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ACSL Ltd.

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JADI was established for the purpose of contributing to the further promotion of the defense equipment industry. The majority of major companies involved in the manufacture or repair of defense equipment are members of JADI, and it engages in a wide range of activities related to the promotion of research and development of defense equipment, improvement and development of production technology, and so on.



ACSL's Made-in-Japan drones

### ■Background

The environment surrounding the drone market is characterized by the introduction of robotics, including drones, to make operations more efficient and unmanned, as well as the growing recognition of the usefulness of drones as a means of decarbonization and EVs, and their use is expanding worldwide. In addition, in recent years, drone-related initiatives for economic security and security are being promoted at the national level in the U.S., India, Australia, Japan, and other countries in response to the trend toward greater emphasis on economic security.

In Japan, the "Policy on Procurement of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles by Government Agencies, etc." was announced in September 2020, and the government announced its policy to "limit procurement to drones

with guaranteed security" and "promptly replace existing drones" ※.

Against this backdrop, ACSL is focusing on its core technology of autonomous control technology, which is the brain of drones, and developing industrial drones that use this technology, in order to provide domestically produced, highly secure drones, and to have its products adopted for government procurement where it can demonstrate this strength.

In recognition of this effort, ACSL have been approved as a regular member of JADI.

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※ Policy on the Procurement of Unmanned Aircraft by Government Agencies, etc., September 14, 2020, Liaison Conference of Relevant Ministries and Agencies Concerning Small Unmanned Aircraft.

#### **ACSL Ltd.**

ACSL develops, manufactures, and commercializes industrial drones in order to realize labor-saving unmanned operations in industrial applications. ACSL's core technology is in its proprietary autonomous control technology and industrial drones equipped with image processing and AI edge computing technology. ACSL drones are already used in a variety of applications such as infrastructure inspection, postal delivery and logistics, and disaster prevention.

For more information visit <https://www.acsl.co.jp/en/> .

#### **Attention**

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