

## Awarded Commandeur de l'Ordre de Léopold II by the King of the Belgians

Yamazaki Mazak Corporation (President: Tomohisa Yamazaki, Address: Oguchi-cho, Niwa-gun, Aichi-pref.) received Commandeur de l'Ordre de Léopold II from H.M. King Philippe, King of the Belgians.

The award ceremony was held at the Yamazaki Mazak Museum of Art (Higashi-ku, Nagoya-city) in Mazak Art Plaza on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May and the Order was presented by H.E. Mr. Kris Peeters, Vice Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Belgium.

Commandeur de l'Ordre de Léopold II is given to persons who have contributed to the development of Belgium. Yamazaki Mazak's 40 years of continuous business activities and the continuous investments including the establishment of the European Parts Center in Belgium were acknowledged to have contributed to the development of industry and the economy of the country.

To gain a foothold in the global market, YAMAZAKI MAZAK EUROPE N.V. was established in 1975, and also a Knockdown factory and office were established in Leuven near Brussels in 1977. The European Parts Center, supplying spare parts across Europe was established in 1990. On March 2015, the Parts Center was expanded with an automatic loading/unloading system which handles 20,000 different kinds of repair parts.

YAMAZAKI MAZAK EUROPE N.V., an important sales and service base in Europe, has been expanding its business for 40 years.

In the past, Mr. Teruyuki Yamazaki, a former president of YAMAZAKI MAZAK, was awarded Officier de l'Ordre de Léopold by H.M. the King of the Belgians in 1981.

### History of Yamazaki Mazak in Belgium (Reference)

Belgium and Yamazaki Mazak have built a deep relationship over the past 40 years. The company's first European office, YAMAZAKI MAZAK EUROPE N.V. was opened in Belgium in 1975, due to its multi-lingual citizens, location in the center of Europe and the proximity of the port of Antwerp. In 1990, Yamazaki Mazak established the European Parts Center at its facility near Brussels to provide quick supply of repair parts to its customers throughout Europe.

August 1975 : Established YAMAZAKI MAZAK EUROPE N.V., the first office in Europe

August 1977 : Knockdown factory and office were established in Leuven near Brussels

October 1979 : Completion of large expansion of Knockdown factory and office. (This facility today is a Technology Center)

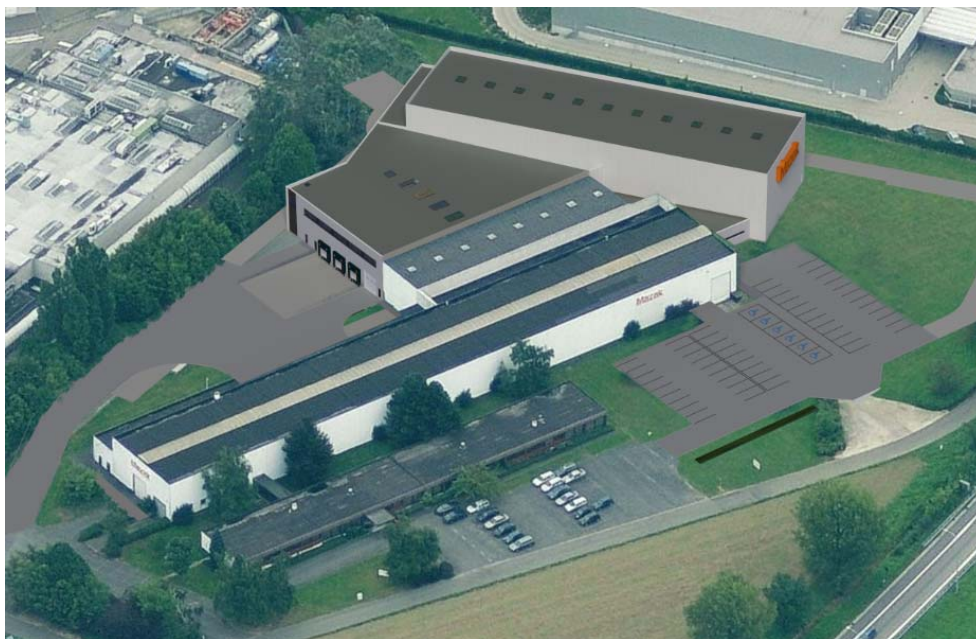
August 1981 : The late Teruyuki Yamazaki, President of Yamazaki Mazak, received the Order de Leopold

July 1985 : The late King Baudouin of Belgium and Prince Philippe of Belgium visited Yamazaki Mazak Minokamo Corporation.

April 1990 : European Parts Center, supplying spare parts across Europe was established

March 2015 : 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of operation in Belgium and expansion of European Parts Center

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