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New Plant Completed for Vietnam Japan Gas (VJG)

TNSC and Tomoe Shokai Co., Ltd., having recently completed construction of the No. 2 MMG6000-type air separation plant for their joint venture Vietnam Japan Gas Co., Ltd. (VJG), held a completion ceremony at the VJG site on September 28. The ceremony, which was attended by high-ranking officials of the Government of Vietnam as well as representatives of the Group's Vietnamese business partners, was followed by a guided tour of the facilities.

Background to construction of the air separation plant

Along with a number of other countries in East and Southeast Asia, Vietnam has been enjoying a rapid growth in its GDP over the past few years, and continued steady growth is anticipated into the future. Furthermore, VJG is located in Ho Chi Minh City in the southern part of the country, a region which has seen a steady stream of foreign enterprises setting up manufacturing plants. This is one of a number of factors that bode well for the continued growth in demand for industrial gases. Against this background, the TNSC Group is embarking on a program of further expansion in its business operations in Vietnam, and the construction of the new air separation plant at VJG is part of a set of measures to ensure sufficient production capacity of industrial gases to meet

the projected increase in demand for these products in the near future.

Outline of plant

The recently completed MMG6000-type air separation plant is intended to supply customers throughout southern Vietnam with oxygen and nitrogen in liquefied form, delivered by tank trucks.

Specifications of MMG6000-type air separation plant:

- Production capacity of liquefied oxygen and nitrogen:
2,500Nm³/h
- LO₂ tank: 100t x one tank
- LN₂ tank: 150t x two tanks

Completion ceremony

The completion ceremony for the new air separation plant was held between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on September 28 at VJG's business premises, with the attendance of approximately 200 guests, most notably representatives of the Government of Vietnam, as well as the Japanese Consul-General in Ho Chi Minh City. Speeches were made by Executive Vice President Hiroshige Matsueda representing Taiyo Nippon Sanso, and by President Sadao Fukao of Tomoe Shokai, and the ceremony was followed by a guided tour of the facilities.