

Osaka Gas Group History

1897	Established Osaka Gas Co., Ltd. with capital of ¥350,000
1905	Established Iwasaki Plant; commenced gas supply (Number of customers: 3,351)
1933	Completed construction of head office building
1940	Torishima Plant completed
1950	Keihan Connecting Pipeline completed (currently No. 1 Keihan Line)
1952	Hanshin Connecting Pipeline completed (currently No. 1 Hanshin Line)
1955	Held first Gas Exhibition
1958	Launched gas-powered automatic rice cooker Number of customers exceeded 1 million
1964	Raised calorific value of gas supplied in Kyoto/Osaka/Kobe region (from 3,600kcal/m ³ to 4,500kcal/m ³)
1966	Number of customers exceeded 2 million
1967	Commenced operation of the first gas-powered cooling system at Kobe City's main public sports center
1969	Installed first gas absorption-type cooler/heater at Osaka Toryo Hall
1970	Commenced Japan's first district heating and cooling business in the Senri-chuo area Completed the Kinki Trunk Line's No. 1 West Line
1971	Commenced operations at Senboku Plant Number of customers exceeded 3 million
1972	Commenced import of LNG from Brunei Completed the Kinki Trunk Line's No. 1 East Line
1975	Commenced natural gas conversion (from 4,500kcal/m ³ to 11,000kcal/m ³)
1977	Commenced operations at Senboku LNG Terminal No. 2 Facility Commenced import of LNG from Indonesia
1978	Completed the Kinki Trunk Line's No. 2 East Line Number of customers exceeded 4 million
1979	Commenced operations at the world's first cryogenic power generation plant
1981	Concluded technology exchange agreement with Brooklyn Union Gas Company of the U.S.
1982	Opened the Gas Science Museum Installed the first cogeneration system at Nichii Kakogawa
1984	Opened London Office Commenced operations at Himeji LNG Terminal
1987	Commenced introduction of microcomputer-controlled meters
1988	Number of customers exceeded 5 million

1989	Opened the entire No. 2 West Line of the Kinki Trunk Line for gas supply Commenced import of LNG from Australia Established Urbanex Co., Ltd.
1990	Completed natural gas conversion
1991	Established Liquid Gas Co., Ltd. and Osaka Gas Chemicals Co., Ltd. Opened the DILIPA showroom to exhibit residential gas appliances
1992	Established Osaka Gas Information System Research Institute Co., Ltd.
1994	Completed the Kinki Trunk Line's No. 3 West Line Closed down the coke oven at Torishima Energy Center
1995	The Great Hanshin Earthquake (supply of gas to approx. 860,000 customers halted) Commenced import of LNG from Malaysia
1996	Commenced fuel-cost adjustment system
1997	Completed installation of microcomputer-controlled meters in all households Number of customers exceeded 6 million
1998	Commenced import of LNG from Qatar
1999	Undertook first retirement of treasury stock
2000	Reported memorandum of agreement to supply and transport gas for major gas supplier Made Nissho Iwai Petroleum Gas Group (currently Nissho Petroleum Gas Corporation) a subsidiary Commenced import of LNG from Oman
2003	Adjusted calorific value of gas supply (from 11,000kcal/m ³ to 10,750 kcal/m ³ (45MJ/m ³)) Launched ECOWILL residential-use cogeneration system Completed the Kinki Trunk Line's Keiji and Himeji Lines
2004	Acquired equity interests in Spanish and U.S. IPP projects Commenced commercial operation of power generation facility at Himeji LNG Terminal
2005	100 th anniversary of Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.'s operational launch Announced new brand slogan, "Design Your Energy" Unit sales of ECOWILL exceeded 10,000
2006	Completion of Shiga Line of Kinki Trunk Line