

Shanghai Taiyo Nippon Sanso Completes New Plant

Taiyo Nippon Sanso's Chinese subsidiary, Shanghai Taiyo Nippon Sanso Gas Co., Ltd. has completed construction of an MMG20000 air separation plant, and the opening ceremony for the facility was held on March 16.

Overview

At a time when investments are pouring into China, where the economy is growing at a remarkable pace, not only electronics enterprises such as semiconductor and LCD manufacturers, but firms from all industries are expected to be moving into the Shanghai region, which is the center of industrial activity in the East China region. We have constructed an air separation plant to ensure a steady supply of high-purity nitrogen and all varieties of industrial gas products to the electronics industry.

Plant Specifications

The recently completed MMG20000 air separation plant will provide high-purity nitrogen via a pipeline to Shanghai SVA NEC Liquid Crystal Display Co. The plant will also supply liquified oxygen and liquified nitrogen by tank truck to other users in the Shanghai

region.

The MMG2000 air separation plant will have the following production capacities:

Liquified oxygen: 2,300 Nm³/h

Liquified nitrogen: 4,000 Nm³/h

Nitrogen gas: 8,000 Nm³/h

Liquified argon: 145 Nm³/h

Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony for the new plant was held at the head office of Shanghai Taiyo Nippon Sanso on March 16, 2005. This ceremony was attended by about 180 people, including Vice President Hirosuke Matsueda, Director Kazuya Ito, and other top executives. In his address, Vice President Matsueda pointed out that it is important to have a second Chinese production base in Shanghai following the first one in Dalian, as Shanghai has high growth potential.

Speaking of the Company's future aspirations for the new plant, he said that through the supply of industrial gas products, the Company hopes to contribute to the growth not only of the

electronics industry, but also of the steel, shipbuilding,
petrochemical and foodstuffs industries, among others.

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