

Japan's Shimadzu merges UK business to strengthen capabilities for MS and XPS instruments

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Japan-based Shimadzu Corporation has merged its UK group company, Shimadzu Research Laboratory (Europe) into Kratos Analytical, with Kratos as the surviving company. Concurrently, personnel from the Mass Spectrometry Business Unit Overseas of Shimadzu UK have been transferred to Kratos.

The companies have subsequently commenced operations under the new structure, with the aim of strengthening Shimadzu's development capabilities for mass spectrometers (MS) and X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) instruments.

Through this organisational restructuring, R&D and production functions have been consolidated, enhancing agile development capabilities for MS and XPS in Europe. Both products are analytical instruments that support R&D in fields such as medical care, drug discovery, food, the environment, semiconductors, and batteries.

Kratos is a development and manufacturing centre for matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionisation time-of-flight mass spectrometers (MALDI-TOFMS). Before receiving the 2002 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, Shimadzu Executive Research Fellow Koichi Tanaka engaged in research and development at Kratos and SRL for approximately six years.