

## **Press Information**

# Kyocera Named Among Derwent Top 100 Global Innovators by Clarivate Analytics

Company's patent success rate, global reach recognized for fifth consecutive year

**Kyoto/London, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019.** Kyocera Corporation was recognized as one of the Derwent Top 100 Global Innovators 2018-19 by Clarivate Analytics, a Philadelphia-based global information solutions provider focusing on intellectual property and the sciences. Kyocera's patent success rate and global reach were identified as outstanding, marking the fifth consecutive for Kyocera to receive this recognition. The award was presented at Kyocera headquarters in Kyoto, Japan.

The Derwent Top 100 Global Innovators awards have been presented annually since 2011 to recognize leading enterprises and research institutions for success in generating innovation. Honorees are selected by Clarivate Analytics after an analysis of intellectual property (IP) and patents using Clarivate's original methodology.



Kyocera's Junichi Jinno (left), General Manager of Corporate Legal and Intellectual Property Group, receives trophy from Daniel Videtto, President of Clarivate Analytics IP & Standards (right)

Candidates are evaluated by patent and citation data across four main criteria: "Volume," "Success," "Globalization," and "Influence." Among these, Kyocera's "Success" and "Globalization" led to its recognition among the top innovators.



Kyocera's commitment to innovation has resulted in more than 18,000 patents<sup>1</sup> worldwide to date, as well as a deep respect for the IP rights of other companies and institutions. The company has established patent offices in Japan, the U.S., China, and Germany to maximize IP development and protection in its four principal business areas, which include the information & communications, automotive, environment & energy, and medical & healthcare markets. In May 2018, Kyocera launched its <u>IP website</u> to showcase its intellectual property and licensing programs. The site details various proprietary technologies cultivated through decades of research and development



including "V2X" (vehicle to everything) solutions; a new silver alloy that maintains the original shine of silver jewelry over time; and a new coating technology that extends the life expectancy of artificial hip joints, to name a few recent innovations.

Kyocera also recently received two awards for mobile phone designs: the "2018 Good Design <u>Award</u>" honoring the Kyocera "BASIO® 3" smartphone for seniors; and the prestigious <u>iF DESIGN</u> <u>AWARD 2019</u> for the Kyocera <u>DuraForce PRO 2</u> — the only rugged 4G LTE smartphone with a Super Wide View 4K Action Camera and virtually scratchproof <u>Sapphire Shield Display</u>.

### Methodology of Derwent Top 100 Global Innovators

Clarivate Analytics surveys four main criteria to select the Derwent Top 100 Global Innovators. Details are available at: <a href="https://clarivate.com/top100innovators/methodology/">https://clarivate.com/top100innovators/methodology/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on research by Kyocera (as of February 2019).



#### For more information on Kyocera: www.kyocera.co.uk

#### About Kyocera

Headquartered in Kyoto, Japan, Kyocera Corporation is one of the world's leading manufacturers of fine ceramic components for the technology industry. The strategically important divisions in the Kyocera Group, which is comprised of 264 subsidiaries (as of March 31, 2018), are information and communications technologies, products which increase quality of life, and environmentally friendly products. The technology group is also one of the oldest producers of solar energy systems worldwide, with more than 40 years of experience in the industry.

The company is ranked #522 on Forbes magazine's 2017 "Global 2000" listing of the world's largest publicly traded companies. With a global workforce of over 75,000 employees, Kyocera posted net sales of approximately €12.04 billion in fiscal year 2017/2018. The products marketed by the company in Europe include printers, digital copying systems, microelectronic components, and fine ceramic products. The Kyocera Group has two independent companies in the United Kingdom: Kyocera Fineceramics Ltd. and Kyocera Document Solutions.

The company also takes an active interest in cultural affairs. The Kyoto Prize, a prominent international award, is presented each year by the Inamori Foundation — established by Kyocera founder Dr. Kazuo Inamori — to individuals and groups worldwide who have contributed significantly to the scientific, cultural, and spiritual betterment of humankind (converted at approximately €764,000 per prize category).

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