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### **Ueda Kita Works (Former Midorigaoka Works)**

**1944**

Sanyo Shokai Special Electric Works (later Tokyo Works), established in June 1932, had continuously expanded its production capacity, eventually stretching it to the limit. This led to the decision to construct a new factory in a suburban region. Therefore, we acquired the land in the northern part of Ueda, Nagano Prefecture, and established "Ueda Kita Works" (later Midorigaoka Works) in February 1944.

However, as the war intensified, it grew increasingly difficult to acquire raw materials. Beginning with simply finding lumber, we overcame many hardships and managed to build a new factory.

Immediately after its completion, the factory started operations as an exclusive factory for the Army Aviation Headquarters. We primarily manufactured power converters for aircraft radios and engine starter generators.

At the time, we mainly produced small-sized power supplies, but after the war, shifted to larger power products including 500 VA to 5 kVA generators for ship radio power units. As those demands continued to grow, by the 1950s, our company was widely known in the radio device industry as a manufacturer with top-level technology.

Midorigaoka Works was decommissioned following the completion of Kangawa Works in 2009. However, the technologies that have supported the development of our company live on at Kangawa Works.