

# Press Release



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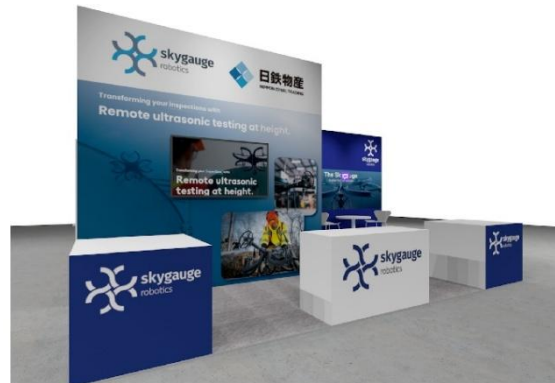
NIPPON STEEL TRADING CORPORATION

## Exhibiting Skygauge Robotics' Non-Destructive inspection Drone at Japan's Largest Drone Exhibition "Japan Drone 2026"

Nippon Steel Trading Corporation (hereinafter referred to as "our company") will exhibit at Japan Drone 2026, one of Japan's largest specialized drone exhibitions, to be held at Makuhari Messe from June 3 (Wed) to June 5 (Fri), 2026. At our booth, we will showcase the non-destructive inspection drone manufactured by Skygauge Robotics (hereinafter referred to as "Skygauge") of Canada, with whom our company holds exclusive distribution rights in Japan, along with the latest model currently under development.



Non-destructive inspection performed by drone



Exhibition booth image

Skygauge's drone is equipped with a proprietary contact mechanism that enables the aircraft to press stably against inspection surfaces while in flight. This technology allows ultrasonic thickness measurements to be performed on steel structures, tanks, piping, bridges, plant facilities, and other assets without the need for staging or rope access traditionally required for high-risk or hard-to-reach locations. The use of this drone contributes to reducing workload during inspections, shortening equipment downtime, and strengthening overall safety.

In Japan, where aging infrastructure and a shortage of skilled inspectors have become social concerns, expectations for drone-based non-destructive inspection technologies continue to grow each year. Leveraging our expertise cultivated in the steel and industrial equipment sectors, together with our global network, our company promotes the provision of optimal solutions to customers across Japan.

At our exhibition booth, visitors will be able to view the actual drone units, inspection demonstration videos, and a range of related technologies such as brush-cleaning and coating payloads. We look forward to welcoming all those seeking to enhance and modernize their facility maintenance operations.

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■ Overview

Exhibition	Japan Drone 2026 (11th)
Dates	June 3 (Wed) – June 5 (Fri), 2026
Time	10 : 00 ~ 17 : 00
Venue	Makuhari Messe (Booth No.: BB-7)
URL	<a href="https://ssl.japan-drone.com/en_la/index.html">https://ssl.japan-drone.com/en_la/index.html</a>

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We have signed an exclusive domestic sales agreement in Japan with Canada's Skygauge, a company developing innovative "non-destructive inspection drones."

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