

Wins the Gold Prize (Minister of the Environment Award) in the Fundraisers Category of the 6th ESG Finance Awards Japan, the First Such Award in the Energy Industry

February 19, 2025
Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.

Osaka Gas Co., Ltd. (Representative Director and President: Masataka Fujiwara) has been awarded the highest Gold Prize (Minister of the Environment Award) in the Fundraisers Category of the 6th ESG Finance Awards Japan (hereinafter referred to as the "Awards"), sponsored by the Ministry of the Environment, in recognition of its fundraising efforts through transition-linked finance. This is the first time that this award has been given in the energy industry.

Based on the Daigas Group Carbon Neutral Vision announced in January 2021 and Daigas Group Energy Transition 2030 announced in March 2023, the Daigas Group is working towards ensuring a stable and secure energy supply, as well as promoting carbon-neutral energy practices, with the aim of achieving carbon neutrality by 2050.

Going forward, we will continue to provide information and be accountable to all stakeholders while advancing initiatives aimed at achieving a stable supply of energy and carbon neutrality through fundraising by means of ESG finance.

In the Environment Sustainable Category of the Awards, companies that meet certain standards for the completeness of information disclosure in light of the screening criteria are selected as environmentally sustainable companies. Our company has been selected for the fourth consecutive year since fiscal 2021.



Fundraisers Category
Gold Prize (Minister of the Environment Award)



Environment Sustainable Category
Environmentally Sustainable Company

[Description of the ESG Finance Awards Japan sponsored by the Ministry of the Environment]

The Awards aim to support the transition of companies' business models to sustainable ones; to recognize outstanding organizations, pioneering initiatives, and exemplary initiatives, all of which have an impact on the environment, society, and the economy; and to share these with the wider public, thereby further popularizing and expanding ESG finance and improving its quality.

[Reasons why we won the Gold Prize in the Fundraisers Category*]

The company has set ambitious emissions reduction targets for 2030 through the promotion of energy conservation and the introduction of e-methane, and it has been advancing initiatives aimed at achieving carbon neutrality by 2050.

The company was highly praised for identifying transition as a key management issue, presenting a transition strategy with a realistic pathway toward decarbonizing heat, and creating a financing scheme to execute the strategy.

The company's efforts to increase awareness of the issues surrounding transition finance through investor relations (IR) initiatives and to communicate actions toward achieving goals will serve as a reference for other issuers that need to undergo a transition.

* Quoted from the reasons given by the Ministry of the Environment for awarding the company (in Japanese)

- Osaka Gas: Initiatives for Sustainability

[Daigas Group's Commitment to Sustainability | Daigas Group](#)

- Osaka Gas: Initiatives for Transition Finance

[Transition Finance | Daigas Group's Commitment to Sustainability | Daigas Group](#)