

Kenichiro “Ken” Ito is chairman of DENSO’s North American Board of Directors and chief executive officer (CEO) of DENSO International America, Inc. (DIAM). Located in Southfield, Michigan, Ito oversees all North American group companies and affiliates, and is responsible for strengthening the DENSO brand in North America.

In 1985, Ito began his career in the Air Conditioning Planning Department at DENSO Corp. (formerly Nippondenso Co., Ltd.), where his responsibilities focused on cost and profit planning. He stayed with this same group from 1985 to 2003, and served in various roles with increased responsibility.

In 2003, Ito transferred to DENSO Thermal Systems S.p.A, located in Torino, Italy. Here, Ito was responsible for management of DENSO thermal business in Europe. One of his major accomplishments in this role included building the foundation of DENSO regional management.

Ito transferred back to DENSO Japan and became general manager of the Air Conditioning Planning Department in 2008. In 2009, he was appointed general manager of the Corporate Planning Division, where he took on responsibilities such as business planning, corporate strategy planning, corporate social responsibility (CSR) and the development of the 2015 Mid-term policy. Ito became executive director in 2012, where he managed Corporate Planning, Finance and Accounting and Business Innovation.

In 2016, Ito became CEO of DIAM and transferred to Southfield, Michigan.

Ito received his degree at Hitotsubashi University in Tokyo, Japan.