

Trend of the price of spot-LNG
(Preliminary Figures for January 2020)

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The average of the contract-based price of spot-LNG in December 2019 is 6.4 USD/MMBtu and the average of the arrival-based price is 6.7 USD/MMBtu (No change from the preliminary figure published last month).

The average of the contract-based price of spot-LNG in January 2020 is 5.9 USD/MMBtu and the average of the arrival-based price is 6.0 USD/MMBtu.

(Unit : USD/MMBtu)

Month		Contract-based Price	Arrival-based Price
2019	December*	6.4	6.7
2020	January**	5.9	6.0

*Detailed ** Preliminary

(Notes)

- "Spot-LNG" refers to LNG that are traded on a cargo to cargo basis, and does not mean term contracts of LNG (so-called long, medium, short-term contracts). In addition, for spot-LNG, the price of which is linked to a particular price index (for example the Henry Hub link, and the JKM link) is excluded from these statistics. Objects of these statistics are spot-LNGs the prices of which are determined at the time of contract (so-called "fixed price").
- Delivery conditions of prices (prior to averaging) are all converted into equivalent DES basis.
- Prices in the table are the simple average (rounded to the first decimal place) of all contract-based (or arrival-based) prices of spot-LNGs in Japan (not weighted averages).
- In order to provide as accurate statistics as possible, we conduct a correction process. The Preliminary figure is made based on the information collected between the 1st to 4th business days of each month following each survey month. The Detailed figure is published at the same time as the publication of the Preliminary figure of the following month if any mistakes are found in the period leading up to the publication of the Preliminary figure of the following month. If any additional mistakes are found after the publication of the Detailed figure, we will correct the mistakes in March of the following year and publish the Fixed figure. Afterwards, we will not change the statistics even if subsequent mistakes in the declarations are found.
- Subjects of these statistics are companies which are end-consumers of spot-LNGs. In order to avoid double counting, companies that mediate transactions (for example trading companies) are

excluded from subjects of these statistics.

- Arrival-based prices in the table may include LNG that arrived at a month different from that denoted in the table, since the arrival month in the questionnaire will be filled in on a planned basis at the time of contract.
- We can publish the price of the spot-LNG only in the cases where there are two or more reporters that imported spot-LNG. If there is only one reporter or none at all, we will not publish a price.

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