

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

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PRESS RELEASE

JX Nippon Oil & Gas Exploration Corporation (President and CEO, 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 September 10 and 11.

In the area where the Nakajo Oil and Gas Field is located, evergreen pine trees have been raised and maintained by people living 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 families since 2004. And in 2011, our company executed the agreement on the Nakajo forestation activities with Tainai city and Nakamurahama district for 5 years. We planted approximately 8,800 young Japanese black pine trees during the agreement period in the area of 1 hectare (10,000m²).

This year JX Nippon Oil & Gas Exploration renewed the aforesaid agreement to ensure the growth of the young trees that we had planted as well as we signed a new agreement with the city and Muramatsuhama district. Directors and employees of JX Nippon Oil & Gas Exploration and JX group companies, together with community people living in Nakamurahama and Muramatsuhama, have weeded in the area we had planted young trees for five year period before the previous year and have planted young trees at the newly designated area.

We will pursue activities in line with the JX Group Values, "Harmony with the Environment" and "Relationship with Society".

1. Outline of volunteer activities

(1)Date	September 10 and 11
(2)Place	"JX Nakajo Forest" (Nakamurahama) and "JX Nakajo Forest II" (Muramatsuhama)
(3)Participants	People from Nakamurahama district and Muramatsuhama district; Directors, Employees, including two foreign-national employees working in Tokyo, of our company and JX group companies including President of our company and their families (number of people concerned with JX group: 72)
(4)Activities	Weeding formerly planted area and planting approximately 500 pieces of young trees

2. Outline of “Nakajo Forest”

Our company had executed the “Agreement on the JX Nakajo Forestation Activities” with Tainai City and Nakamurahama District in October 2011, and had worked on the activities for forestation in partnership with them for five years. This year the company has renewed the agreement for the period from September 2016 to the end of March 2019 and signed the “Agreement on the JX Nakajo Forestation Activities II” for the same period with Tainai City and Muramatsuhama District in July this year. This forest preservation project is supported by Niigata Prefecture under the “Niigata Forestation Support Program” which the Prefecture promotes.

“JX Nakajo forest”

(1)Address	1-3 Nakamurahama, Tainai City
(2)Area	1 hectare (10,000m ² , The site of pine tree wood damaged by pine weevils)
(3) Objective	Weeding in the area where we planted trees before 2015
(4) Duration	3 years (The occasion this year marks the sixth event following the five-year period before 2015)

“JX Nakajo forest II”

(1)Address	2730-2 and 2730-291 Muramatsuhama, Tainai City
(2)Area	0.36 hectare (3,600m ² , The site of pine tree wood damaged by pine weevils)
(3) Objective	Planting young broadleaf trees and Japanese black pine seedlings to regenerate and restore the forest
(4) Duration	3 years

(For reference)

Outline of the Nakajo Field Office

Address	1873 Muramatsuhama, Tainai City, Niigata Pref.
Business Activities	Production of natural gas, crude oil and iodine
No. of Employees	53
Area of Precincts	Approx. 25 hectares (250,000m ²)

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Volunteers planting young trees with community people



A volunteer group of company members and community people