

Conclusion of Partnership Agreement with Kobe City to Promote Regional Decarbonization
Aiming at decarbonization and stronger resilience of the Kobe Biomedical Innovation Cluster on Port Island

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Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.

Osaka Gas Co., Ltd. (Representative Director and President: Masataka Fujiwara; hereinafter “Osaka Gas”) today concluded a partnership agreement (hereinafter, “the Agreement”) with Kobe City (Mayor: Kizo Hisamoto).

Kobe City and six other joint proposers, including Osaka Gas, answered the public call for the Decarbonization Leading Areas* (fifth round), which were announced by the Ministry of the Environment, and proposed a plan aimed at evolving the post-earthquake reconstruction project, the “Kobe Biomedical Innovation Cluster,” into a decarbonized city that protects lives on the occasion of 30 years since the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake. As a result, the City was selected as a Decarbonization Leading Area in September 2024.

Kobe City and Osaka Gas have concluded the Agreement to cooperate and collaborate with each other in advancing initiatives toward regional decarbonization.



From the left: Shinichi Ueda, General Manager of Osaka Gas's Energy Solutions Business Unit; Masao Imanishi, Deputy Mayor of Kobe City

[Overview of the Partnership Agreement]

Name: Partnership Agreement on Promotion of Regional Decarbonization

Parties : Kobe City and Osaka Gas

Date of conclusion : December 20, 2024

Objective : To advance initiatives toward regional decarbonization

Main cooperation and collaboration items:

(1) Matters related to the following: support for the introduction of renewable energy

and energy-saving equipment to help Kobe City achieve success as a Decarbonization Leading Area, contribution to the local community by utilizing profits from related businesses, and initiatives for local production and consumption of energy

(2) Matters related to the consideration of necessary measures to help Kobe City achieve success as a Decarbonization Leading Area

(3) Any other matters necessary to achieve the objective of the Agreement

Period: From the conclusion date of the Agreement to March 31, 2026 (until March 31, 2031 at the latest)

In addition to contributing to regional revitalization in the Kinki region, the Daigas Group will contribute to the realization of a low-carbon and decarbonized society, and it will become a corporate group useful to the further evolution of life and business.

* Decarbonization Leading Areas:

Decarbonization Leading Areas are regions that aim to achieve net-zero carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from electricity consumption in households and business sectors by 2030. In addition, these areas make efforts to achieve reductions in other greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by utilizing local characteristics.

[Efforts to be made by Kobe City as a Decarbonization Leading Area]

<https://www.city.kobe.lg.jp/a73498/ondanka/3c7.html> (only in Japanese)