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## **Opening of Outdoor Power Equipment R&D Center**

Makita Corporation (Head Office in Anjo City, Aichi) will open the OPE R&D Center in the Nisshin Office at Nisshin City in Aichi prefecture for reinforcing the development organization for outdoor power equipment.

### **1. Reasons for opening OPE R&D Center**

Makita Group has a goal of consolidating a strong position in the global power tool industry (electric power tools including rechargeable tools, pneumatic tools, and outdoor power equipment including engine-powered tools) as a global supplier of a comprehensive range of power tools that assist people in creating homes and living environments. In the field of outdoor power equipment (including agricultural and forestry equipment; abbreviation: OPE), improvement of development organization is a top priority issue from the viewpoint of environmental protection, and with regard to engine-powered products, technical improvement is required especially for reducing exhaust gas, noises and fuel consumption.

By opening the OPE R&D Center with facilities for practical tests in the premises of Nisshin Office in Nisshin City, Aichi prefecture, as well as increasing technical staff for developing engines, Makita will reinforce the development system for the products with a small-sized 4-stroke engine and the products with a small-sized 2-stroke engine to comply with the restrictions on exhaust gases, and expand the line-up of engine-loaded outdoor power equipment in addition to electric power tools (including rechargeable tools).

Currently Makita Group has four OPE development bases, the Head Office (Anjo City, Aichi), Tokyo Technical Center (Tachikawa City, Tokyo), Makita Numazu Corporation (Makita subsidiary in Numazu City, Shizuoka), and Dolmar GmbH (Makita subsidiary in Hamburg, Germany). However, the OPE development section in the Head Office (about 70 staff members engaging in designing, testing and evaluation) will be shifted to the new OPE R&D Center to coordinate with other development bases as core of the OPE development in Makita Group. The development staff members in the OPE R&D Center will be increased to 150 - 200 in three years.

### **2. Outline of OPE R&D Center**

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| 1. Name of facility                                  | <b>Nisshin OPE R&amp;D Center</b>   |
| 2. Location  | 349 Minamiyama, Komenoki-cho,<br>Nisshin City, Aichi prefecture   |
| 3. Total floor space                                 | Approximately 9,900 m <sup>2</sup>  |
| 4. Buildings   | Development building; reinforced concrete; 4 stories<br>Laboratory building; reinforced concrete; 3 stories |
| 5. Other   | Practical testing field (adjacent to the laboratory building);<br>approximately 3,600 m <sup>2</sup>        |
| 6. Total investment                                  | Approximately 1.5 billion yen   |
| 7. Start of construction                             | March 2011  |
| 8. Completion of construction and start of operation | October 2011 (schedule)   |