

PRESS RELEASE

Pollen and KESCO announce strategic distribution partnership to accelerate AI-driven process control in Japan's high-tech industry

Moirans, France & Tokyo, Japan – June 9, 2025 – Pollen, a leading French provider of AI-powered process control software, today announced a strategic distribution partnership with Keisoku Engineering System Co., Ltd. (KESCO), a recognized expert in advanced R&D support and AI-driven optimization for Japan's manufacturing sector.

Through this collaboration, KESCO will distribute and support Pollen's Smart3 Suite across Japan, targeting both semiconductor and high-precision manufacturing industries. The partnership aims to bring next-generation process control capabilities to Japanese customers, combining Pollen's unique Collaborative AI platform with KESCO's proven engineering support.

"Japan is at the forefront of innovation in manufacturing, but it also faces increasing complexity in R&D and production," said Johann Foucher, CEO and Founder of Pollen. **"With KESCO's deep expertise in multiphysics, AI, and their trusted role in supporting Japan's industrial leaders, we see a powerful synergy to expand the impact of Smart3 across the Japanese ecosystem."**

Pollen's Smart3 Suite is a modular, open, and collaborative software platform designed to optimize manufacturing performance through AI-powered analysis of metrology, defect, and yield data. Already adopted by global equipment suppliers and device makers, Smart3 empowers teams to accelerate R&D, improve yield, and integrate AI directly into industrial workflows.

KESCO's Key Strengths Supporting the Partnership:

Over 20 years of experience in Japan's manufacturing industry, offering advanced software solutions and training for complex, high-precision R&D environments—including semiconductors and advanced materials.

Proven track record in AI-driven optimization, with real-world application of machine learning for defect detection, process variability, statistical process control, and digital twins—critical for embedding Smart3 into production and equipment environments.

"Smart3 offers exactly what our customers need today: a flexible, powerful, and AI-driven solution to help them manage growing complexity in production," said Tomohiro Nakano, Sales Marketing Manager, KESCO. **"We are excited to bring this breakthrough technology to Japan and support its adoption with our strong technical foundation."**

This partnership underscores Pollen's commitment to international growth and to working with local experts to drive transformation in advanced manufacturing.



About Pollen

Based in Moirans, France, Pollen develops Smart3, the only Collaborative AI platform designed to accelerate process optimization across metrology, inspection, and yield. Smart3 is used globally by semiconductor leaders, equipment makers, and materials innovators to improve process intelligence and manufacturing outcomes.

About Keisoku Engineering System Co., Ltd. (KESCO)

Headquartered in Tokyo, KESCO has supported Japan's high-tech industries for over two decades with advanced CAE tools, AI technologies, and training. The company is a trusted partner for manufacturers facing complex engineering challenges in semiconductors, materials science, and high-precision industries.

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