

## Volunteer activities for forest preservation at "JX Nakajo Forest" in Tainai City, Niigata Pref.

### ～Planting approx. 2,000 Japanese black pine seedlings～

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#### PRESS RELEASE

JX Nippon Oil & Gas Exploration Corporation (President, Shunsaku Miyake) is pleased to announce that we have performed volunteer work for the forest preservation at "JX Nakajo Forest" in the neighborhood of our Nakajo Field Office (located in Tainai City, Niigata; General Manager Yutaka Yamada) as part of our environmental contribution activities on October 18 and 19.

In the area where the Nakajo Oil and Gas Field is located, evergreen pine trees have been raised and maintained by people live in the area nearby to form a windbreak forest on the coast against strong wind and snow from the Sea of Japan especially in the winter season. In recent years, the forest devastation has progressed because of the damage by pine weevils. To cope with the situation, since 1998 Nakajo Field Office has promoted the project of forest preservation in its precincts and surrounding areas, and has achieved good results in the forest regeneration, such as by growing seedlings from the parent Japanese black pine trees.

Further, we have developed a hands-on program of forest preservation volunteer activities with participation of directors and employees of JX Group companies and their family since 2004. The occasion this time marks the eleventh event with twelve (12) foreign employees joining from Vietnam, Malaysia, and UK. Total of 78 volunteers planted approximately 2,000 young Japanese black pine trees at "JX Nakajo Forest" during these two (2) days.

We commit to continue the promotion of the forest preservation activities in the area surrounding Nakajo Field Office as the activity reflects two of the action guidelines in the JX Group Values, "Harmony with the Environment" and "Relationship with Society".

#### 1. Outline of volunteer activities

<b>(1)Date:</b>	October 18 and 19
<b>(2)Place:</b>	"JX Nakajo Forest"
<b>(3)Number of participants:</b>	78 (Directors, Employees and their family)
<b>(4)Activities:</b>	Planting approximately 2,000 pieces of Japanese black pine seedlings

## 2. Outline of "Nakajo Forest"

Our company has executed the "Agreement on the JX Nakajo Forestation Activities" with the Tainai City and Nakamurahama District in October 2011, and has worked on the activities for forestation in partnership with them. This program is granted support from Niigata Prefecture under the "Niigata Forestation Support Program" which the Prefecture promotes.

<b>(1) Address:</b>	1-3 Nakamurahama, Tainai City
<b>(2) Area:</b>	One (1) hectare (10,000m <sup>2</sup> , The site of pine tree wood damaged by pine weevils)
<b>(3) Objective:</b>	Planting Japanese black pine seedling to regenerate and restore the forest
<b>(4) Duration:</b>	Five (5) years

### (For reference) Outline of the Nakajo Field Office

<b>Address:</b>	1873 Muramatsuhama, Tainai City, Niigata Pref.
<b>Business Activities:</b>	Production of natural gas, crude oil and iodine
<b>No. of Employees:</b>	Fifty (50, as of October 20)
<b>Area of Precincts:</b>	Approx. twenty-five (25) hectares (250,000m <sup>2</sup> )

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**Volunteers planting Japanese Black Pine Trees**



**Participants of the Volunteer Activity**