In fiscal 2018, which was the last fiscal year of Mid-term Direction 2018, we strengthened our efforts in three focus markets (automotive, energy, and medical/healthcare), in addition to the communication field, which has been the pillar of our growth, so that we can continue sustainable growth in the future. In addition, we invested capital expenditures of 291.6 billion yen in order to respond to rapidly increasing demand for components, striving to establish and enhance our medium- to long-term production structure.

**Product-related news**

**Commercialization of industry first GHz band 0201 inch size BLM03EB_SH series noise suppression filter for automotive**


**Achieved real-time sensing by utilizing the IoT and sensor technology**

**Developed safety monitoring system for workers at construction sites**

**Began sales of m-FLIP, a productivity improvement solution that visualizes non-performance factors in plant facilities utilizing IoT technology**

**High drain & extended temperature lithium coin batteries development for IoT devices**


**Developed a 3-axis inclinometer incline sensor that achieves high precision sensing under harsh conditions**

**Murata develops world's smallest 32,768 kHz MEMS resonator**

[Image](https://www.murata.com/en-global/products/info/crystal/2018/0404)

**Murata develops some of world's smallest LPWA (Cat.M1/NB-IoT) modules**


**April 2018**

- **May**

- **June**

- **July**

- **August**

- **September**

- **October**

- **November**

- **December 2018**

- **January 2019**

- **February**

- **March**

**Corporate news**

**Awarded the 2018 Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) Minister Prize for Science and Technology (development division)**

Three persons from Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd. were awarded the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) Minister Prize for Science and Technology (development division) for “the development of high frequency signal transmission circuits and electronic devices.”

**The 35th anniversary of Murata Science Foundation**


**Murata Science Foundation celebrated its 35th anniversary of establishment, and achieved the highest number and amount of research grants in its history.**

**Murata’s Cheerleaders take on role as Ambassadors for Supporting Culture and Tourism in Kyoto**


**The Murata Cheerleaders took on role as Ambassadors for Supporting Culture and Tourism in Kyoto.**

**The 35th anniversary of Murata Science Foundation**


**Notice regarding stock split and partial amendment of article of incorporation**


**Each share of common stock on the record date of Sunday, March 31, 2019 was split into three shares in order to expand the investor base by lowering the stock price per investment unit and increase the liquidity of the Company’s stock.**

**Murata opened company-run nurseries for the purpose of supporting diverse work styles**


**In April 2019, Murata opened a combined childcare facility comprising Sakuranbo nursery, which is an authorized nursery, for the purpose of alleviating the issue of children on waiting lists in Nagaokakyo City, Kyoto, and Kaede nursery, which is a company-run nursery, for the purpose of supporting diverse work styles.**

**New building-related**

**Okayama Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd. opened a new production building**


**Murata Energy Device Wuxi Co., Ltd. opened a new production building**