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Activity Report on the “Forest Management Support Program” in the Spring 2013

INPEX CORPORATION (INPEX) participated in a forest management project on 2 June 2013 assisted by a forest union “Chuetsu-Yotsuba” and local residents.



183 participants joined



local mascot character ‘Lerch-san’ and ‘Tokkikki’ also joined

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 sixth one from the start of the Program, was held at Kitsune-daira-donguri-no-mori in Nagaoka City on 2 June 2013, and 183 people joined including INPEX employees (86 people), their families and local residents. They took care of the trees that were bent down by the snowfall, weeded, spread fertilizer, and planted mycelia to grow mushrooms. Sweet potato seedlings were also planted at an open space there.

In addition children made balancing toys with woodworking kits and learned how important it is to live with nature and had photos taken with local mascot characters, ‘Lerch-san’ and ‘Tokkikki’ that joined specially at this event.

INPEX will continue to participate in the Program with the cooperation of the local communities.

The Outline of the “Forest Management Support Program”

1. The Location: Fudosawa Area, Nagaoka City, Niigata Prefecture (Commonly known as Kitsunedaira- Donguri-no-Mori)
2. The Area: Approximately 0.8 hectares
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 down by the snowfall, and planted mycelia to grow mushrooms
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 down by the snowfall, and also played nature games
The Fifth Event (Fall 2012)	Planted 260 trees of the total of 13 species, including beech, quercus, serrata, chestnut, persimmon, ginkgo and cherry trees, and held a lecture given to school children to raise awareness of the importance of ecology
The Sixth Event (Spring 2013)	Took care of trees bent down by the snowfall, weeded, planted mycelia to grow mushrooms, planted sweet potatoes, and also gave handicraft classes

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