

Canon U.S.A. Celebrates Grand Opening of New Melville HQ

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Officials gathered Friday to celebrate the grand opening of Canon U.S.A.'s innovative new headquarters at One Canon Park in Melville, a project that helps keep more than 1,000 jobs on Long Island and boosts the local economy.

The 700,000 square-foot headquarters serves North and South America as it joins London and Tokyo as one of the three worldwide headquarters. The ceremony followed three years of construction.

"It has been more than 20 years and today my dream has come true," said Fujio Mitarai, Chairman & Executive Officer, Canon Inc., who has been part of the company since 1961. "Now that my dream has come true, my next dream is for Canon USA to grow as a headquarters."



The new Canon U.S.A. headquarters in Melville officially celebrated its grand opening on Friday, July 19, 2013 (Jon Sasala/Long Island Press).

U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer (D-NY), Suffolk County Executive Steven Bellone and Huntington Town Supervisor Frank Petrone were among the elected officials who joined in the ceremony.

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"For Long Island and job growth the best days are ahead of us," Schumer said, noting that the headquarters employs 1,800 people and that it will attract businesses from all over the world.

Bellone thanked Canon for their commitment to environmental sustainability after Canon announced it has applied for top federal certification recognizing completion of its environment friendly features such as daylight harvesting, drought-resistant vegetation and electric vehicle charging stations.

"It is a testament to the talent and dedication of our employees," said Joe Adachi, president and CEO of Canon U.S.A., who spent more than 1,000 hours designing headquarters. "It shows what can be accomplished with team work and hard work."

Petrone said that Canon will be an anchor for Route 110. "It brought jobs that we are always trying to attract," he said, adding that the school districts are excited and that it will help keep young people on Long Island.

The new headquarters has a state-of-the-art Showroom used for product demonstration for customers, dealers, media and students. One section is dedicated to mixed reality, which includes technology that combines the virtual world of computer-generated imagery with the real-world environment, allowing participants to see, experience and interact with designs in real time.

“We look forward to build relationships with our community,” Adachi said.