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INPEX Celebrates Completion of Natural Gas Trunk Pipeline (Toyama Line) in Japan

TOKYO, JAPAN - [INPEX CORPORATION](#) (INPEX) announced today that it celebrated the completion of construction of the Toyama Line at a ceremony held at the Iwase plant of Nihonkai Gas Co., Ltd. (Nihonkai Gas) in Toyama City, Toyama Prefecture, Japan.



Construction completion ceremony



Portion of Toyama Line

The Toyama Line is a natural gas trunk pipeline approximately 103km in length that supplies customers based along the pipeline's route with natural gas including regasified LNG from Naoetsu LNG Terminal in Joetsu City, Niigata Prefecture, Japan.

INPEX began constructing the Toyama Line in April 2012, thereafter engaging local communities throughout the process while ensuring operational safety at all times. Construction work was completed in June 2016. Following a full set of inspections, INPEX commenced partial operations of the Toyama Line to [supply natural gas to Nissan Chemical Industries, Ltd., in July 2016](#).

On October 27, 2016, INPEX is scheduled to commence supplying natural gas to Nihonkai Gas pursuant to a sales and purchase agreement (SPA) [announced on January 22, 2016](#), at which point the Toyama Line will become fully operational.

The commencement of full operations will strengthen the framework of a stable natural gas supply to Toyama Prefecture and is expected to lead to the efficient, long-term and stable supply of natural gas to potential customers based along the pipeline's route.

In addition, INPEX's natural gas trunk pipeline network in Japan will expand to approximately 1,500km, contributing to the strengthening of the company's gas supply chain, which is positioned as one of three growth targets outlined in INPEX's Medium- to Long-Term Vision.

Going forward, INPEX will continue to make every effort to provide its customers with security and peace of mind by servicing its pipelines as required and ensuring a stable supply of natural gas while prioritizing safety.

About INPEX

INPEX CORPORATION is Japan's largest exploration and production (E&P) company, and a mid-tier E&P player just behind the world's oil majors. INPEX is currently involved in approximately 70 projects across more than 20 countries, including the Ichthys LNG Project in Australia as Operator. Through sustainably growing its oil and gas development business, INPEX aims to become a top class international oil and gas E&P Company and continue providing a stable and efficient supply of energy to its customers. For more information, visit www.inpex.co.jp/english/index.html.

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Toyama Line Overview

Route: From Itoigawa City, Niigata Prefecture (terminus of the Shin Oumi Line)
to Toyama City, Toyama Prefecture, Japan

Length: Approximately 103km

Key specifications: 7.0MPa service pressure and 508mm (20 inch) pipe diameter
(318.5mm (12 inch) pipe diameter in certain sections)

Toyama Line Timeline

Date	Activity
October 12, 2010	Commencement of feasibility study
May 23, 2011	Final investment decision
April 17, 2012	Groundbreaking ceremony
January 22, 2016	Announcement of SPA with Nihonkai Gas
July 20, 2016	Commencement of natural gas supply to Nissan Chemical Industries, Ltd. (Commencement of partial operations)
October 21, 2016	Completion ceremony
October 27, 2016 (scheduled)	Commencement of natural gas supply to Nihonkai Gas Co., Ltd. (Commencement of full operations)

Location of Toyama Line

