## Thin and space-saving

| Registration No.  | Number 00287       |                       |            |
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| Registration Date | September 15, 2020 | Registration Category | Category 1 |

| Name<br>(Model, etc.)     | The ultra-thin air conditioner Kirigamine MS-22RJ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
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| Location                  | Shizuoka-shi, Shizuoka                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
|                           | Mitsubishi Electric Corporation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| Owner<br>(Custodian)      | Mitsubishi Electric Corporation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| Manufacturer<br>(Company) | Mitsubishi Electric Corporation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| Year Manufactured         | 1975                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| Year first appeared       | 1975                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| Reason For<br>Selection   | This air conditioner indoor unit was thinnest in the industry at the time it was manufactured. Technological developments such as the design of the insulation and the hydrophilic treatment of the aluminium fins on the heat exchanger made it possible to achieve only 17cm in depth. Space saving, energy efficiency and providing refreshing are key points of air conditioner technology. For an air conditioner to demonstrate its full functionality, it must be installed even in a small Japanese house. Space-saving is the technology for it. The thinness of the indoor unit also had a visual impact that promoted the spread to the home. This resource signifies an important step in air conditioner technology development, as well as demonstrating the strengths of Japanese consumer electronics in the "miniaturisation era". |  |
| Registration<br>Standard  | 1-B (Show a uniquely Japanese scientific or technological development from an international perspective.)  2-A (Played a notable role in improving people's way of life and creating new ways of living.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |

