

Embarking on Biomass Power Generation Business in Tsudakaigan-cho, Tokushima City, Tokushima Prefecture

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Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.

Osaka Gas Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Chuo-ku, Osaka; President: Takehiro Honjo) has decided to invest in Tokushima Tsuda Biomass Power Plant Limited Liability Company (Head Office: Tokushima City, Tokushima Prefecture; Representative Partner: RENOVA, Inc.) and to take part in the construction and operation of a biomass-fired power plant with an electricity generation capacity of 74,800 kW (hereinafter, Tokushima Tsuda Biomass Power Plant) in Tsudakaigan-cho, Tokushima City, Tokushima Prefecture.

This project is the sixth biomass power generation business that the Daigas Group has participated in, following Nagoya Power Plant and Nagoya II Power Plant (Chita-gun, Aichi Prefecture), Ichihara Biomass Power Plant (under construction in Ichihara City, Chiba Prefecture), Matsusaka Wood Biomass Power Plant (Matsusaka City, Mie Prefecture), and Sodegaura Biomass Power Plant (under construction in Sodegaura City, Chiba Prefecture). In Shikoku, the Tokushima Tsuda Biomass Power Plant is the Daigas Group's second power plant following the Hayama Wind Farm Power Plant.

For this project, RENOVA, Inc. and Osaka Gas will combine their knowledge of biomass power generation to ensure stable operation of the business in close cooperation with local partners. Incidentally, project finance is being used to raise part of the required funds for the construction and operation of the power plant.

The Daigas Group aims to secure approximately 1,000 MW of renewable energy-based electricity supply capacity in Japan and abroad by around 2030. Its participation in this project is in line with this plan. The Daigas Group is committed to helping realize a low-carbon society by continuing to develop and operate renewable energy-based electricity supply systems.

Company/Business Overview

Company Name (investment ratio)	Tokushima Tsuda Biomass Power Plant Limited Liability Company (RENOVA, Inc.: 36.1%; Osaka Gas: 33.5%; NEC Capital Solutions Limited: 12.35%; Mitsubishi Electric Credit Corporation: 12.35%; Genboku Co., Ltd.: 1.9%; Dairi Lumber Co., Ltd.: 1.9%; Tokushima Electric Co., Ltd.: 1.9%)
Head Office Location	1-3 Nakashowa-cho, Tokushima City, Tokushima Prefecture
Representative Partner	RENOVA, Inc.
Finance Syndicate	Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited (lead manager)

(Project Finance)	The Awa Bank, Ltd. Nippon Life Insurance Company Shiga Bank, Ltd. Tokushima Bank, Ltd. Nanto Bank, Ltd. The Dai-ichi Life Insurance Company, Limited The Joyo Bank, Ltd. The Shoko Chukin Bank, Ltd. The Daishi Bank, Ltd. The Bank of Kochi, Ltd. One other bank Mitsubishi UFJ Lease & Finance Company Limited (mezzanine lender)
Business Description	Electricity supply, etc.
Planned Construction Site	Tsudakaigan-cho, Tokushima City, Tokushima Prefecture (within Tokushima Port)
Electricity Generation Capacity	74,800 kW
Fuel	Wood pellets and palm kernel shells (PKSs)
Commencement of Operation	March 2023 (planned)

Tokushima Tsuda Biomass Power Plant (rendered image)

