



KONICA MINOLTA

## News Release

# Konica Minolta Wins a Good Design Gold Award 2018 for the Cosmo Leap $\Sigma$ , an Optical Planetarium

Tokyo (November 13, 2018) – Konica Minolta, Inc. (Konica Minolta) is pleased to announce that the company has won a Good Design Gold Award for the Cosmo Leap  $\Sigma$ , an optical planetarium, at the Good Design Award 2018 held by the Japan Institute of Design Promotion (JDP).



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The Cosmo Leap  $\Sigma$  was selected as one of the Good Design Best 100 products out of 4,789 products and services that were subject to screening. It then won a Good Design Gold Award, which is presented to the outstanding designs selected from the 100 best products. The Cosmo Leap  $\Sigma$  is designed to blend harmoniously with cosmic space, representing the company's wish to arouse children's creativity and spirit of inquiry.

Since the completion of the first planetarium made in Japan in 1957, Konica Minolta has been reproducing the star-filled sky with pioneering technology and commitment. Having pursued the designs that stimulate people's imagination of the starry sky and outer space, the company has won a Good Design Award for the Infinium  $\Sigma$ , an optical planetarium; Konica Minolta Planetarium MANTEN; and Konica Minolta Planetarium TENKU. The Good Design Gold Award is the culmination of these efforts. Konica Minolta is pleased that its commitment to the product design and quality has been highly evaluated.

### Features of the Cosmo Leap $\Sigma$

Occupying 1 m<sup>2</sup>, the Cosmo Leap  $\Sigma$  is one of the world's most compact planetariums with a built-in planet projector. Despite its size, the product is packed with functions for showing detailed narratives of the starry skies, backed by Konica Minolta's cutting-edge optical, micromachining, and machine control technologies. Konica Minolta was the first in the world to succeed in building 80 projections, including 62 constellation images, 5 constellation lines, and 13 sky markers such as the Summer Triangle, into a star ball.

The Cosmo Leap  $\Sigma$  is used in planetariums throughout the world.



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