

A FEW WORDS FROM PRESIDENT

With the increase of goods imported from overseas and "price destruction", the Textile industry has been facing a very difficult situation. However, we, TOSCO, have continuously put particular emphasis on ASA and proposed our products which can satisfy our customers under the theme "ASA, The Comfort of Nature". Moreover, we are strongly wishing that we can contribute widely to the development of society by precisely meeting the "demand" of our customers, reacting sensitively to the trends and direction of the age, and always providing "goods to be required", promptly at reasonable prices.

TOSCO is the only manufacturer in the world having a consistent system from the improvement and cultivation of ramie plants to the production of remarkable items. Each staff member of TOSCO is doing his/her best to become "Useful for people's daily life".

Therefore, we are earnestly expecting your further understanding of and favors for TOSCO.

Thank you

Tsutomu Mogi, President

COMPANY HISTORY AND FEATURES

This Company, now known as "TOSCO", was first established in 1918, at the time when textile industries would be rising in Japan. Since then, it has been the mainstay of the Ramie textile industry. Initially, TOSCO adopted the traditional Japanese spinning techniques.

Since then, TOSCO was successful in creating an integrated production system from degummed Ramie to made-up goods. As time went by, improvements were made, each accompanied by a higher quality of product.

At the present time, the Company boasts of having the best equipped facilities and the most highly advanced technology in the nation. As the leading Spinners of Ramie and Linen products, TOSCO dominates the Japanese market so much. In fact, the name of TOSCO, is known ASA synonym of superior qualities in markets throughout the world.

The Company established a Canvas Division in 1943 while a special Plastic Division emerged in 1965. Both of these continue the TOSCO tradition of seeking ways to develop newer and better products and of expanding its services to other international markets.

On July 1, 1985, the Company changed its name from Toyo Sen-i Co., Ltd. to TOSCO CO., Ltd. as a part of its endeavor to consolidate its activities under a single name.

As civilization develops, it tends to move away from natural things towards those produced by technology. TOSCO appreciates that as this trend continues, so does a growing need for human beings to get closer to nature. One way to satisfy this urge is to use garments made wholly or partly of natural fibers. TOSCO's natural Ramie and Linen fabrics bring nature closer to humans and contribute to greater harmony with humans and peace in their daily living.

TOSCO makes assonance doubly sure for the quality control. All of its products and activities demonstrate this policy. Namely, restaurants, sports facilities, driving schools, warehousing, transportation, all contribute to the betterment of humans' life styles and enjoyment.

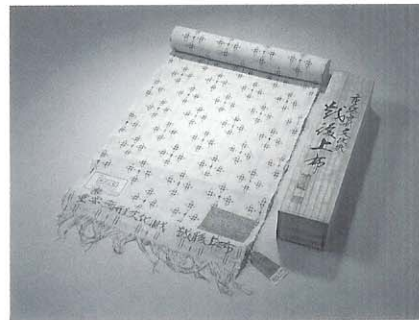
RAMIE AND LINEN

Textile Fibers of Ancient Civilizations Still Fashionable Today

Ramie and Linen fibers have been serving humanity for well over ten thousand years. References to them can be found in the histories of most subtropical civilizations, such as in a story of the famous Egyptian Queen, Cleopatra, or, closer to home, in the classical poetry of Japan, not to mention, some of the favorite legends of the lands of early Europe. All these confirm that Ramie and Linen have been an important textile mainstay for many races down through history.

Ramie fiber, formerly known as "Silky Ramie" was first discovered in China. The NIHON SHOKI, Japan's oldest historical book, which was published in the eighth century, relates that Ramie had been grown in Japan since the Asuka period (early 6th to 7th century) for making fabrics.

Typical woven Ramie fabrics are fabricated from such traditional techniques as "ECHIGO JOFU", "OJIYA CHIJIIMI" (crepe), "NOTO JOFU" and "OHMI JOFU".



Echigo Jofu

The Ramie plant itself is a perennial which flourishes in regions in which the climate is warm and humid. It grows to a height of from one and a half to two meters and as many as three crops can be harvested annually.

Today, China, Brazil and the Philippines are the main cultivators.

Thus, both Ramie and Linen fabrics have adorned human beings for centuries and testify as to the quality of the daily life and culture in those days which provide a rich storehouse of legends. Ramie and Linen fabrics are used widely throughout the world for wearing apparel, including both the traditional Japanese kimono and dresses of high fashion. It seems extremely likely that with the further development of textile technology, even wider applications for these durable and practical fabrics will be found.



Ramie Field



Flax Field (Raw material of Linen)

PRIMARY PRODUCTS

Products	Description
All Ramie/Linen	Raw Fibers Various Types of Textile Materials, Men's and Women's Clothing, Shirts and Blouses, Handkerchiefs, Men's and Women's Knitwears, Wearing and Knitting, Yarns, Interior and Bedding Products, Foundations, Underwear and Kimonos. Original threads for various materials
Ramie/Linen Synthetic Blend	Ramie Polyester Blend Shirts and Blouses, Men's and Women's Clothing, Kimonos, Underwear, Men's and Women's Knitwears, Interior and Bedding Products, Foundations, Shirts and Clothing for Official Agencies, Work Clothing and Secondary Products, Weaving and Knitting Yarns.
Ramie/Linen and Other Blended	Men's and Women's Clothing, Shirts and Blouses, Underwears, Knitwears, Undergarments, Weaving and Knitting yarns, and Interior and Bedding Products Using Mixed Blending and Mixed Weaving of Ramie with Cotton, Silk, Wool, Rayon, etc.
Canvas	Filter Cloth Cotton Canvas, Blended Canvases, Work Clothing, Bags, Karate Wear, Hood for Truck and Tents. Thick-woven, Casual products
Plastic	Weak Ground Surface Treatment (for Construction Uses) Suction and Erosion Prevention Materials (for Construction Uses) Leak-Prevention Materials (for Construction Uses) Frost and Sun Protection of Tea, Mushrooms, Vegetables, Tobacco, etc. (for Agricultural Uses) Moisture Retention for Paddy Rice, Strawberries, Vegetables, etc. (for Agricultural Uses) Rapid-Drying Prevention of Leaf Tobacco, Cold Insulation Covers for Vegetables, Plants, Fruits, Mushrooms, etc., and Cold Insulation Covers for Barns and Silkworm Breeding Houses, Cargo Warehouses and Garages, Concrete Curing, as well as Fish and Food Products (for General Uses). Protection and Frost Protection of Golf Grass and Greens.
Products of new materials	Raw material for cosmetics, agent to improve the touch Raw material for cosmetics, agent to improve synthetic leather Raw material for cosmetics Stiffener for construction materials Household articles Material for the protection and cultivation of lawns, etc. Basic cloth for ink jet printers



Ramie Head Rest Cover of the Super express Train (Shinkansen)



Ramie Blended Uniform

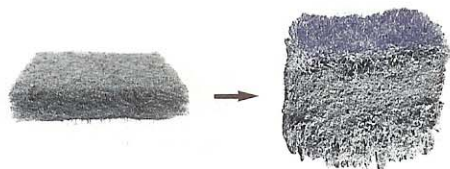


Pure Ramie, Pure Linen, and Blended Products (Interior Goods)



Flameproof products Canvas products

Pure Ramie, Pure Linen, and Blended Products (Fashion Goods)



Protector for Growing turfs

