

Corporate History

In 1951, the restructuring of electric power in Japan resulted in the Kansai Electric Power Company emerging as one of the private companies that integrated both the generation and distribution of electricity. At the time the country was still recovering from the war, and thus the Company as an enterprise launched while facing several challenges, including the tight supply and demand of electricity and an uneven operating balance, as well as an unstable situation regarding the relationship between labor and management. However, by marking milestones such as the construction of the Kurobegawa No. 4 Power Station and the introduction of nuclear power stations, the Company was robust enough to come through and endure difficult challenges such as the two oil crises and the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake to still be here today.

Since 2000, the liberalization of the electrical power sector has led to increased competition, and the environment in which Kansai Electric Power does business has seen radical changes. However, by keeping true to our mission statement of “continuing to serve our customers and communities,” we have evolved into a corporate group that has branched out beyond the energy sector to provide a wide range of social infrastructure and services that support both industrial activities and people’s lives.


“Safety as our top priority” and “fulfilling social responsibilities”			
• We will fulfill our responsibilities for safe and stable supply. • We will work to strengthen our management foundations.			
Declaration 1	As a leading “decarbonization” company, make efforts to reduce environmental load including response to climate change issues.	Declaration 3	Create new businesses and services that make the most of the comprehensive strengths of our Group to help solve a wide range of issues of customers and communities.
Declaration 2	Provide “safe, comfortable, convenient” and economical energy services utilizing the solution abilities that we have cultivated.	Declaration 4	Realize digital transformations (DX) for the creation of new values.

Changes in society	1954	1973/1979	1985	1990	1995	2011	2016
	Rapid economic growth and dramatic increase in the demand for electrical power	Oil crisis	Liberalization of telecommunications	Bursting of the bubble economy	The Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake	The Great East Japan Earthquake	Full liberalization of electricity retail markets


Changes to Kansai Electric Power



1951: The Kansai Electric Power Company established
The Company was established following the restructuring of the electrical power business.




1957: Kanden Sangyo (currently Kanden Realty & Development Co., Ltd.) established
Kanden Sangyo was established to develop business mainly related to the management of real estate.



1961: Kurobegawa No. 4 Power Station (known as Kuroyon) completed
Completion of a challenging construction project that spanned seven years. The Company began to contribute to the growth of the Japanese economy through the provision of electrical power.



1970: Mihama Nuclear Power Station Unit 1 commenced operations
Became the first Japanese power company to start operating the nuclear power station.




2000: Entered the gas supply business
Launch of a gas business including sales of Liquid Natural Gas (LNG)



2001: Launch of eo Optical Fiber Internet
Started providing internet services utilizing a proprietary fiber-optic network.



2011: Mega Solar Sakai Power Station commenced commercial operations
Became the first Japanese company to operate the large-scale solar power station.




2012: Kanden Energy Solution Co., Inc. expanded its business to the Tokyo Metropolitan district
Established a Tokyo Office and began supplying the district with electric power service in 2014.



1984: Awarded the Deming Prize as the first in the power industry
Recognized that the Company has successfully improved its performance through the application of quality control.



1995: Recovery efforts following the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake
Approx. 260,000 homes lost power. Every single employee at the Company worked together toward the rapid restoration of the power supply to these homes.




1998: Joined the San Roque Project
The Company became the first Japanese power company to participate in an overseas power generation business, collaborating on-site with the construction work.




1998: An in-house Entrepreneurship Challenge System created
Based on entries to the first round of the System, the first venture enterprise was established in 2000: Kanden EL-Farm Inc.



2014: Construction at Nam Ngiep begun
Construction started at what the Company called the Second Kuroyon Dam Project for Laos – the Nam Ngiep Hydropower Project



2014: Launch of the mineo mobile phone service
A new mobile service that enables low-cost usage of LTE/mobile phone functionality/handsets



2018: K4 Digital Co., Inc. established
K4 Digital was established to leverage digital technologies capable of creating new businesses and changing the business.



2018: Selected as a Competitive IT Strategy Company, the first in the power industry
Awarded for our strategic utilization of IT to increase corporate value and competitiveness.

Operating revenues

