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INPEX Participates in Forest Management Support Program Event (Fall 2014)

[INPEX CORPORATION](#) (INPEX) participated in the ninth biannual Forest Management Support Program event held on September 28, 2014 in Nagaoka City, Niigata Prefecture and hosted by Niigata Prefecture's Forest Management Support Program in cooperation with the Chuetsu-Yotsuba forestry association and local residents.



Commemorative photograph with seeds from a 300 year-old ginkgo tree



A participant taking part in logging activities

INPEX has been participating in this biannual event 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 152 participants including 100 INPEX employees, their families and local community members planted 100 trees, harvested sweet potatoes and gathered mushrooms, while assisting the Chuetsu-Yotsuba Forestry Association with pruning and weeding activities. Children also enjoyed logging and making crafts.

To mark the felling of a 300 year-old ginkgo tree scheduled this winter, a project to conserve seeds from the tree was initiated. All participants took a commemorative photo with the tree's seeds and ratoons placed in a pot.

INPEX will continue to encourage its employees to participate in the program with the cooperation of the local communities to contribute to the conservation 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. INPEX activity history:

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.
Ninth Event (Fall 2014)	Planted 100 trees, harvested sweet potatoes, assisted pruning and weeding activities, made handicrafts, conducted logging, took a commemorative photo with the seeds and ratoons of a ginkgo tree

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