

AGC Opens New R&D Building Unveils open innovation space called "AO"

Tokyo, November 19, 2020 – AGC Inc.(AGC), a world-leading manufacturer of glass, chemicals and high-tech materials, has announced that it has completed a new R&D building at the AGC Yokohama Technical Center (Tsurumi-ku, Yokohama) at a total cost of approximately 20 billion yen. In the research building, a collaborative creation space called "AO (AO/AGC OPEN SQUARE)" has been established to accelerate internal and external collaboration. It will open on November 19, 2020.



Entrance area of the new research building

AGC is a materials manufacturer engaged in a wide range of businesses, including Electronics, Chemicals, and Ceramics, in addition to the Glass business on which it was founded. Over the 113 years since its establishment, AGC has combined various technologies cultivated in a range of fields and has provided new functions and value to people's lives together with the leading companies of the times.

As the speed of social change becomes faster and faster, materials development also needs to accelerate to keep pace. Against this backdrop, in 2018, AGC began construction of the new research building with the following two goals based on a concept of “a place for seamless internal and external integration, response, and collaboration.”

- 1) Significantly improve the speed of R&D through the consolidation and integration of the R&D functions related to basic technology, new products, processes, and facility technology, which had previously been dispersed in two locations
- 2) Create new business fields and new value by establishing a collaboration place to work with other companies and research institutions, together with laboratories to develop AGC’s unique basic technologies

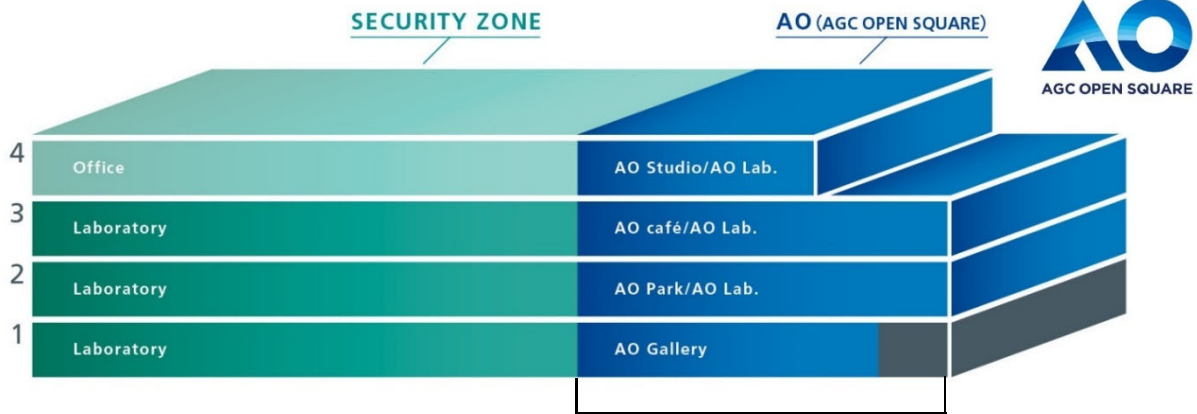
In the newly completed research building, in addition to the AGC-only area (SECURITY ZONE), a collaborative space "AO (AO/AGC OPEN SQUARE)" has been established as a place to accelerate collaboration with external partners such as clients, academia, and venture companies. Aiming to expand business and maximize value for visitors, we have established the following four facilities based on the concepts of "CONNTCT", "CREATE", and "MATERIALIZE".





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A place to CONNECT		A place to CREATE	
 <p>AO Gallery</p> <p>Entrance where visitors can experience AGC's new appeal through collaborative exhibitions with external partners that leverage AGC's materials and technologies.</p>	 <p>AO Park</p> <p>A hall where dialog takes place based on the various products and value that have been created through the connection between customer needs and AGC's seeds as well as the latest topics.</p>	 <p>AO Studio</p> <p>An exhibition area where AGC and its customers can envision ideas for the future while coming in contact with AGC's leading-edge materials and technologies.</p>	 <p>AO Lab.</p> <p>A collaboration laboratory to evaluate samples, build prototypes, and validate them with customers and external partners.</p>

The AGC Group will promote technological innovation to provide products and solutions that satisfy customers and add new value through internal and external collaboration under its **AGC plus** management policy.

<Reference Information>

About the AGC Group

AGC Inc. (Headquarters: Tokyo, President & CEO: Takuya Shimamura) is the parent company of the AGC Group, a world-leading glass solution provider and supplier of flat, automotive and display glass, chemicals, ceramics and other high-tech materials and components. Based on more than a century of technical innovation, the AGC Group has developed a wide range of cutting-edge products. The AGC Group employs some 50,000 people worldwide and generates annual sales of approximately 1.5 trillion Japanese yen through business in about 30 countries. For more information, please visit www.agc.com/en

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