Abu Dhabi’s Petroleum Institute Announces Completion of INPEX-sponsored Solar Car

INPEX CORPORATION (INPEX) through its subsidiary Japan Oil Development Co., Ltd. has been engaged in the upstream oil business in Abu Dhabi of the United Arab Emirates and has been supporting Solar Car Development Project at the Petroleum Institute (PI) in Abu Dhabi. PI announced the completion of its Solar Car developed in cooperation with INPEX and Japan’s Tokai University. An unveiling ceremony preceding the press release was attended by H.E. Abdulla Nasser Al Suweidi, Director General of Abu Dhabi National Oil Company and chairman of the PI Governing Board.

PI’s Solar Car Development Project was launched in February this year following a cooperation agreement between PI and Tokai University, with INPEX providing assistance in developing the relationship between the two educational institutions through its experience longtime operating in Abu Dhabi.

The project borrows the technology and insight of Tokai University's Solar Car Team, which has recorded excellent results in international solar car races, and is designed to transfer project management skills to PI students. PI’s solar car team plans to participate in international races and aim for victory starting with the Abu Dhabi Solar Challenge, the first international solar car race held in the Middle East next January.

INPEX will continue to contribute to the development of human resources in Abu Dhabi and strengthening wide range of multi-layered relationship between Japan and Abu Dhabi.