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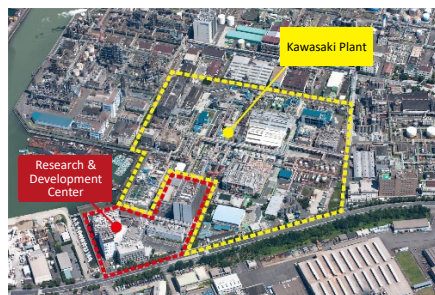
Zeon launches the Kawasaki Innovation Frontier Port to accelerate new value creation through the integration of its Kawasaki Plant and Research & Development Center

Zeon Corporation

Zeon Corporation (Zeon; head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President and CEO: Tetsuya Toyoshima) has designated the Kawasaki Plant and the Research & Development Center, both located in the Kawasaki waterfront area, as the Kawasaki Innovation Frontier Port (KIFP). By promoting seamless operations through the integration of their activities and systematic consolidation of their management, Zeon intends to accelerate the creation of new value.

The Kawasaki Plant and neighboring Research & Development Center have long collaborated as the foundation of Zeon's core elastomer business. Going forward, the two entities will seamlessly work to develop high-value-added products and advanced production technologies, thereby strengthening their role as a technology launchpad. As part of these efforts, Zeon is considering the establishment of a new multifunctional facility for producing prototypes to accelerate the transition from research and development to mass production with equipment that enhances its ability to scale up efficiently, in addition to the co-creation innovation facility*¹ currently under construction.

While the facilities will continue to be referred to separately as the Kawasaki Plant and the Research & Development Center, they will collectively be known as the Kawasaki Innovation Frontier Port (KIFP). This name symbolically emphasizes its role in pioneering in the creation of new value through the integration of innovation, research and development, and production. It also identifies the Kawasaki waterfront area as a "port" in the sense of a place that drives innovation. Under this concept, an integrated management team will oversee the combined operations as a powerful hub for further enhancing capabilities.



Kawasaki Innovation Frontier Port (KIFP)

*Please refer to the April 23, 2024 press release on Zeon Corporation's plans to construct a new co-creative innovation facility at its site in Kawasaki City: <https://www.zeon.co.jp/en/news/assets/pdf/240423.pdf>

Overview of the Kawasaki Plant

Established in 1955, the Kawasaki Plant was the first facility in Japan to begin mass production of synthetic rubber. It serves as a key production site in the Tokyo metropolitan area, manufacturing specialty synthetic rubbers with excellent oil and heat resistance for automotive belts and hoses and other applications. The plant also produces synthetic latex for rubber gloves and cosmetic sponges, as well as materials for lithium-ion rechargeable batteries. The entire plant covers an area of 75,500 m².

Overview of the Research & Development Center

Established in 1955 at a site adjacent to the Kawasaki Plant, the Research & Development Center benefits from its close proximity to the production site, facilitating the integration of manufacturing and technology and providing a flexible and efficient framework for research and development. The entire center covers an area of 15,000 m².

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