

## Opening of Ryukyu Kokusai Kogyo Data Center

- Leading Japan towards a *G-spatial society*<sup>\*</sup>, with geospatial information to meet the varied needs of the public and private sectors -



Fig. 1 The new center in Okinawa IT Shinryo Park

Kokusai Kogyo Co., Ltd., part of the Kokusai Kogyo Group (Kokusai Kogyo Holdings Co., Ltd., code: 9234, Head Office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, President & CEO: Sandra Wu, Wen-Hsiu) which aims to bring about *green communities*, has opened the Ryukyu Kokusai Kogyo Data Center, in Uruma City, Okinawa, within its subsidiary, Ryukyu Kokusai Kogyo Co., Ltd., where it will enhance its new data processing system as part of its geospatial information consultancy in preparation for the coming *G-spatial society*.

It is expected that geospatial information will be used in many different settings in bringing about a society in which people can live their lives in affluence and security. Geospatial information is a new social infrastructure that supports people's lives and economic activities; once used predominantly in the public sector, it is now becoming essential for businesses that support our day-to-day lives and the economy.

The Kokusai Kogyo Group has provided the central and local governments throughout the country with all kinds of solutions using geospatial information, from the acquisition of geospatial information to its design, analysis and utilization, in relation to administrative support, social infrastructure, urban/regional design, disaster prevention and so on.

After detailed terrain and location data has been measured around the country using aircraft or vehicles equipped with state-of-the-art sensors, it needs to be appropriately processed for its intended use. At the Ryukyu Kokusai Kogyo Data Center, the measurement data will be processed using cutting-edge, fully-digital techniques to efficiently create highly-accurate geospatial information.

Okinawa Prefecture offers a robust information and communications infrastructure, and a workforce that is capable of responding flexibly to leading-edge technology and is eager to work. Located within the IT Shinryo Park with its advanced environment, the Ryukyu Kokusai Kogyo Data Center will initially have a staff of thirty, and staffing levels are planned to rise to 150 in three years time. By reviewing the production lines which had been spread over several regional bases and building an intensive, state-of-the-art production line in Okinawa Prefecture where various measures in support of industry are deployed, the Group will offer a response to *the G-spatial society* and contribute to the creation of local jobs and revitalization of the region.

The Kokusai Kogyo Group ranks the Ryukyu Kokusai Kogyo Data Center as a central base for global expansion, from which it will work on further high-degree applications and value-improvement of geospatial information technologies in its geospatial information consultancy that will drive the *G-spatial society*.

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\* *G-spatial society*—A society that makes advanced use of geospatial information. An affluent, convenient society in which location information and geospatial information can be put to practical use anywhere, anytime, by anybody.

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#### About the Kokusai Kogyo Group

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Ever since its establishment, the Kokusai Kogyo Group has contributed to the construction of social infrastructure. The Group implements the practical application of GIS, which makes possible the advanced analysis of a wide range of geospatial information obtained through the maximal use of state-of-the-art measurement technologies, to implement projects in administrative support, national land conservation, urban and regional design, disaster prevention, post-disaster reconstruction, etc. At the same time, the Group is adapting for the private sector, at home and abroad, the geospatial information consulting technologies that in the past it has provided mainly to government agencies. In addition to expanding and promoting its business to include services that meet these new needs, the group is also actively developing global services aimed at the overseas market.

The Kokusai Kogyo Group's definition of *green infrastructure* is environmentally-friendly social infrastructure and social capital that makes practical use of renewable energies. Backed up by its track record and social infrastructure technologies cultivated over many years both at home and abroad, and by its expertise in renewable energies, the Group is helping, through the development of safe, secure and low-carbon communities, to make the *green communities* demanded by the times into a reality.

- ✎ Company: Kokusai Kogyo Holdings Co., Ltd.
- ✎ Stock exchange listing: First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange (Securities code: 9234)
- ✎ Head Office: 2 Rokubancho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102-0085, Japan
- ✎ Capital: 16.939 billion yen
- ✎ President & CEO: Sandra Wu, Wen-Hsiu
- ✎ Number of employees: 2,034 (consolidated)
- ✎ Number of subsidiaries: 24 domestic companies, 41 foreign companies

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Kokusai Kogyo Co., Ltd. is a subsidiary of the Kokusai Kogyo Group which is growing its *green infrastructure* business, and is a leading company in geospatial information consulting. In the more than 60 years since its establishment, the company has constantly developed state-of-the-art geospatial information technologies, and its core business has been geospatial information consulting that offers high-value-added geospatial information, adding various kinds of statistical information to highly-accurate measurement data and high-definition image data. It is currently aiming for the creation of a society in which all kinds of information are available to be used anywhere, anytime, by anyone, focusing on the themes of 3D, real time and ubiquity.

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Ryukyu Kokusai Kogyo Co., Ltd. was established in April 2008 to offer services tailored to Okinawa, its main line of business being the development of geospatial information and GIS. Its aims are to create an affluent society where people can live comfortably and freely access advanced geospatial information, and to utilize maps to further the information age.