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Activity Report on the “Forest Management Support Program” in the Fall 2013

Volunteers from INPEX CORPORATION (INPEX) participated in a forest management project on 6 October 2013 assisted by a forest union “Chuetsu-Yotsuba” and local residents.



175 participants joined



Planting trees

INPEX volunteers have been participating in this project hosted by Niigata Prefecture’s “Forest Management Support Program” twice a year from the fall 2010, with the aim of conserving the global environment, deepening relationships with the local communities and enhancing environmental awareness among INPEX employees.

The event this time, the seventh one from the start of the Program, was held at Kitsune-daira-donguri-no-mori in Nagaoka City, Niigata Prefecture on 6 October 2013, and 175 people joined including INPEX employees (77 people), their families and local residents. They planted 260 trees of the total of 13 species, including beech, quercus, serrata, chestnut, persimmon, walnut tree and cherry etc. and harvested sweet potatoes planted in spring this year. Some participants made wreaths of twigs and vines.

INPEX will continue to encourage its employees to participate in the Program with the



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cooperation of the local communities to contribute to enhancing and improving the forrests.

The Outline of the “Forest Management Support Program”

1. The Location: Fudosawa Area, Nagaoka City, Niigata Prefecture (Commonly known as Kitsunedaira- Donguri-no-Mori)
2. The Area: Approximately 0.8 hectares
3. Active Period: 10 years
4. Activity History of INPEX:

The First Event (Fall 2010)	Planted 260 trees of the total of 7 species, including beech, quercus serrata, oak and maple, and held an ecology class mainly for children
The Second Event (Spring 2011)	Installed braces for young trees bent down by the snowfall, and planted mycelia to grow mushrooms
The Third Event (Fall 2011)	Planted 260 trees of the total of 13 species, including beech, quercus, serrata, chestnut, persimmon, walnut and cherry
The Forth Event (Spring 2012)	Installed braces for young trees bent down by the snowfall, and also played nature games
The Fifth Event (Fall 2012)	Planted 260 trees of the total of 13 species, including beech, quercus, serrata, chestnut, persimmon, ginkgo and cherry trees, and held a lecture given to school children to raise awareness of the importance of ecology
The Sixth Event (Spring 2013)	Took care of trees bent down by the snowfall, weeded, planted mycelia to grow mushrooms, planted sweet potatoes, and also gave handicraft classes



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The Seventh Event (Fall 2013) Planted 260 trees of the total of 13 species, including beech, quercus, serrata, chestnut, persimmon, walnut and cherry, harvested sweet potatoes, and madewreaths of twigs and vines

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