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## **Activity Report on the “Forest Management Support Program” in the Fall 2012**

INPEX CORPORATION (INPEX) participated in a forest management project on 14 October 2012 assisted by a forest union “Chuetsu-Yotsuba” and local residents.



124 participants joined



Planting various trees

INPEX has 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 fifth one from the start of the Program, was held on 14 October 2012, and 124 people including INPEX employees (55 people), their families and local residents joined. They planted 260 trees of the total of 13 species, including beech, quercus, serrata, chestnut, persimmon, ginkgo tree and cherry etc and conducted weeding as well. A lecture was given for the school children to raise awareness of the importance of ecology.

INPEX will continue to participate in the Program together with the local communities to contribute to enhancing the quality of forests.

### The Outline of the “Forest Management Support Program”

1. The Location: Fudosawa Area, Nagaoka-shi, Niigata Prefecture (Commonly known as Kitsunedaira)
2. The Area: Approximately 0.8 hectares



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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 by snow, and also “took a whack” at hammering plug spawn into logs to grow mushrooms (in this process, wooden plugs containing mushroom spores are pounded into holes in a log)

The Third Event (Fall 2011): Planted 260 trees of the total of 13 species, including beech, quercus, serrata, chestnut, date plum, walnut and cherry

The Forth Event (Spring 2012): Installed braces for young trees bent by snow, and also played nature games

The Fifth Event (Fall 2012): Weeding, planted 260 trees of the total of 13 species, including beech, quercus, serrata, chestnut, persimmon, ginkgo tree and cherry, and held a lecture given to school children to raise awareness of the importance of ecology

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