See life in harmony

Humans on land and the creatures of the sea, we strive to create an environment which brings us closer together. A new form of communication between man and ocean through invisible acrylic panels.
Who can you trust?

NIPPURA brings your design dreams to life.

We make crystal clear acrylic panels that we form, join, and freely process to make giant windows and intricately shaped aquarium tanks. Our technological and planning capabilities have made it possible for us to “fabricate” the largest and most complex aquariums in the world but we believe it is the power of dreams that has driven us to “create” wonder.
Hands of Craft

Our Hands produce the world’s largest acrylic panels.

Regardless of the size, small or large, we produce each panel under exacting tolerances and crystal clarity. At this level of detail, you have to depend on more than just exacting machines and precise technology; you have to have skilled hands of “craft”. We develop each of our technicians to fully utilize all of their senses to become master craftsmen contributing to the team and producing perfection. We continually push through the boundary of possible.
We make aquariums that are fun and beneficial for the inhabitants.

Making Life Exciting

By incorporating interactive features in our aquariums we provide more stimulating and beneficial settings for the inhabitants; creating an even more entertaining experience for the visitors. By having a firm grasp of ecological conditions and technical know how, we are able to continually design and produce new tanks.

Make the inhabitants happy and you will have happy visitors.
The summer I fell in love with a dolphin.

I will always remember
My first visit to the aquarium
and meeting you
Your sleek body and the brilliant blue
I felt as if I could just reach out
and touch you
I didn’t want to leave

NIPPURA Aquarium Solutions
With just one glance, an experience of a lifetime.
Our goal is to achieve that feeling with every panel.
We deliver excitement

For each dream we created a tank brimming with life and excitement. Before we knew it, we had circled the globe, here we go again...

Dome Tank
The 360° dome tank reveals the world within from every angle.

Unit Tank
Tanks with integral life support systems for efficiency and convenience.

Oval Tank
Ideal for exhibiting sunfish and migratory fish normally very difficult to raise in captivity.

Donut-shaped Tank
Seals frolic round and round above and below the natural water level.

Cylinder Tank
Stand-alone acrylic tanks of any diameter imaginable.

Giant Acrylic Panel Tank
Our polymer bonding technology maintains unrivalled crystal clarity. We also chemically join on site to form giant aquatic tanks.

New Inspiration
We continue shaping new ideas as we broaden our horizons beyond the conventional to new aquatic encounters.

Scope of Business
- Large Size Acrylic Aquarium Viewing Windows "Aquawall"®
- Aquarium Tank FRP Waterproofing System "Sumilining"®
- Aquarium Environment Display "Therming"
- Rear Projection Screen "Blue Ocean"®
- Design and Planning of New Aquarium Facilities
- Aquarium Environments
- Cutting Edge Life Support Systems
- Hi-Tech "R&D" improving the efficiency and performance of our unit life support systems
- Blue Ocean - Stainless steel high-definiion protection system up to 360 inches which harness the full power of "H20" projection
Case Study | We don’t just do what we can. We do what we dream.

Mission 1
Create exhibit spaces that soothe the soul & inspire.

Mission 2
Make the visitors feel there is nothing between them and the sea.

Solution
Unique Infinite Depth View Tanks.

Produce a tank that has a borderless, infinite depth view of the mysterious world of jellies. Our blue layer acrylic technology allows for amazing infinite depth effect on any exhibit. With the addition of special lighting and audio effects, the exhibit becomes a crescendo of beauty and exhilaration.

Solution
Create a tunnel of full visibility.

The full tunnel takes visitors on a stroll underwater with an all encompassing view in all directions. Through close collaboration with the client in creating unique and practical designs, visitors are able to get a new perspective of aquarium life.
Case Study

Mission 3
To design exhibits that encourage lively, healthy and interesting behavior.

Mission 4
Produce a Tank that totally overwhelms the imagination.

Solution
Produce a tank which compliments the curiosity and instincts of the animal to dive and periscope.

A tank that makes the visitor want to stay and watch forever. Make a tank that the seals will love to live in. Overcome gravity with technology and a dash of daring and all involved reap the benefits.

Donut-shaped Tank

Solution
Make sure the visitor lets out an audible gasp from the force of the display.

We started with the eyes and thoughts of a child, make it gigantic, make it so big it becomes everything I see, make it so it overwhelms me. Forget limitations, just make it. With that attitude we have now set two Guinness records for the world’s largest acrylic panels.

Giant Acrylic Panel Tank
Craftsmanship

We call our factory the "Work Shop"

It's not just having computer-driven robotics, or the world's most technically sophisticated acrylic processing equipment. It's the expertise and skill of our craftspeople that have made NIPPURA known worldwide.

As every aspect of Acrylic is totally transparent, there is no hiding; every step must be directed by master craftsmanship. Whether polishing, molding or bonding, every process in the creation of acrylic panels requires the precision and delicacy of a surgeon.

Long lasting, durable, crystal clear Acrylic = Nippura Aquawall.
NIPPURA - dedicated to making your dreams come true

Making dreams into reality is what has driven us for the last 40 years. No challenge, no matter how big or how small, can stop us from reaching your dreams. Our aquariums have a spirit of curiosity and wonder that is best experienced than explained.

Around the world NIPPURA is uniquely uniting worlds of air and water — share your dreams with us...
NIPPURA CO., LTD.

Representative  
CEO: Tetsuhiro Shikiyama

Incorporated  
September 1969

Capitalization  
¥80 million

Principle Shareholders  
Tetsuhiro Shikiyama  
Sunitomo Chemical Co., Ltd.

Core Businesses  
Aqua-Wall™ design, fabrication and installation of large acrylic panels for aquariums.  
Sumlining™ aquarium waterproof lining construction  
BLUE OCEAN™ projection screen fabrication  
Planning, design, and consulting for aquariums and other facilities.

History

1969  
Nippura Kako Co., Ltd. incorporated in Takamatsu City, Kagawa Prefecture (Capital ¥1 million)

1970  
World's first acrylic free-swimming aquarium delivered to the Yoshima Yamanoue Aquarium

1974  
Kaiyo-Setsubi Co., Ltd. established

1976  
Head Office moved to Mure Town, Kita County, Kagawa Prefecture

1981  
Nippura Kako and Kaiyo-Setsubi merged to form Nippura Kaiyo-Setsubi Co., Ltd. (Capital increased to ¥10 million)

1982  
Expanded into the overseas market

1989  
Shido Factory started operation

1991  
Capital increased to ¥40 million

1993  
North America Office opened (Seattle, Washington, USA)

1995  
Capital increased to ¥80 million

1996  
Social Office established. Company name changed to NIPPURA CO., LTD. accompanying expanding business and changing circumstances.

1998  
Local subsidiary U.S. NIPPURA INC. established (North Carolina, USA)

1999  
North America Office closed to transfer operations to U.S. NIPPURA INC.

2001  
New Head Office & Factory built at the current location

2002  
Social Office closed and operations moved to the Head Office

2003  
Head Office BLUE OCEAN showroom expanded

2003  
A single 22.5m W x 8.3m H x 60cm thick, 135 ton panel completed at the Okinawa Chura Umisalowater Aquarium. Set a Guinness world record.

2004  
Okinawa Factory started operation

2005  
Okinawa Factory expansion

2006  
Acquisition of Yoshima Aquarium – started operation after renovation works

2007  
Site for Kobe Factory acquired

2008  
A single 33m W x 8.3m H x 75cm thick, 230 ton panel completed in Dubai. Set a new Guinness world record.

2009  
Kobe Factory started operation at 4-5-7 Minatojima-minami-machi, Chuo-ku, Kobe