

## **Press Release**

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### **Akebono Brake Establishes New Company in Thailand**

**TOKYO** – Akebono Brake Industry Co., Ltd. (Akebono) today announced the establishment of Akebono Brake (Thailand) Co., Ltd. on August 11 in Chonburi Province.

Akebono acquired a site in Chonburi Province's Amata Nakorn, Thailand's largest industrial estate, to initially manufacture disc brakes for Japanese automobile makers with operations in Thailand. Construction of the facility is scheduled to begin soon and initial production is planned for July 2007. Akebono will make a total investment of approximately 2.0 billion yen, and is targeting sales of 5.0 billion yen in 2010.

The new company adds to the Akebono Group's presence in Southeast Asia. In Indonesia, PT. Tri Dharma Wisesa (TDW) manufactures disc brakes, drum brakes and friction material for drum brakes, and Akebono Corporation Asia Pte. Ltd. is a sales base in Singapore. Akebono also supplies from Japan to meet customer needs in the region.

In addition to expanding Akebono's business in the Thai market, Akebono Brake Thailand Co., Ltd. will function as a base to strengthen regional business integration in Southeast Asia. The company will also drive business development in Asia, where further market growth is anticipated.

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**About Akebono Brake Industry, Co., Ltd.**

Akebono Brake Industry, Co., Ltd. (TSE: 7238), established in 1929, is a world leader in advanced brake and friction material development and production.

Akebono's portfolio includes brake products for automobiles, motorbikes, rolling stock, and industrial machinery, and sensor products for automobiles. The Akebono Group operates R&D centers in Japan, the United States and France, and has wholly owned or affiliated manufacturing facilities in Japan, the United States, France, China and Indonesia. Akebono recorded net sales of 142.3 billion yen in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2006, and employs over 6,000 people worldwide on a consolidated basis. For more information, please visit [www.akebono-brake.co.jp](http://www.akebono-brake.co.jp)

## Reference

### Akebono Brake (Thailand) Co., Ltd. overview

Company name	Akebono Brake (Thailand) Co., Ltd.
Representative	Koji Kobayashi (currently Executive Officer [Managing Executive Officer Status], Akebono Brake Industry Co., Ltd.)
Location	Amata Nakorn Industrial Estate, Chonburi Province (approx. 70km southeast of Bangkok)
Establishment date	August 11, 2006
Main business	Manufacture and sale of disc brakes
Fiscal year end	December 31 of every year
Employees	Approx. 90 (plan for when production starts)
Capital	10 million baht (approx. 30 million yen) at time of establishment Further Investment is planned in the future
Shareholder	Akebono Brake Industry Co., Ltd. (100%)