

## SMC will open a new core R&D center in Autumn 2025

We are pleased to inform that SMC will be relocating and expanding its current Tsukuba Technical Center (JTC), and open “Kashiwanoha Campus New Technical Center (provisional name)” in the “Kashiwanoha Smart City” in the fall of 2025.

Equipped with the latest research and development facilities and strengthening cooperation with technical centers around the world, the new technical center, which will be the core of SMC's research and development, will be based on the concept of a "smart wellness office" where employees can work in good health and comfort, creating an environment that enhances creativity and productivity, and will also bring together customers and engineering staffs from around the world to exchange cutting-edge technologies, improve R&D capabilities and create new innovations.

### **[Outline of Kashiwanoha Campus New Technical Center (provisional name)]**

Location : Kashiwa city, Chiba prefecture (Kashiwanoha Smart City)

Outline : Three five-story buildings

Site area : 42,794m<sup>2</sup>    Buiding area : 29,407m<sup>2</sup>    Total floor area : 85,320m<sup>2</sup>

Total investment amount : JPY120 Billion

No. of employees : 1,300 people

Start of construction : December, 2023    End of construction : August, 2025

Design and construction : : KAJIMA CORPORATION



### **[About “Kashiwanoha Smart City”]**

The Kashiwanoha area, centered on Kashiwanoha Campus Station, aims to become “Kashiwanoha Smart City”, a city that creates a vision for the future of the world, and is promoting urban development based on the three pillars of “environmental symbiosis”, “health and longevity” and “new industry creation” through public, private and academic collaboration.

While located approximately 30 minutes from central Tokyo, the area is blessed with a natural environment, has excellent access from Haneda and Narita airports, and is home to some of Japan’s leading research institutions, including the University of Tokyo, Chiba University, National Cancer Center Hospital East and The National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST) Kashiwa Center, making it a center of knowledge.

- “Kashiwanoha Smart City” website (<https://www.kashiwanoha-smartcity.com/>)

### **[Comments from Mr. Yoshitada DOI, Managing Executive Officer and Senior General Manager of Engineering Headquarters of SMC Corporation]**

“SMC’s automatic control equipment is a product that can contribute to solving social issues such as global warming and declining workforce, and its demand is expected to grow in the future.

The current “Tsukuba Technical Center” has become too small for our growing business and we have been considering expanding and relocating our R&D base. “Kashiwanoha Smart City”, with its rich natural environment, high concentration of cutting-edge research institutions and convenient transportation access, is an ideal location.

We want this new R&D base to be the center of innovation, where talented staffs from around the world can gather in a healthy, comfortable and efficient environment, and are motivated to work and can interact openly with various people.

We will also create an R&D base that our customers can rely on us in terms of BCP (Business Continuity Plan).”

