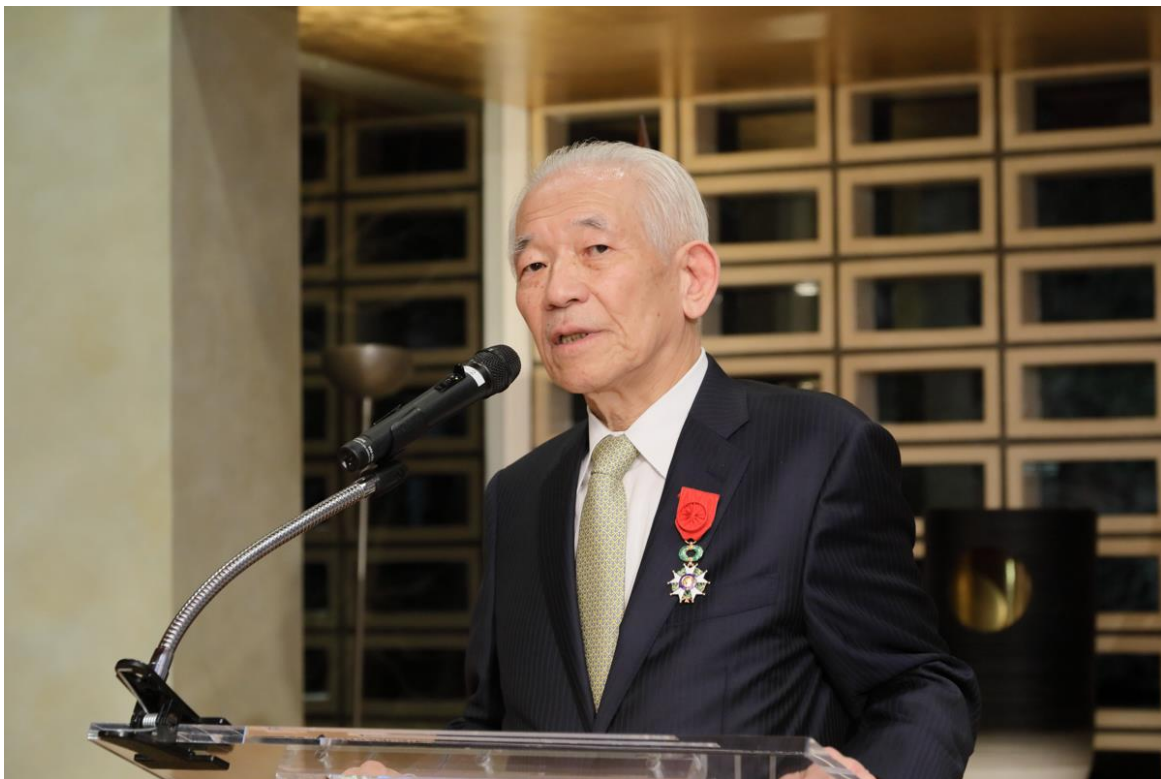


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INPEX Senior Corporate Advisor Naoki Kuroda Awarded French Legion of Honor

Tokyo, Japan - [INPEX CORPORATION](#) (INPEX) announced today that on March 11, 2019, INPEX former Chairman, Senior Corporate Advisor, Naoki Kuroda was awarded the Legion of Honor, France's highest decoration by His Excellency Laurent Pic, Ambassador of France to Japan, at a ceremony held at the French Embassy in Tokyo.



Kuroda at the ceremony

The Legion of Honor was established by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802, and is bestowed by the government of France upon individuals who have made outstanding contributions to France in the fields of culture, science, industry or commerce, by decree of the President of the French Republic.

The awarding of the Legion of Honor to Kuroda reflects the acknowledgement by the French government of Kuroda's significant contributions to enhancing the relations between France and Japan through the pursuit of joint business opportunities over many years with French energy company TOTAL as INPEX's top management representative.



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INPEX's business relationship with TOTAL began in the 1970s when the two companies became exploration & production partners under the Mahakam Production Sharing Contract in Indonesia. The two companies continued this partnership until the expiration of the contract at the end of 2017.

Meanwhile, TOTAL holds the second largest participating interest in the INPEX-operated Ichthys LNG Project in Australia. The project commenced the production of gas in July 2018, and currently ships liquefied natural gas (LNG), liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and condensate to international markets including Japan.

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