Brief History

Company events	Year	National, world events
Kansai Electric Power Company Inc. established in tandem with reorganization of Japan's power industry	1951	Signing of San Francisco Peace Treaty
Nuclear Power Department founded to conduct research and development of nuclear power	1957	
Successful installation of transmission line across Naruto Strait using balloon method (first in the world)	1961	
Completion of Kurobegawa No.4 plant after 7 years of difficult construction	1963	
Summer peak power output exceeds winter peak for first time	1966	
Inauguration of company's first nuclear power plant (Mihama No.1)	1970	Osaka Expo '70
	1973	First oil crisis
Completion of 500 kV trunk network	1976	
Completion of LNG storage facilities at Himeji No.2 plant	1979	Second oil crisis; Three Mile Island nuclear power plant accident
Inauguration of domestic power industry's first total quality control (TQC) program	1981	
Recipient of Deming Award (first outside the manufacturing and construction industries)	1984	
	1986	Chernobyl nuclear power plant disaster in the Soviet Union
Annual energy sales exceed 100 billion kWh for first time	1987	
	1990	International Garden and Greenery Exposition held in Osaka
Accident involving broken steam generator tube at Mihama No.2 plant	1991	Persian Gulf Crisis
Institute of Nuclear Safety System, Inc. (INSS) established in response to 1991 accident	1992	United Nations Conference on Environment and Development ("Earth Summit") convened in Brazil
Electric Utility Industry Law revised for first time in 31 years, enabling deregulation of wholesale power operations, etc.	1995	Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake
Electricity rate reductions implemented; Organized first bidding for wholesale power supply	1996	
	1997	Third session of Conference on Parties to United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP3) held in Kyoto
Electricity rate reductions implemented	1998	
Revisions to Electric Utility Industry Law amended, ushering in liberalization of retail power operations; Implemented first electricity rate reductions using new rate-reporting system	2000	
System peak demand sets new record (33,060 MW) for first time in 5 years	2001	
Electricity rate reductions implemented	2002	

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