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Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd.
ShinMaywa Industries, Ltd.

Yamaha Motor and ShinMaywa Sign Joint Research Agreement for Next-Generation Small Aircraft

Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Iwata, Shizuoka Prefecture, Japan; President, CEO and Representative Director: Yoshihiro Hidaka) and ShinMaywa Industries, Ltd. (Headquarters: Takarazuka, Hyogo Prefecture, Japan; President and CEO: Tatsuyuki Isogawa) have signed an agreement for the joint research of next-generation small aircraft.

Under this agreement, Yamaha Motor will explore avenues for adapting its small-engine technologies to the aviation industry.

ShinMaywa will adapt its aircraft engineering technologies and expertise—garnered through the development of flying boats and various other aircraft—to designing concepts, constructing prototypes, conducting tests, verify autonomous technology and more for small aircraft.

Both companies will use this joint research endeavor to explore possibilities for the commercialization of next-generation small aircraft, and take into consideration the direction and future of the project based on market interest and other factors.



Base engine built by Yamaha Motor scheduled for installation in the prototype aircraft



Prototype aircraft procured and assembled by ShinMaywa to be used in early-stage flight tests