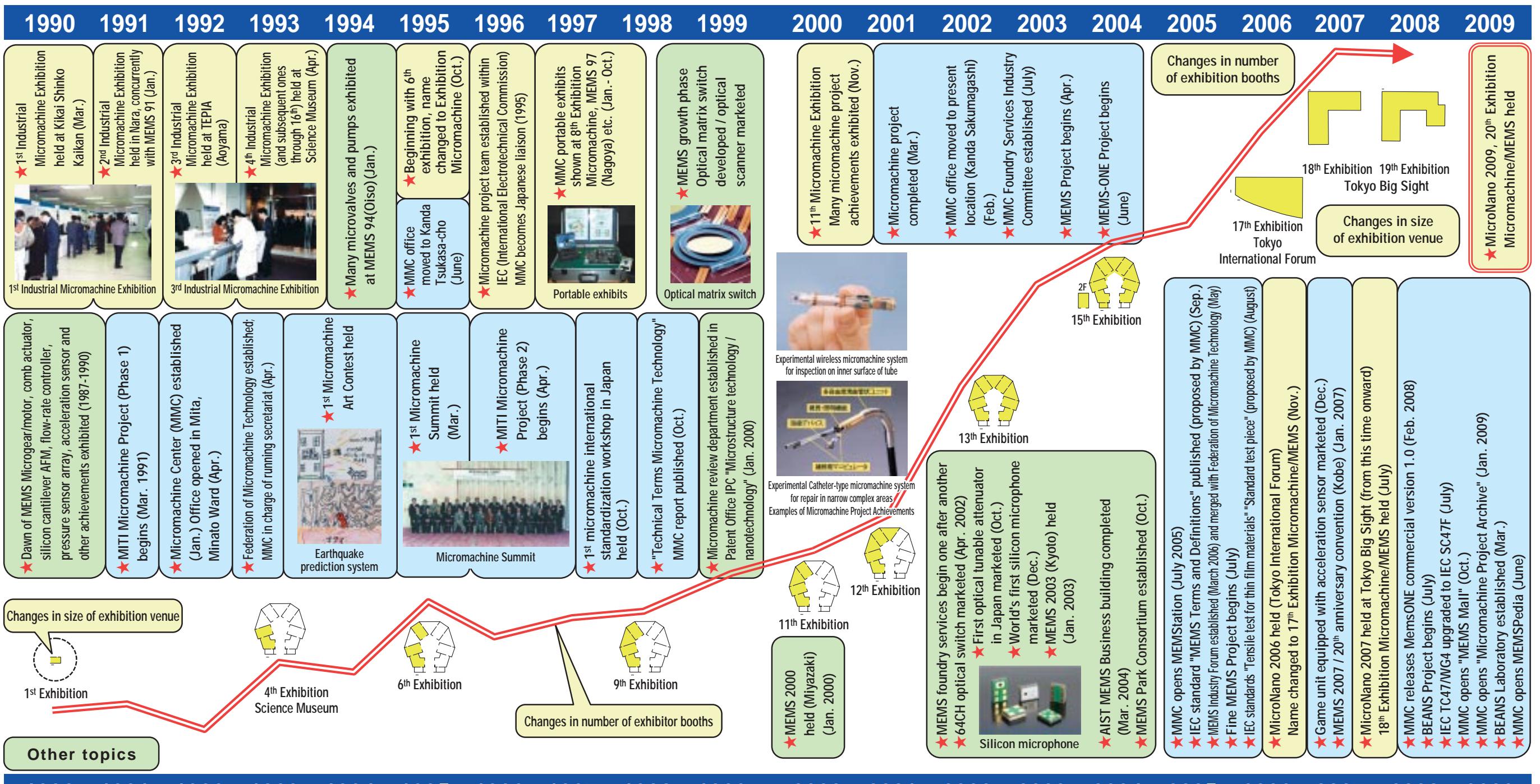


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1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009		
Reunification of Germany (Oct.)																					
Mr. Akiyama becomes Japan's first astronaut (Dec.)	Gulf War begins (Jan.)																				
Carbon nanotubes discovered (June)	Rio Summit held (June)																				
Astronaut Mohri boards space shuttle (Sep.)	J-League founded (May)																				
Japan's first Internet service begins (July)	Website for prime minister's office established (Aug.)																				
Nobel Prize for literature awarded to Mr. Oe (Oct.)	Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake (Jan.)	"Windows 95" released (Nov.)	"Dolly", world's first cloned sheep, born (July)	"0157" infection / mass outbreak of food poisoning (July)	"Tamagocchi" and "Pokemon" become popular (Apr.)	COP3 Kyoto Protocol adopted (Dec.)	Winter Olympics held in Nagano (Feb.)	Google, Inc. established (Sep.)	Euro (EU currency integration) (Jan.)	"Aibo" domestic robot marketed (June)	Nobel Prize for Chemistry awarded to Prof. Shirakawa (Oct.)	BS digital broadcasting begins (Dec.)	9/11 attacks in U. S. (Sep.)	Nobel Prize for Physics awarded to Prof. Noyori (Oct.)	World Cup held in Japan and South Korea (May)	Nobel Prize awarded to Prof. Koshiba and Mr. Tanaka (Sep.)	Human genome project completed (Apr.)	Terrestrial digital broadcasting begins (Dec.)	Chuetsu Earthquake (Niigata Prefecture) (Oct.)	Aichi Expo held (Mar.)	Earthquake-resistant strength deception discovered (Nov.)
																	Tetra Rapid Transit Authority privatized (Apr.)		One-segment broadcasting begins (Aug.)		
																	Pluto downgraded from planet to dwarf planet (Aug.)		Many occurrences of deceptive food relabeling discovered (Aug.)		
																	Postal services privatized (Oct.)		Worldwide financial crisis (Sep.)		
																	Nobel Prize awarded to Prof. Nambu and two others (Oct.)		Obama J. D. inaugurated as U. S. President (Jan.)		
																			H1N1 influenza virus pandemic (Apr.)		