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## **INPEX Participates in Forest Management Support Program (Spring 2014)**

[INPEX CORPORATION](#) (INPEX) participated in a forest management project held on 29 June 2014 in Nagaoka City, Niigata Prefecture, in cooperation with the Chuetsu-Yotsuba forestry association and local residents.



127 participants joined



Forest management lecture  
by forestry association

INPEX has been participating in this biannual event hosted by Niigata Prefecture's Forest Management Support Program since the fall of 2010, with the aim of improving the local environment, deepening relationships with the local communities and enhancing environmental awareness among INPEX employees.

A total of 127 people including 67 INPEX employees, their families and local residents participated in this eighth event, held at a community center due to rain. The event included a lecture on the importance of forest management, discussion on a local 300 year-old tree, a quiz on forestry and corolla-making.

INPEX will continue to encourage its employees to participate in the program with the cooperation of the local communities to contribute to the well-being of forests.

## Outline of Forest Management Support Program

1. Location: Fudosawa Area, Nagaoka City, Niigata Prefecture (commonly known as Kitsunedaira Donguri-no-Mori)
2. Area: Approximately 0.8 hectares
3. Activity period: 10 years
4. Activity history of INPEX:

First Event (Fall 2010)	Planted 260 trees of seven different species, including beech, quercus serrata, oak and maple; held an ecology class mainly for children
Second Event (Spring 2011)	Installed braces for young trees deformed by snow; planted mycelia to grow mushrooms
Third Event (Fall 2011)	Planted 260 trees of 13 different species, including beech, quercus, serrata, chestnut, persimmon, walnut and cherry
Fourth Event (Spring 2012)	Installed braces for young trees deformed by snow; played nature games
Fifth Event (Fall 2012)	Planted 260 trees of 13 different species, including beech, quercus, serrata, chestnut, persimmon, ginkgo and cherry; held a lecture given to school children to raise awareness of the importance of ecology
Sixth Event (Spring 2013)	Installed braces for young trees deformed by snow; weeded, planted mycelia to grow mushrooms, planted sweet potatoes; held handicraft classes
Seventh Event (Fall 2013)	Planted 260 trees of 13 different species, including beech, quercus, serrata, chestnut, persimmon, walnut and cherry; harvested sweet potatoes; made wreaths of twigs and vines
Eighth Event (Spring 2014)	Lecture on importance of forest management given by forestry association; discussion on 300-year-old tree; quiz on forest; corolla-making.

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