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Carrier to Celebrate Air Conditioning Invention Day in July

Celebrating Historic Achievement of Willis Carrier, Inventor of Modern Air Conditioning

TOKYO, Jan. 22, 2026 – Carrier is pleased to announce that July 17 has been officially recognized as “Air Conditioning Invention Day” by the Japan Anniversary Association. This special day commemorates the pioneering achievement of Dr. Willis Carrier, founder of Carrier and inventor of modern air conditioning. [Carrier Japan Corporation](#) is a part of Carrier Global Corporation (NYSE: CARR), global leader in intelligent climate and energy solutions.

In 1902, Willis Carrier designed an air-cooling system to control humidity and improve print quality at a New York printing plant. On July 17 of that year, he added his initials to the mechanical drawing he had created as a mark of approval—an act widely regarded as the starting point of modern air conditioning technology. His innovation not only transformed indoor comfort but also laid the foundation for advancements that continue to shape industries and enhance lives over a century.

As climate change accelerates, the role of air conditioning in society has become increasingly vital. Carrier Japan is committed to revisiting the origins of this technology and sharing the value and significance broadly across Japan. Establishing “Air Conditioning Invention Day” reflects its dedication to honoring this legacy and raising awareness of the importance for the future.

A certificate presentation ceremony was held on January 16 at Carrier Japan’s headquarters in Tokyo. The ceremony welcomed Mr. Tomoyasu Tamiya, Executive Director of the Japan Anniversary Association, and was attended by Michael Gierges, President of Asia Pacific, Middle East, and Africa, Carrier. Many Carrier Japan employees also participated, both in person and online.

“The establishment of ‘Air Conditioning Invention Day’ is a meaningful milestone in sharing our founder’s legacy in Japan,” said Toru Kubo, President of Carrier Japan. “Air conditioning has played a vital role in addressing long-standing challenges facing people and society, and its importance continues to grow. By honoring this history, we reaffirm our commitment carrying forward Willis Carrier’s passion and to fulfilling our purpose of *Enhancing the Lives We Live and the World We Share*.”

About Carrier Japan

Carrier Japan provides sustainable solutions integrating energy efficient products for residential, light commercial and industrial customers. Carrier Japan is a part of Carrier Global Corporation (NYSE: CARR), global leader in intelligent climate and energy solutions, committed to creating innovations that bring comfort, safety and sustainability to life. For more information, visit [Carrier HVAC Asia Pacific](#).

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(From left to right) Mineo Maruyama, Vice President, Carrier Japan; Toru Kubo, President, Carrier Japan; Tomoyasu Tamiya, Secretary General, Japan Anniversary Association; and Michael Gierges, President, Climate Solutions Asia Pacific, Middle East & Africa, participated in the Jan. 16 event at Carrier Japan's headquarters in Tokyo.