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TDK recognized as Clarivate Top 100 Global Innovator for the twelfth time

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TDK Corporation (TSE: 6762) was recently named a 2026 Clarivate Top 100 Global Innovator, receiving particularly high evaluations for influence and rarity. For TDK, this is the twelfth time in total, and the ninth time in a row to receive this prestigious award.

Since 2012, the Clarivate program has identified companies at the pinnacle of the global innovation landscape by measuring the ideation culture that produces patents and drives growth. Clarivate measures patent influence, success, rarity, geographic investment, and other factors based on rigorous research utilizing proprietary analyses derived from Derwent World Patents Index (DWPI) and patent data from around the world.

"We are greatly honored to be recognized as a Clarivate Top 100 Global Innovator for the twelfth time, and for the ninth consecutive year," said Shuichi Hashiyama, CTO and Director at TDK Corporation. "In the TDK Group's Medium-term Plan, which started in the fiscal year March 2025, one of the major themes is evolving TDK's unique 'Ferrite Tree,' namely the strengthening of 'pre-financial capital' that will become a source of financial capital in the future. Intellectual property is an important element of our 'pre-financial capital,' and TDK promotes intellectual property activities in conjunction with the overall management and business strategies of TDK. The TDK Group actively promotes collaboration not only within the group but also beyond industry and sector boundaries, and in order to respond swiftly to increasingly complex and sophisticated technological demands, we will continue to work on providing new technologies and solutions required by our customers and society," Hashiyama added.

The TDK Group's intellectual property governance is based on Empowerment & Transparency, and practices decentralized intellectual property management that respects the circumstances and characteristics of each country and region. Intellectual property activities go beyond merely acquiring rights; they are linked to management and business strategies, aiming to directly connect IP investment to the creation of business value through contract optimization, market and technology analysis, and engagement with stakeholders, including investors. The diverse best practices accumulated at each region are shared and deployed globally, leveraging IP intelligence and networks to enhance the organization's technological capabilities and drive business growth. As a global company, TDK will continue to maximize regional strengths and achieve sustainable growth.

In 2025, TDK released several industry-leading innovations:

Spin Photo Detector, the world's first photo-spintronic conversion element combining optical, electronic, and magnetic elements that can respond at an ultra-high speed of 20 picoseconds (20×10^{-12} s) using light with a wavelength of 800 nm – more than 10X faster than conventional semiconductor-based photo detectors, it can be applied to photoelectronic conversion technology, which is expected to improve data processing speed and reduce power consumption, both critical for further AI evolution.

edgeRX Vision, an ultra-fast, AI-powered defect detection system that analyzes customer product images or movies and is capable of identifying components as small as 1 mm with exceptional precision, it boosts production efficiency by reducing false positives and minimizing downtime, operating at speeds of up to 2,000 parts per minute.

Analog reservoir AI chip, jointly developed a prototype using an analog electronic circuit that mimics the cerebellum with Hokkaido University, specializing in time-changing information, and achieves low power consumption and fast computation in ultra-low-power products such as the edge, which directly handles sensor data.

PositionSenseTM, a 2-chip 9-axis sensor solution for absolute orientation detection and fast sensor calibration at ultra-low power consumption, integrating TDK's 6-axis IMU and TDK's 3-axis TMR-based magnetometer, on-chip sensor fusion software, and off-chip pedestrian dead reckoning (PDR) software, enabling next-gen positioning accuracy for wearables, AR glasses, smartphones, and similar devices.

For details on the report and the full list of the Clarivate Top 100 Global Innovators 2026, visit [here](#).

About TDK Corporation

TDK Corporation (TSE:6762) is a global technology company and innovation leader in the electronics industry, based in Tokyo, Japan. With the tagline "In Everything, Better" TDK aims to realize a better future across all aspects of life, industry, and society. For over 90 years, TDK has shaped the world from within; from the pioneering ferrite cores to cassette tapes that defined an era, to powering the digital age with advanced components, sensors, and batteries, leading the way towards a more sustainable future. United by TDK Venture Spirit, a start-up mentality built on visions, courage and mutual trust, TDK's passionate team members around the globe pursue better—for ourselves, customers, partners, and the world. Today, the state-of-the-art technologies of TDK are in everything, from industrial applications, energy systems, electric vehicles, to smartphones and gaming, at the core of modern life. TDK's comprehensive, innovative-driven portfolio includes cutting-edge passive components, sensors and sensor systems, power supplies, lithium-ion and solid-state batteries, magnetic heads, AI and enterprise software solutions, and more—featuring numerous market-leading products. These are marketed under the product brands TDK, EPCOS, InvenSense, Micronas, Tronics, TDK-Lambda, TDK SensEI, and ATL. Positioning the AI ecosystem as a key strategic area, TDK leverages its global network across the automotive, information and communication technology, and industrial equipment sectors to expand its business in a wide range of fields. In fiscal 2025, TDK posted total sales of USD 14.4 billion and employed about 105,000 people worldwide.

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