

**A Naming Ceremony Held for Osaka Gas’s First-ever LNG Bunkering Vessel
-A Prelude to the April 2026 Launch of the Ship-to-Ship LNG Bunkering Business-**

March 5, 2026
Osaka Gas Co., Ltd

Prior to Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.’s (Osaka Gas) launch of the Ship-to-Ship LNG bunkering operation¹ in April 2026, a naming ceremony was held today at Shitanoe Shipbuilding Co., Ltd. in Usuki-City, Oita Prefecture for the LNG bunkering vessel² currently under construction by Osaka Bay LNG Shipping Co., Ltd., in which Osaka Gas International Transport Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Osaka Gas, has invested.

Named “SETO AZURE” after the beauty of the Seto Inland Sea—one of the locations where the company’s Ship-to-Ship bunkering business will take place—the bunkering vessel is scheduled to commence operations upon its launch in April 2026. With Osaka Gas selling and providing LNG, SETO AZURE will supply LNG to LNG-fueled ships including capsized bulkers operated by Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd. (MOL), Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd. (“K” LINE), and Nippon Yusen Kaisha (NYK).

The introduction of the Ship-to-Ship bunkering method complements Osaka Gas’s existing bunkering operations, which currently utilize the Truck-to-Ship³ and Port-to-Ship⁴ methods.

“We are excited to commence our Ship-to-Ship LNG bunkering operations next month,” commented Mr. Masataka Fujiwara, President and Representative Director of Osaka Gas.

“Amid the global momentum towards decarbonization and low-carbon initiatives, Osaka Gas is dedicated to providing a stable supply of LNG to meet the growing demand from LNG-fueled vessels.”

An increasing number of LNG-fueled vessels have come into operation in recent years, driven by the global trend of marine fuel decarbonization and the target set by The International Maritime Organization to reduce greenhouse gas emissions⁵. LNG-fueled vessels can reduce carbon dioxide emissions compared to the traditional use of heavy oil as marine fuel; however, the shortage of LNG fuel facilities across Japan poses a challenge to this effort.

With its newly comprehensive bunkering service that covers all three major bunkering methods, Osaka Gas intends to contribute further to a stable and flexible LNG fuel supply.

The Daigas Group intends to expand the LNG bunkering business, and based on the “Daigas Group Energy Transition 2050” announced in February 2025, the Group also aims to contribute to the lower carbon and decarbonization of the marine transportation industry through the social implementation of e-methane and promoting its use as a marine fuel replacing LNG in future.

1 : A method of transferring LNG fuel to an LNG-fueled vessel moored at berth or at anchor from an LNG bunkering ship brought into proximity.

2 : A vessel that supplies LNG fuel to ships that use LNG as fuel.

3 : A method using an LNG truck to transfer LNG fuel to an LNG-fueled vessel moored at berth.

4 : A method using on-shore facilities such as an LNG terminal to transfer LNG fuel to an LNG-fueled vessel moored at berth or jetty.

5 : The goal of achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by or around 2050.

■LNG Bunkering Vessel-SETO AZURE



Total length	: 86.29 M
Breadth	: 17.60 M
Gross tonnage	: Approx. 4,350 T
LNG tank system	: IMO Type C independent tank
LNG tank capacity	: Approx. 3,610m ³
Propulsion system	: Electric propulsion (LNG/Fuel Oil Dual-Fuel engine)
Ship owner	: Osaka Bay LNG Shipping Co., Ltd.
Shipbuilding	: Shitanoe Shipbuilding Co., Ltd.

■At the naming ceremony



Company Information

■ Osaka Gas Co., Ltd (Osaka Gas)

Headquarters	4-1-2 Hiranomachi, Chuo-ku, Osaka, Japan
Established	April 10, 1897
Representative	Masataka Fujiwara, President and Representative Director

■ Osaka Gas International Transport Inc. (OGIT)

Headquarters	4-1-2 Hiranomachi, Chuo-ku, Osaka, Japan
Established	April 2, 1990
Representative	Sunao Okamoto, President and Representative Director

■ Osaka Bay LNG Shipping Co., Ltd (OLS)

Headquarters	4-1-2 Hiranomachi, Chuo-ku, Osaka, Japan
Established	June 14, 2023
Representative	Sunao Okamoto, President and Representative Director
Equity holders	Osaka Gas International Transport Inc., NS United Coastal Tanker Kaisha, Ltd., and Kobe Osaka International Port Corporation