

8th February, 2013

Official Opening

Tuesday 5th February was the Official Opening date of VEU's new 421,000 sq. ft. Turbine Warehouse. Seniors from Vantec in Japan, America and Europe were all present at the event which took place on site at Turbine Business Park at 11am.



Mr Akira Koyama, President of the Vantec Corporation, completed the second half of the Daruma doll ceremony by colouring in the second eye of the doll to deem the project a success, and excitedly exclaiming 'Yes!!' as the eye was completed. Mr Koyama spoke about how proud he was of VEU's on-going success and thanked all involved in the extremely fast and efficient design and build process. He was joined by Mr Shinya Hannya, Senior Managing Executive of the Vantec Corporation, and Mr Shizuo Seki, MD Hitachi Transport System

Europe.

Also present at the event were media representatives and the Daruma doll competition winners from local schools Gillas Lane Primary and St. Michael's Primary. Mr Akira Koyama coloured in the eyes of these two winning Daruma dolls as they stood either side of VEU's Turbine doll.

Visitors were lead from the Daruma ceremony along to the office area to a plaque unveiling ceremony to officially name the warehouse 'Hachinosu', meaning 'beehive' in Japanese, a name chosen by Bethany Hunter from Biddick School.

The opening ceremony concluded with visitors being offered refreshments and taken onto the warehouse's rooftop viewing platform which overlooks the entire shop floor; more photography took place up here in front of the awe inspiring backdrop.