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“Big Step” and “Big Fit” — Soon to be completed

Subsequent to the completion of the “Big Wing” state-of-the-art elevator research and production base, construction has been steadily proceeding to plan and is nearing completion on the “Big Step” escalator research and production base and the “Big Fit” base for field engineering and wider-area natural disaster countermeasures.

The “Big Step” site, located in Toyooka, Hyogo Prefecture, features new office and plant facilities to further expand production systems and R&D capabilities. The new office facilities were recently completed. With renovation work on the existing plant buildings making steady progress,

all construction work is slated for completion in the next spring. With a view to further expanding its operations, the “Big Step” aims to create an integrated system that enables a speedy process from escalator development to production.

The “Big Fit” site, which is located on the former head office site in Ibaraki, Osaka Prefecture, brings together the Field Engineering Research Institute and the Field Training Center currently in operation. It will also bring together the “Safenet Center” for elevator remote monitoring, the Service and Modernization Division, and the Parts Center, a components supply hub capable of supplying to markets around the globe.

The “Big Fit” site is scheduled for completion in February of 2010 as a core base for assuring higher levels of safety and confidence through steady advances in field engineering capabilities.



Big Fit (rendering)



Big Step