

CORPORATE PROFILE

90 years with the technique of the black oxide finish

Since the foundation in 1915, we have pursued blackness earnestly and what black oxide finish should be. We always do not settle for the present quality, but think seriously what black oxide finish should be for our customers, that is, what kind of black Montsukis would we like to put on if we wear them. Our concept is "genuine article oriented company". Not searching for profits nor just good-looking Montsuki, but we provide genuine Montsuki that will surely satisfy our customers.

The "real" Montsuki we think is;

Montsuki with a lifetime guarantee as for dyeing
Using ecological dye compound, caring for the environment
Colorfast Montsuki even in rainy climate or in the broiling weather

We think that Montsukis that meet these conditions would serve our customers for many years to come. With a constant challenge to enhance our quality and technical levels of dyeing wholeheartedly, we would like to serve you with "traditional genuine articles".



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- 1915 The foundation as Arakawa dyeing factory at the present location by the founder Kinnosuke Arakawa.
- 1969 Kyoto Montsuki Co.,Ltd founded by 2nd Tadao Arakawa
- 1978 Presentation of the revolutionary dyeing for a deep color as "*Junguro* (genuine black)" and release the first product with deep color dyeing. This remarkable black was beyond the imagination of other dyeing companies, which could not imitate this color with their technique. This invention established the evaluation of our high technical level.
- 1981 Development of the hit product, "*Midoroguro*", this enabled us to create a foothold in this industry segment and led to the present position, with a market share exceeding 60%.
- 1989 Under the order of Imperial Household Agency to produce the costumes "*Omizome*" for the funeral ceremony of Emperor Showa, reproduce the costume with the dyeing technique of ancient times, using the wild indigo in *Kyoto Iwashimizu Hachiman Shrine*.
- 1996 Developed first ecological dye compound and revolutionary high quality dyeing technique "*kurozome kakumei*" in this industry segment. We release this clear-sighted dyeing technique as genuine oriented project, with a high regard for the wearability.
- 1996 Present president Toru Arakawa newly installed as 4th president.
- 2001 Requested by an apparel company in kyoto, started the research for applying the traditional black oxide finish to dyeing modern dress material. After about six months, we developed the extraordinary dark black oxide finish. We named it "*shinkuro*" and registered the trademark, "*Onkuro someshi*". The apparel company in kyoto has commercialized it and sells the products.

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