

The History of Izumi Co., Ltd.

1946	Yoshimasa Yamanishi (the current chairperson) opens a stall outside the Hiroshima train station.
1950	Apparel wholesaler Yamanishi Shoten Co., Ltd., is established.
1961	Izumi Co., Ltd., is established and the first Izumi supermarket is opened.
1967	Second store is opened next to the Hiroshima train station.
1968	Hiring of large numbers of new college graduates begins.
1969	Okayama store is opened.
1970	Kure store is opened.
1972	Sun Mall outlet is opened.
1973	Gion store, the first suburban store is opened.
1974	Nihon Ryutsu Sangyo Co., Ltd. (Nichiryu), a cooperative buying organization, is established.
1977	Izumi joins the Japan Chain Stores Association.
1978	Stock is listed on the Osaka Securities Exchange, second section, and the Hiroshima Securities Exchange.
1980	Izumi changes the Japanese spelling of its company name ("Izumi" changes from hiragana to katakana).
1983	Total Quality Control (TQC) is introduced, and efforts are made to vitalize the entire organization.
1985	Point of sale (POS) system is introduced, and progress is made on integration of company information. Fashion boutique building Wiz Wonderland is opened.
1986	Stock is listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, second section, and the Osaka Securities Exchange, first section.
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1990	The You Me Town shopping center format is launched. X-sell Inc. is established as part of the Company's import business.
1991	Yoshimasa Yamanishi (the current chairperson) is awarded the Japanese Medal of Honor with blue ribbon for excellence in public service. The Company is awarded the Chugoku Regional Quality Control Award.
1993	Yasuaki Yamanishi is appointed as president and representative director. Yoshimasa Yamanishi is appointed as chairperson and representative director.
1994	The Izumi women's handball team is launched. Izumi becomes an official sponsor of the 14th Asian Handball Championships in Hiroshima.
1995	Izumi begins pursuing a growth strategy based on opening shopping malls in Kyushu. The first to open is the You Me Town Onga mall in Fukuoka.
1996	Eight new shopping malls are opened, including the Kyushu flagship mall You Me Town Chikushino. Izumi Food Service Co., Ltd., is established.
1997	The Izumi Museum of Art is founded. Youme Card Co., Ltd., is established.
1998	You Me Town Takamatsu, one of the largest retail facilities in west Japan, is opened.
1999	The Company receives two awards, the Hiroshima Josei Shonen Shitsu-cho Award for businesses that promote equal opportunities for men and women, and the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare Award for businesses that provide employment opportunities for the disabled. The Izumi women's handball team becomes a "triple crown" winner for the first time in its history.
2000	Yumesaito, You Me Town Hakata, and You Me Town Yame malls are opened.
2001	You Me Town Omuta is opened. The Izumi women's handball team becomes the Hiroshima Maple Reds, representing the entire prefecture of Hiroshima.
2002	You Me Town Gakuen is opened. Four large-scale stores are acquired from now-defunct retailer Nikonikodo Co., Ltd.
2003	City Park Hamada and You Me Town Kurume are opened.
2004	You Me Town Hikari no Mori is opened. The Company receives an Award for Excellence from the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare for its promotion of active roles for women in the workplace. You Me Town Kure is opened. City Park Kure (formerly Izumi Kure) is opened.
2005	You Me Town Yatsushiro is opened.
2006	You Me Town Saga is opened. The Company is awarded the Hiroshima Labour Bureau Chief's Award for family-friendly businesses.
2007	You Me Town Beppu is opened. You Me Town Hiroshima is opened.
2008	You Me Town Izumo is opened. You Me Town Mitoyo is opened. You Me Town Marugame is opened.
2011	You Me Town Tokushima is opened.
2012	Joy Step Limited Private Company, our former consolidated subsidiary, was taken over by Izumi Co., Ltd.
2013	Headquarters was relocated to 3-3-1 Futabanosato, Higashi-ku, Hiroshima.