

# Why I choose CO<sub>2</sub> for my new cold storage?

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#### Profile: Shigekatsu Koganemaru

- President of Yoshio Ice Manufacturing and Refrigeration Co,LTD, Fukuoka
- Company founded in 1935, 83years family business
- A board member of Japan Association of Refrigerated Warehouses, Vise chairman of the Environment & Safety Committee
- Chairman of Fukuoka Refrigeration Safety Association
- Career started in 1979



### 68% Cold Storage still use R22

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67.6 %

14.0 %

11.3 %

5.7 %

1.0 %

0.2 %

0.1 %

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▶ 90% of cold storage are owned by small or medium size companies →need longer time to change R22 to new refrigerant



## Cold Storage Owners seeking new option instead of R22

- R22 no longer new option after 2020
- New option  $\rightarrow$  Safety, Easy to handle, Better COP, Low Maintenance Cost
- Natural refrigerant  $\rightarrow$  no F-gas regulation for the future











## My experience about ammonia

- My first job: handling refrigeration machinery
- In the 1970's: ammonia units were common
- Smell of ammonia: my bitter memory
- Experienced several ammonia accidents in my company
- Staff injured in the accident

## My Choice: CO<sub>2</sub> unit for new project

- My Choice: Natural refrigerant, but no ammonia
- Found CO<sub>2</sub> unit available in Japan
- ► Based on experiences of Higashi-Nihon or Kumamoto earthquake, water supply recovery take longer time →no water cooled unit
- Air cooled unit necessary for my project
- Liquid CO<sub>2</sub> supplied to evaporators, not gas and liquid mixture supplied
- I visited Europe last year to see CO<sub>2</sub> system already common

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#### Specification of the project

- Start operation in April 2018
- Freezing room 5,000m<sup>3</sup> F-2 type 2stage 68kW 1unit
- Loading room 4,700m<sup>2</sup> C-2 type single stage 88kW 1unit
- Cold rooms 3,700 m C-2 type single stage 88kW 1unit CO2 BOOSTER
- Pipes to evaporator made by copper suction pipe(liquid) Φ25.4mm discharge pipe(gas) Φ34.9mm
- CO<sub>2</sub> pressure to evaporator 3.5MPa, only 35%higher puressure than R410A (2.6MPa)

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### Conclusion

- Cold Storage owners will accelerate shifting to natural refrigerant
- ► CO<sub>2</sub>can be one of new option for cold storage and logistic center cooling
- I will show my new storage to members of Japan Association of Refrigerated Warehouses, June 2018

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