

# History

## Sankyo Co., Ltd.

**1899**

- Founding of Sankyo Shoten jointly financed by Matasaku Shiobara (photo), Shotaro Nishimura and Genjiro Fukui
- Launched digestive enzyme Taka-Diastase® based on a discovery by Dr. Jokichi Takamine



**1910**

- Dr. Umetaro Suzuki discovered vitamin B1 (Orizantin®) from rice bran, establishing the basis for the theory of vitamins



**1913**

- Established Sankyo Co., Ltd.
- Dr. Jokichi Takamine became the first president



**1949**

- Listed on Tokyo Stock Exchange

**1951**

- Launched Lulu® (OTC medicine), cold medicine (photo)
- Manufactured the first domestically produced antibiotic preparation Chloromycetin®



**1961**

- Established a representative office in New York

**1963**

- Established a representative office in Basel, Switzerland



**1983**

- Launched Captoril®, the world's first renin-angiotensin-type antihypertensive agent

**1985**

- Established Sankyo USA Corporation (New York, U.S.A.)
- Established Sankyo Europa GmbH (Dusseldorf, West Germany)

**1989**

- Launched Mevalotin®, an HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor (antihyperlipidemic agent)



**1990**

- Acquired the Luitpold Werke group in Munich, Germany

**2002**

- Launched antihypertensive agent Olmesartan medoxomil in the U.S. and Germany (marketed as Benicar® and Olmetec®, respectively) as a strategic global product



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## Daiichi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.

**1915**

- Founding of Arsemin Shokai by Dr. Katsuzemon Keimatsu and others



**1918**

- Established Daiichi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.
- Seinosuke Shibata appointed as first president



**1921**

- Launched Bosmin®, a vasoconstriction/hemostasis and asthma medicine



**1937**

- Launched Therapol®, the first domestically produced Sulfa



**1962**

- Launched the world's first anti-plasmin medicine Ipsilon®

**1966**

- Launched Patecs®, the first shape-forming poultice (OTC medicine)



**1980**

- Established a representative office in New York

**1990**

- Established Korea Daiichi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.

**1993**

- Launched Cravit®, a broad-spectrum oral antibacterial agent
- Established Daiichi Pharmaceutical UK Ltd.



**1998**

- Established Daiichi Pharmaceutical (Beijing) Co. Ltd. in China

## Daiichi Sankyo Company, Limited

Apr. 2007



**2005**

- Establishment of Daiichi Sankyo Company, Limited as a joint holding company

**2006**

- Started operations of Daiichi Sankyo Healthcare Co., Ltd.
- Started operations of Daiichi Sankyo, Inc., the new U.S. organization
- Started operations of Daiichi Sankyo Europe GmbH, the new European organization

**2007**

- Started operations as the newly formed Daiichi Sankyo Company, Limited

### Daiichi + Sankyo Synergies

In April 2007, Daiichi Sankyo started operations as a single organization. By combining the unique strengths of the former Daiichi and Sankyo, we are realizing synergies as a leader in our fields of expertise based on the philosophy of "first-in-class, best-in-class." This integration strengthens the R&D infrastructure needed to maintain a steady flow of new products by combining the creative energies of our researchers and enabling more efficient R&D investments in fields of specialization. The integration also bolsters our domestic and overseas sales forces and distribution networks.