

SHIMA SEIKI

Company Profile



Shima Seiki MFG., LTD.

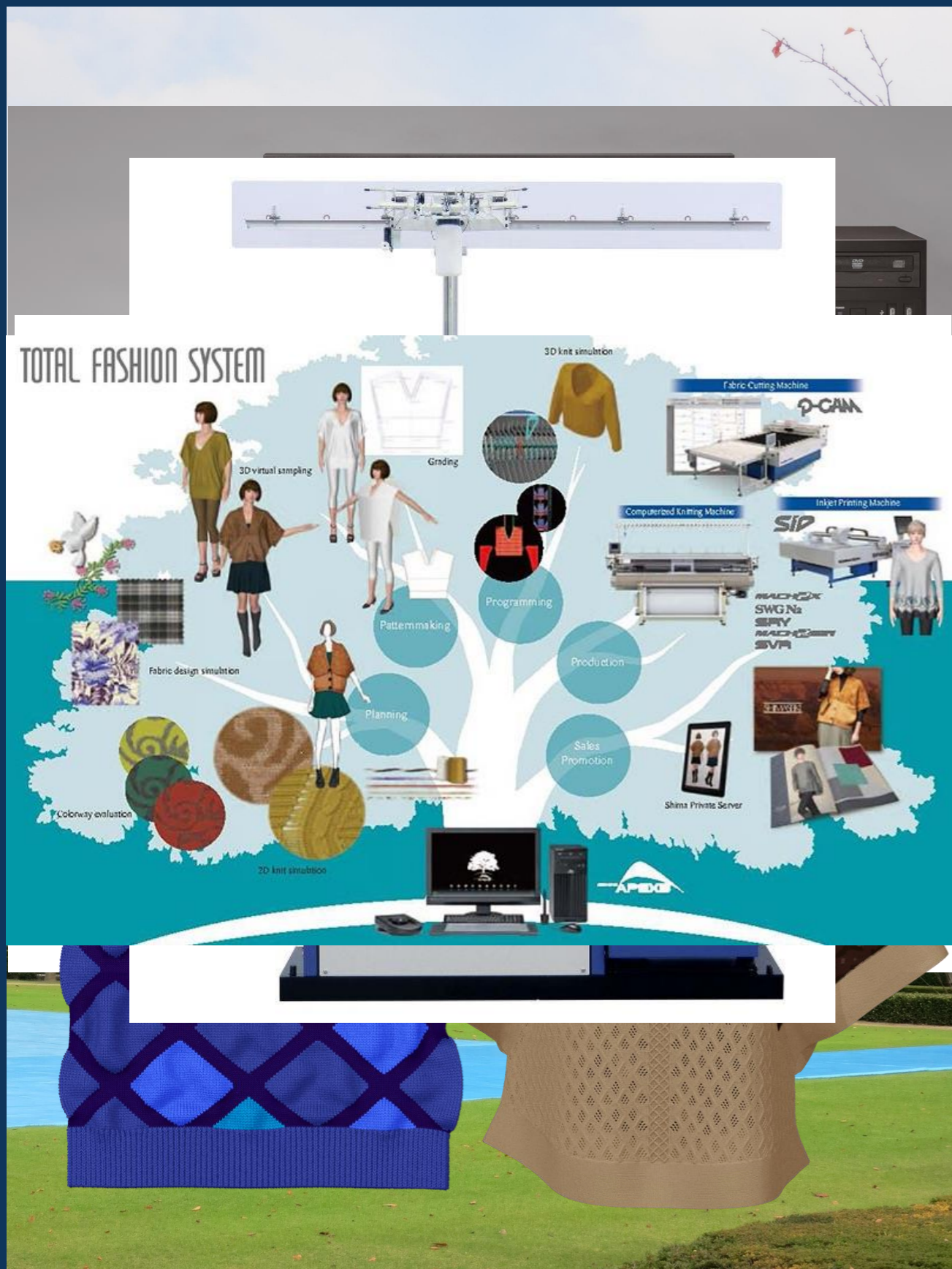
Established by Masahiro Shima in Wakayama
in 1962


our Company

1,244 employees
in Japan



1,788 employees
worldwide



Our Business



Gloves and socks knitting machines



Computerised flat knitting machines



Computerised design system



Automatic fabric cutting machines



Our Company directly takes care of innovation, sales and marketing of its products.



Our President and founder Dr. Masahiro Shima has brought new and innovative technologies in the market. His challenge to develop innovative products still leads our Company.

Mr. Masahiro Shima has been awarded an honorary medal for his contribution to the Italian Republic.

Our History 

1962 - Foundation



Masahiro Shima established SHIMA SEIKI Mfg., Ltd. In Wakayama City.

1963

Development of the prototype automatic seamless glove knitting machine.



1967

Begins production of the world's first fully collar knitting machine, the FAC, and extends its business into the flat knitting machine industry.

1969

The company's presence ensures it a prominent place among manufacturers of flat knitting machines.



1971



Displays its full line of machinery at the International Textile Machinery (ITMA) Exhibition in Paris. Upon receiving international acclaim, the company begins exporting its products.




1995

Develops the SWG series, the world's first commercially productive **WHOLEGARMENT** computerised knitting machines, at the 12th ITMA exhibition in Milan, Italy.



2006

SHIMA SEIKI acquires Shima-Orsi S.r.l. of Milan, Italy and establishes a direct sales system for the Italian market.



2007

Receives the 53° Okochi Memorial Foundation Gran Production Prize


1990

Company shares are publicly listed on the Second Section of the Osaka Securities Exchange.




2000

SHIMA SEIKI develops its All-in-One design system, the SDS-ONE.



2015

On the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of **WHOLEGARMENT** knitting, proposes the **TOTAL FASHION SYSTEM** at the 17th ITMA exhibition in Milan, Italy to high industrial acclaim.



SHIMA SEIKI ITALIA S.P.A.

As one of subsidiaries of SHIMA SEIKI Mfg., Ltd., Shima Seiki Italia is serving the European knitting industry mainly in Italy and other surrounding countries.



Shima Seiki at Seiki has a store in Stockholm, Sweden, in the shopping area of the city, where they have a store with a wide range of products, including a variety of clothing items, and a focus on technology.



Italy is one of the most important markets for WHOLEGARMENT technology.
A clear sign that Italy is continuously looking for innovation.



WHOLEGARMENT®

Shima Seiki Italia S.p.a. operates in Italy with three main branches:

- Segrate (Milan)
- Carpi (Modena)
- Villorba (Treviso)



Geographic Area

Our company collaborates with 6 distributors in Italy in order to cover every area in our country.



Shima Seiki Italia operates not only in Italy, but also in the surrounding area, especially in Eastern Europe countries.

In these countries there are 9 agents which work directly with our customers, helping us to provide a good service and assistance.

1982

SHIMA SEIKI started to sell knitting machines in Italy, contributing in promoting and advancing Italian fashion as well as expanding economic relations within Italian fashion industry.

1990

Shima Seiki established new partnerships with different retailers improving its sales network.



Time ~~2005~~ 2006

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2014

Shima Seiki Italia S.p.A. participates in various exhibitions:
Pitti Filati in Florence
Premiere Vision in Paris
ISPO in Munich
Techtextil in Frankfurt



2016

10th Shima Seiki Italia anniversary

Nowadays Shima Seiki is a world leader for the highest levels production in the knitwear sector. In Italy there are around 3.000 WHOLEGARMENT knitting machines in Production and various brands are selling its garment made by Shima Seiki's flat knitting machines.

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