

# Evolving and Growing

Since advocating the office automation concept in 1977, we have done much to help customers improve their operational efficiency and productivity through our digital technology and services. We now deliver value worldwide.

Today, as a digital services company, Ricoh supports the transformation of our customers' work and contributes to a sustainable society where job satisfaction and business and economic growth are compatible. Ricoh is committed to remain close to its customers' work and support their creativity.

## Remaining close to our customers

**1936**  
Establishment

### 1950s

#### Enters office equipment field

In 1955, we launch the Ricopy 101, Japan's first desktop diazo-wet copier, which revolutionizes office work efficiency.



Automating document duplication

### 1970s

#### Advocates office automation concept

In 1973, we launch RIFAX 600S, the world's first high-speed office facsimile machine, and advocate office automation in 1977. The notion of having machines handle routine tasks so people can do more creative work remains true today.



Transmitting documents swiftly to remote locations

### 1990s

#### Digitalization and globalization

Shifting from analog copiers to digital multi-functional printers (MFPs), cultivating networking and colorization.



Enabling color copying and printing

### 2000s

#### Expanding services business

Helping to transform work by offering information technology services and devices.



Supporting hybrid work

### 2020s

#### Becoming a digital services company

In 2020, we committed to becoming a digital services company that supports workers' creativity. We will transform customers' work by combining our devices, applications, and services with those of partners while remaining close to customers with an industry-leading sales and support structure.



Digitalizing frontlines tasks

### Changing the world of work

- From writing by hand to using word processing
- One PC per person
- Rising use of color content
- Increasing internet usage
- Accelerating communication speeds and capacity
- An increasingly paperless world
- Remote work going mainstream
- Digitalization accelerating
- Expanding use of artificial intelligence (AI)

## Growth trajectory

