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Doutor Coffee Co., Ltd.

Nagase & Co., Ltd.

Doutor Coffee Introducing Environmentally-friendly Packaging for Coffee Beans Sold at Storefronts—Bringing “Sustainable Deliciousness” in Coffee Closer to Home with TIMELESS® Sold by Nagase & Co.

Doutor Coffee Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Shibuya-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director and President: Tadanori Hoshino) will begin using TIMELESS® (*1) valveless technology, which Nagase & Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director, President and CEO Hiroyuki Ueshima) is the sole distributor of for coffee-related uses, for the packaging of its regular coffee beans sold in Doutor Coffee Shop storefronts and online, starting from July 2026. This initiative will introduce environmentally-friendly packaging for household coffee beans frequently used by customers, decreasing their environmental burden and reducing the amount of plastic used.

Doutor Coffee previously used TIMELESS® for its limited-edition Hatsugama coffee set and for some business products, working to improve the sustainability of the coffee industry as a whole. With the goal of further expanding this initiative, Doutor Coffee will be shifting to the use of TIMELESS® for the packaging of some regular coffee bean products sold at Doutor Coffee Shops (such as Hawaii Kona Blend). This will create an environment where it is easier for customers who regularly use Doutor Coffee Shops to choose environmentally-friendly packaging.

Through the expansion of TIMELESS® and the introduction of equipment using it, Doutor Coffee and Nagase & Co. will contribute to increasing the sustainability of the coffee industry as a whole.

■Doutor Coffee Shop Coffee Bean Lineup (Applicable Packages Only)

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■Characteristics of TIMELESS®, With High Expectations from the Coffee Industry

Coffee beans release carbon dioxide gas after being roasted and a method to release this gas is necessary to prevent sealed packaging from bursting. Previously, plastic valves were added to bags to release this gas, but had issues such as growing numbers of parts, recyclability, and the amount of plastic used. TIMELESS®, a unique technology developed and patented by MIB Co., Ltd. and sold by Nagase & Co., creates fine flow paths in the seal of the bags, making plastic valves unnecessary to release the gas from the coffee beans. This is a pioneering initiative in the coffee industry, expected to significantly reduce the environmental burden by reducing the number of plastic valves used, improve production efficiency by reducing the number of parts made and processes necessary, and increase the freedom of packaging design.

◆Introduction of TIMELESS® technology: [TIMELESS® | NAGASE Group](#) (Japanese only)

*1: TiMELESS® is a gas control technology developed and patented by MIB Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Shibuya-ku, Tokyo; CEO: Toru Watanabe) applicable to film and paper packaging materials.

*2: A limited edition coffee set sold on Doutor Coffee's online shop. The first beans roasted in the New Year are used, and since the 2023 edition they have been using TiMELESS® bags.

December 8, 2022 Press Release

<https://www.doutor.co.jp/news/newsrelease/detail/20221207095606.html> (Japanese only)

*3: About Doutor Coffee and Nagase & Co.'s initiatives—

June 4, 2025 Press Release

<https://www.doutor.co.jp/news/newsrelease/detail/20250602113607.html> (Japanese only)

Doutor Coffee Profile

- Company Name: Doutor Coffee Co., Ltd.
- Head Office: Shibuya-ku, Tokyo
- Representative: Representative Director and President Tadanori Hoshino
- Business Overview: Production, acquisition, roasting, and wholesale/retail sales of coffee beans
- URL: <https://www.doutor.co.jp/> (Japanese only)

Nagase & Co. Profile

- Company Name: Nagase & Co., Ltd.
- Head Office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
- Representative: Representative Director, President and CEO Hiroyuki Ueshima
- Business Overview: Import/export and domestic sales of chemicals, plastics, electronics materials, cosmetics and health foods
- URL: <https://www.nagase.co.jp/english/>

MIB Profile

- Company Name: MIB Co., Ltd.
- Head Office: Shibuya-ku, Tokyo
- Representative: CEO Toru Watanabe
- Business Overview: Sales of packaging and packaging materials; development, manufacture, and sales of supersonic sealing technology
- URL: <https://www.mibjp.com/> (Japanese only)

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