

Business Merger Announcement

Chuo Sangio Co. will become part of the Nikon Group

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Chuo Sangio Co. (President: Kazuo Kuwahara, Nishinomiya, Hyogo, (hereinafter "Chuo Sangio")) announces our intention to enter into a stock transfer contract with Nikon Corporation (President: Kazuo Ushida, Minato-ku, Tokyo). Chuo Sangio will merge with Optos KK (President: Kenichi Kawabe, Minato-ku, Tokyo) and forge a new path as "Nikon Healthcare Japan".

Background

Chuo Sangio has been involved in the sale of ophthalmic equipment, such as Optos products, and the provision of after-sales care and maintenance services to the Japanese market. We have made use of the experience and knowledge accumulated through product sales and support, taking advantage of the sales offices in major cities across Japan and sales networks for ophthalmic equipment.

In 2015, Nikon wholly acquired the UK's Optos plc. Optos is a global company in the field of retinal diagnostic imaging equipment, and produces and sells ultra-widefield retinal imaging equipment.

Chuo Sangio will become a subsidiary of Nikon, and merge with Optos KK to become Nikon Healthcare Japan. We will maximize the synergy in sales and servicing of Optos's products, as well as the products of other manufacturers in which we have been dealing, and deal with our customers professionally as part of the Nikon Group.

We will strive to achieve a "world without vision loss" and contribute to an improved QOL (quality of life) for many people.

Future schedule

Nikon Healthcare Japan is scheduled to be established on October 1, 2018.

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