

Press Release

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Digital transformation of the manufacturing industry: DMG MORI celebrates the founding of WALC Inc.

DMG MORI CO., LTD. (hereinafter referred to as "DMG MORI") celebrated the founding of its new subsidiary "WALC Inc." with an opening ceremony on July 15th, 2022. DMG MORI established WALC on April 1, 2022, to promote the digital transformation of the manufacturing industry through the development of advanced technology with AI, IoT and cloud computing.

WALC was preceded by the "Emerging Technology Laboratory" originally established at DMG MORI's Global Headquarters in Tokyo back in 2017 with the mission to develop human resources to lead the digital transformation of the manufacturing industry. In 2018, the Laboratory was moved to DMG MORI's Digital Innovation Center and evolved into WALC four years later. WALC has inherited the mission of its predecessor and develops software services to promote digitization in the manufacturing industry. WALC is located in Shibuya in central Tokyo, home to many IT companies, which provides the opportunity to actively recruit talents in the IT industry for full-time positions or internships. The company name "WALC" means "Waltz" in Polish, a ballroom dance based on triple meter. Accordingly, WALC's philosophy is to cultivate talented engineers with masterful skills in the three key elements of digitization: AI, IoT and cloud computing.

These accumulated skills and talents take shape in various services developed at WALC. One of them is "BR Controller", a software for automatic operation and high-precision gripping designed for DMG MORI's WH-AMR robot. In addition, WALC is currently working on a health monitoring service for predictive maintenance of machine tools (WALC CARE), automatic image recognition for external inspection (WALC VISION), an analysis tool for human work and machine conditions (WALC EYE), and an analysis tool for text data (WALC COMPREHEND).

walc (Logo of WALC)

◆Company Overview

Company name:	WALC Inc.
Business operations:	Software development & services
Established:	April 1, 2022
Address:	13-15 Sakuragaoka-cho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo
Representative:	Masahiko Mori (Chairman), Tsutomu Sakurai (President)
Capital:	JPY 10 million (100% investment by DMG MORI CO., LTD.)
Employee number:	15 (plus 8 interns) *as of July 15, 2022
Total office space:	720 m ² (Floor: B1, 5F)
Facilities:	Office, experiment space, conference room, café
Homepage:	https://walc.co.jp/



Japanese opening ceremony “Kagami-biraki”:
Breaking of Sake barrel*



Office

*From the left: Kentaro Blumenstengel (Director of WALC Inc., President and Representative Director of TECHNIUM CO., LTD.), Tsutomu Sakurai (President of WALC Inc.), Masahiko Mori (Chairman of WALC Inc., President and Representative Director of DMG MORI CO., LTD.)



Office building



Space for robot experiments