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- Greater Work Efficiency by Using Robots - Welcia Drug Store Opens Distribution Center -

Welcia Holdings Co., Ltd. (Head office, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President, Tadahisa Matsumoto) subsidiary Welcia Yakkyoku Co., Ltd. (Head office, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President, Tadahisa Matsumoto; "Welcia") on August 15 opened the Welcia Nishi-Kanto RDC distribution center at Ayase Logistics Center (Ayase City, Kanagawa Prefecture; the "new center") operated by SENKO Co., Ltd. (Head office, Kita-ku, Osaka; President, Kenji Sugimoto; "SENKO").



View of Welcia Nishi-Kanto RDC (Ayase Logistics Center)

The new center is located next to the new Ayase Smart IC on the Tomei Expressway that opened in March 2021 as the gateway to Ayase City, and with easy access to the Ken-O Expressway, it not only covers Tokyo and Kanagawa Prefectures, but caters to deliveries to Yamanashi and Nagano Prefectures. The area has a low risk of storm and flood damage as well as low risk of liquefaction caused by earthquakes, meaning the center allows for a non-stop distribution system even in the event of a major disaster. A dangerous goods warehouse has also been constructed on the site, providing storage for sanitary supplies like disinfecting alcohol, which has seen greater demand during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The new center features numerous large-scale facilities aimed at achieving significantly better work efficiency and laborsaving efforts. Automated warehousing and arm robots are being used to cover shipping work that had been conducted by workers using forklifts, particularly at night time when there are labor shortages. This system covers preparations for piecing work conducted by workers during the day.

By opening the industry's first large-scale distribution center, Welcia is consolidating existing



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logistics centers in the western Kanto region and keeping more stock on hand. These efforts will lead to a reduction in CO₂ emissions by operating fewer trucks, while also incorporating environmentally friendly designs like solar panel facilities.

SENKO is not only supporting its customers' supply chains by opening the new center, but is also aiming to strengthen its business foundation and delivery network in the western Kanto and Koshin regions.

<New Center overview>

1. Location: 720-1 Kozonoshimohara, Ayase City, Kanagawa Prefecture
2. Total floor area: 53,800 m²
3. Structure: Steel-framed, 4 story quake-resistant building
4. Facilities: Automated pallet warehouse, automated case warehouse, depalletizing arm robot, stacking arm robot, case storage equipment, piece sorter, case sorter, etc.
5. Lessor: Mitsui Fudosan Co., Ltd.
6. Reference press release:

<https://www.mitsuifudosan.co.jp/corporate/news/2022/0804/download/20220804.pdf>