

Osaka Gas's Investment in Solar Power Plants (6 Sites) Developed by Sky Solar Japan

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Osaka Gas Co., Ltd. (President: Masataka Fujiwara, hereinafter "Osaka Gas") and Sky Solar Japan Co., Ltd. (Representative Directors: Ray Chen and Junichiro Mihara, hereinafter "SSJ"), which develops commercial solar power plants across Japan, came to an agreement that Osaka Gas would invest in six domestic solar power plants developed by SSJ (with a total power production capacity of approximately 23,000 kW, hereinafter "the power plants") based on their agreement^{*1} signed in October 2021 on continuous joint development and ownership of commercial solar power plants, mainly small- and medium-sized ones.

The power plants will be owned and operated by a special purpose company in which SSJ has a 51% stake and Osaka Gas has a 49% stake. In addition, Osaka Gas will take over all the electricity produced at the power plants, aiming to increase the supply of renewable energy to customers that aim to achieve RE100 and promote ESG management.

Toward the achievement of carbon neutrality by 2050, the Daigas Group aims to contribute to increasing the use of renewable energy worth 5 GW^{*2} in Japan and overseas, including in-house development and ownership as well as procurement from other companies, by FY2030. The group also aims to increase the percentage of renewable energy in its domestic electric power business portfolio to nearly 50%.^{*2} By now, the group has contributed to increasing the use of renewable energy worth approximately 1.32 GW.

SSJ, a Japanese subsidiary of the Sky Solar Group that has many global development achievements, aims to provide a stable and safe supply of 2 GW of renewable energy by FY2030. It has already built renewable power plants worth approximately 170,000 kW and owns, operates and manages those worth approximately 110,000 kW in Japan. The company also promotes the utilization of PPAs^{*3} and smart grids.^{*4}

Both companies will continue to strive to realize a carbon-neutral society through the development and supply of renewable energy, such as joint development of non-FIT solar power plants.

*1: Please see "Osaka Gas and Sky Solar Japan sign an agreement on the joint development and ownership of photovoltaic power plants" (released on October 26, 2021).

https://www.osakagas.co.jp/en/whatsnew/_icsFiles/afieldfile/2021/12/21/211026.pdf

*2: The renewable energy mentioned here includes energy from power sources to which the FIT program applies, such as solar, wind and biomass power.

*3: PPA stands for Power Purchase Agreement, an electricity sales agreement between a power generating business and a power consumer. (Photovoltaic power generation based on this kind of agreement is called a PPA-based model of photovoltaic power generation)

*4: A business concept of optimizing the regional utilization of electricity from renewable energy sources, such as solar power, through the full use of information technology

1. Overview of jointly owned solar power plants

Plant name	Locations	Production capacity	Start of operation (planned)
Kannari Aneha Solar Power Plant	Kurihara City, Miyagi Prefecture	Approx. 1,900 kW	September 2021
Shinano-machi Solar Power Plant	Shinano-machi, Nagano Prefecture	Approx. 2,000 kW	September 2021
Hanamaki Solar Power Plant	Hanamaki City, Iwate Prefecture	Approx. 2,300 kW	March 2022
Yubinezawa Solar Power Plant 1	Takizawa City, Iwate Prefecture	Approx. 1,900 kW	(June 2022)
Taketa Solar Power Plant	Taketa City, Oita Prefecture	Approx. 2,600 kW	(June 2022)
Nekko-machi Solar Power Plant	Oshu City, Iwate Prefecture	Approx. 12,000 kW	(September 2022)

2. Photographs of the power plants



Kannari Aneha Solar Power Plant



Shinano-machi Solar Power Plant

3. Company Profiles

<Osaka Gas>

Company name	Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.
Headquarters	4-1-2 Hiranomachi, Chuo-ku, Osaka
Representative	Masataka Fujiwara, Representative Director and President
Capital	132.16666 billion yen
Establishment	April 10, 1897
Main business	Production, supply, and sale of gas; generation and sale of electricity, etc.

<SSJ>

Company name	Sky Solar Japan Co., Ltd.
Headquarters	Shiodome City Center 8F, 1-5-2 Higashi-Shinbashi, Minato-ku, Tokyo
Representative	Ray Chen and Junichiro Mihara, Representative Directors
Capital	5.1 billion yen
Establishment	October 20, 2009
Main business	Renewable energy IPP business, development and management of power plants, etc.