Sante Medical 10*
 Launch of *Sante AL Cool II*

*Based on the years when sales were launched by Santen Pharmaceutical.