



Dohitomi & Co., Ltd is located in the small town of Tojo, Japan. Its history goes back to 1892, when fish hooks were made by villagers in a very primitive method, to earn extra income. Late Mr. Tomitaro Dohi, being a foresighted and ambitious man, thought of mechanizing the industry. As no electric power was available in that age, he used an old-fashioned oil engine and began manufacturing Japan's first machine-made hooks in 1910. ***After WWII, Mr. Tomitaka Dohi developed fully-automated machines along with continuous tempering plants to meet the increased demand. Now Maruto can produce 100 million hooks monthly.***

Prior to the use of the fish hook machine, craftsmen painstakingly filed down and bent hooks by hand, piece by piece. It was hard and daily output was no more than 1,000 pieces. Being keenly aware of the need to modernize the process, Tomitaro studied hard and finally succeeded in production of the first machine-made fish hooks in 1907, with the help of then-craftsmen Jyutaro Fujiwara and Ryukichi Tanaka.

In 1949, Tomitaka Dohi, the successor of Tomitaro Dohi, invented the first automatic fish hook machine in Japan. Since then, Maruto has been constantly making modifications and improvements to the machine, broadening its application and making it more sophisticated, in order to meet customers' various needs. On the Constitution Day in Japan, November 3, 1950, Tomitaro received an award from Governor of Hyogo Prefecture to praise his great contribution in promoting and developing the regional industry.

"With these great achievements and efforts made by our founder in mind, we have always been committed to the improvement of fish hook machine, standardization of quality, and cost reduction."

Excerpts from Yoshiro Dohi, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dohitomi & Co., Ltd.

On September 30, 2008, Dohitomi & Co., Ltd received the new JIS Certificate from Japan Quality Assurance Organization (JIA). Presently Maruto and Maruto Eagle Wave brands made by Dohitomi & Co., Ltd. are some of the best selling hook brands in the world, exporting more than 10,000 different hook patterns to more than 100 countries. With the ability to produce 100 million hooks per month, Dohitomi & Co., Ltd., boasts to have been the first manufacturer in Japan to employ fish hook machines and a modernized manufacturing process.

Angler Innovations, Inc., is proud to be the exclusive regional distributor of these fine hooks which meet our goal in providing "The edge for the passionate."