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**Introduction of LNG sourced natural gas into**  
**INPEX's Natural Gas Pipeline in Japan**

INPEX CORPORATION announced today that it started to introduce LNG sourced natural gas (regasified natural gas), as planned, from Shizuoka Gas Company into INPEX's natural gas pipeline network in order to enhance its medium to long term supply capability of natural gas for its customers.

Through a wide-spanning pipeline network extending approximately 1,400 km, INPEX currently supplies the natural gas produced in the Minami-Nagaoka Gas Field located in Niigata Prefecture and other gas fields in Japan, mainly to the city gas enterprises and commercial/industrial customers in the Tokyo metropolitan area and seven other prefectures spreading in the center of Honshu Island, Japan.

Demand for natural gas is expected to rise steadily due to growing recognition of environmental concerns and energy conservation in Japan. To meet the demand, LNG sourced natural gas from Shizuoka Gas Company and LNG import at INPEX's own Naoetsu LNG Receiving Terminal which starts its operation from 2014, will both strengthen INPEX's supply stability of natural gas .

INPEX continues to make efforts to stably supply natural gas, an environmentally friendly energy, through its pipeline network.

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INPEX's Natural Gas Pipeline Network in Japan

