

Editor's note:

With INPEX celebrating the 10th anniversary since forming a new company on October 2018, we decided in 2016 to publish a short history of the company as part of the anniversary celebrations.

Despite concerns that 10 years may be too short for such a publication, we moved forward with the belief that it's the right time to record our thoughts on the merger and integration of the businesses, and the 10th Anniversary Publication Editing Committee was established to put it together.

Senior Corporate Advisors Naoki Kuroda and Masatoshi Sugioka, who led the companies prior to the merger, have contributed their thoughts about the time of the merger and their hopes for the company on our 10th anniversary. Corporate Advisor Seiji Yui and Counselors Wataru Tanaka and Katsujiro Kida played a role as advisors to the editing committee to ensure the accuracy of this publication.

On behalf of the editing committee I hope this short history provides an interesting look back over the past 10 years of INPEX, and that it helps in particular the younger members of staff who joined after the merger understand the circumstances of the time. I hope it also conveys some of the excitement of the world of oil development and encourages our younger generations to take a stronger step forward in our industry.

Finally, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all members of the editing committee and others within the company who cooperated throughout this process, providing photographs and documents, responding to interview requests and proofreading the manuscript.

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