

Daigas Group to participate in a new project of umbrella-sharing service,  
aiming at a society without disposable umbrellas

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Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.

We are pleased to announce that the Daigas Group will participate in a new project called the “Zero Disposable Umbrella by 2030 Project” of i-kasa, an umbrella-sharing service, operated by Nature Innovation Group Co., Ltd.

The new project is being launched today (June 1, 2022) in line with the start of the rainy season and Environment Month. Every year, more than 80 million disposable plastic umbrellas are consumed in Japan. By promoting and expanding the use of the umbrella-sharing service, i-kasa, the project aims to reduce the use of such umbrellas to zero by 2030.

Under the Daigas Group Carbon Neutral Vision presented in January 2021, we have been striving to contribute to the realization of a sustainable society. Agreeing with the initiative of the new project, we decided to take part in it. We will produce umbrellas with our own design that introduce methanation technology to produce methane, the main component of city gas, by reacting CO<sub>2</sub> emitted into the atmosphere with clean hydrogen. We are planning to place the umbrellas at umbrella-sharing spots, including Daigas Group facilities, in August.

[Press conference for the project on May 31, 2022]



i-kasa is Japan's first full-fledged umbrella-sharing service, launched in December 2018. A feature of the service is that you can borrow an umbrella at an umbrella-sharing spot of i-kasa using a smartphone app and return the umbrella to the nearest umbrella-sharing spot when you finish using it. Currently, approximately 300,000 people have registered for the app (as of May 2022), and the number of umbrella-sharing spots has increased to over 1,000, mainly along railroads in areas such as the Tokyo metropolitan area, Kansai, Aichi, Okayama, Fukuoka, and Saga.

The Daigas Group will continue to make various efforts to become a corporate group that powers continuous advancement in customers' lives and businesses.

■ Reference

- ▽ Special website for “Zero Disposable Umbrella by 2030 Project” (in Japanese)

<https://i-kasa-lp.studio.site/2030pj>

- ▽ i-kasa website (in Japanese)

<https://www.i-kasa.com/>