

Nippon Oil was Awarded Two Prizes by JAPT.

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PRESS RELEASE

Nippon Oil Corporation (President: Mr. Shinji Nishio) announced today that Nippon Oil Exploration Limited (President: Mr. Teruo Omori.), its upstream arm and a wholly owned subsidiary, was awarded two prizes, the Distinguished Paper Award and the Distinguished Contribution Award by the Japanese Association for Petroleum Technology (JAPT) at its 50th anniversary meeting held in May 2006.

The Distinguished Paper Award was given to the technical paper titled "An Outline of the Lacustrine Source Rock and the Produced Oil in Block 15-2, Cuu Long Basin, S.R. Vietnam" and the Distinguished Contribution Award was given to the approval of the Rang Dong oil field associated gas recovery and utilization project in Vietnam ("the Rang Dong CO2 Project") as a Clean Development Mechanism Project (the "CDM Project") under the Kyoto Protocol.

Nippon Oil was awarded two of the three prizes that JAPT awards annually to its members who made excellent contribution to the development of the Japanese oil and gas industry. They are the Distinguished Paper Award, the Distinguished Contribution Award and the Distinguished Report Award.

The technical paper "An Outline of the Lacustrine Source Rock and the Produced Oil in Block 15-2, Cuu Long Basin, S.R. Vietnam" demonstrates the methodology to efficiently control the reservoir in the Rang Dong oil field and is recognized as the valuable guidelines applicable to the exploration, development and production operations in other oil fields.

Earlier this year the Rang Dong CO2 Project was approved as a CDM Project under the Kyoto Protocol and now is recognized as the key achievement in the history of the Japanese oil and gas industry as it is the world's first CDM Project reducing CO2 emissions by the effective use of associated gas that is produced along with crude oil from oil fields.

Nippon Oil considers it is important to create "New Ideas" in developing its business and to maintain and improve "Harmony with the Global Environment", which are central to organization's code of conduct. The two prizes manifest that these codes are closely followed. Nippon Oil will keep striving to be the energy supplier the people around the world will support the most, by challenging the future with new ideas and creating new business spheres.