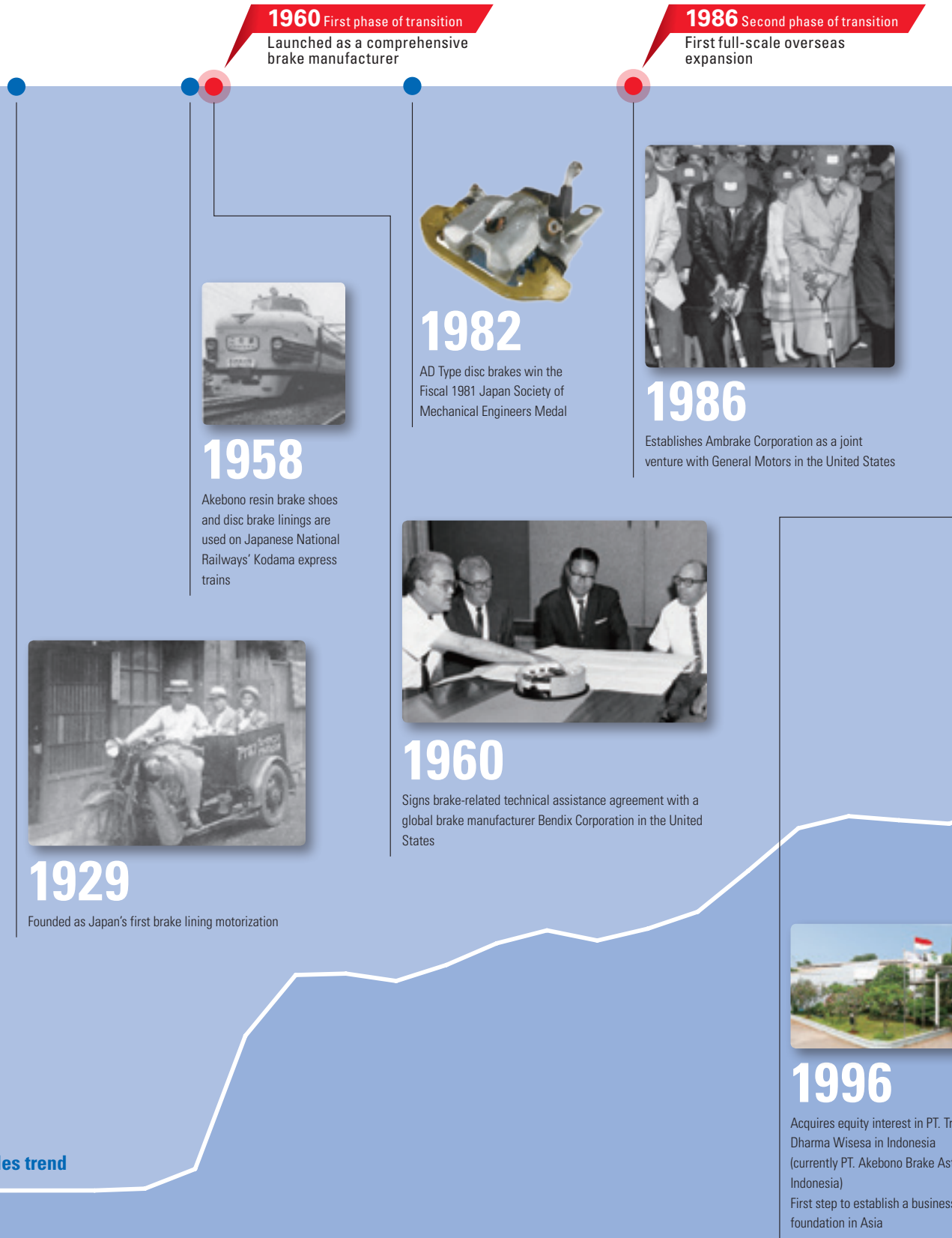


Since 1929

Akebono was founded as Japan's first brake lining (friction material) manufacturer at the dawn of the Japanese automotive industry.



1929

Founded as Japan's first brake lining motorization



1958

Akebono resin brake shoes and disc brake linings are used on Japanese National Railways' Kodama express trains



1982

AD Type disc brakes win the Fiscal 1981 Japan Society of Mechanical Engineers Medal



1960

Signs brake-related technical assistance agreement with a global brake manufacturer Bendix Corporation in the United States

1960 First phase of transition
Launched as a comprehensive brake manufacturer

1986 Second phase of transition
First full-scale overseas expansion



1986

Establishes Ambrake Corporation as a joint venture with General Motors in the United States



1996

Acquires equity interest in PT. Tri Dharma Wisesa in Indonesia (currently PT. Akebono Brake Astra Indonesia)
First step to establish a business foundation in Asia

Net sales trend

2010 Third phase of transition
Acceleration of globalization



2007

Participates in Formula One providing brake components as the official supplier for the McLaren team



2001

New corporate headquarters, the Akebono Crystal Wing (ACW) is completed in Hanyu City, Saitama Prefecture

2000

Starts using the new corporate logo



1998

Establishes Akebono Arras S.A. production facility in France (currently Akebono Europe S.A.S. Arras Plant)



2004

Chinese local subsidiaries Akebono Corporation (Guangzhou) and Akebono Corporation (Suzhou) are established



2014

Establishes Akebono Brake Slovakia s.r.o. in Slovakia



2016

Receives the Fiscal 2015 Japan Society of Mechanical Engineers Medal for New Technology in the "development and mass production of high performance brakes for road cars"



2009

Signs a contract with Robert Bosch GmbH to acquire its North American brake business
Accelerates globalization from 2010

(Billions of yen)

250

200

150

100