Restoration of city gas supplies in the Tohoku and Kanto regions

- Near-complete restoration has been achieved with the help of gas utilities throughout Japan –

City gas

- City gas supplies were suspended at 400,000 households in 19 regions of 8 prefectures due to damage to production facilities and pipes.
- As restoration work gradually progresses with the help of gas utilities throughout Japan, supplies have resumed to 397,774 households (approx. 99% of 401,976 households requiring reconnection.)
- 4,202 households in Ishinomaki Gas still remain disconnected. Production facilities, etc. have seriously been damaged, but actual restoration work started on April 10. Early restoration is being aimed at with approx. 200 aid workers.

Measures for restoration by gas utilities so far

Recovery aid/ measures from utilities throughout Japan

Under the initiative of the Japan Gas Association, 51 gas utilities around Japan organized recovery aid teams and assisted restoration work with a cumulative total of 100,000 workers. Sendai City Gas Bureau, which had the largest number of customers awaiting reconnection, completed restoration on April 16 with support of a maximum of approx. 4,000 workers.

Supply via pipelines from Niigata

To compensate for the tsunami-damaged LNG base in Sendai, which will take a considerable amount of time to repair, supplies via pipelines from Niigata were increased to resume supplies from Sendai City Gas and Shiogama Gas.

Portable gas generators

For temporary supplies, 83 portable gas generators were provided to high priority facilities such as hospitals, welfare facilities and evacuation centers from gas utilities throughout Japan.

Provision of portable gas cartridge stoves

The Japan Gas Association reported that approx. 9,000 portable gas cartridge stoves and approx. 30,000 gas cartridges sent to the affected gas utilities, and onboard shower facilities were provided.

Community gas

- Community gas supplies are resuming gradually, however gas supplies are still suspended in approx. 2,000 households in apartment houses of the 2 prefectures (Iwate and Miyagi).
- Since most community gas utilities are LP gas suppliers, gas needed for community gas customers has been secured separately through LP gas supply-related measures.
- Utilities are continuing efforts to repair damaged pipes and other equipment, while striving to resume supply to customers as early as possible, by taking measures including the installation of gas cylinders in individual apartments as an alternative.