

Contribution to the Local Community

Basic Concept

The Toho Gas Group is advancing efforts to contribute to a sustainable society, addressing diverse regional needs and challenges such as carbon neutrality and enhanced resilience. We are deepening our collaboration with municipalities, primarily in the three-prefecture Tokai region (Aichi, Gifu, and Mie), strengthening our engagement with customers, and striving to co-create new value. By addressing the emerging challenges in the region, we aim to contribute to achieving prosperity within the region.

Initiatives for Coexistence with Local Communities

Comprehensive collaboration agreement with Nagoya City

Toho Gas and Toho Gas Network Co., Ltd. signed a comprehensive collaborative agreement with the city of Nagoya to realize the five-city vision outlined in the Nagoya City Master Plan 2023. This agreement aims to achieve mutual sustainable development by promoting activities through cooperation and collaboration, further improving public services, and revitalizing the local community.



Comprehensive collaboration with the city of Nagoya

Revitalizing the local community through regional new power generation

Toho Gas has jointly established five regional new power companies with local governments and other organizations in an effort to supply electricity generated from local power sources such as waste-to-energy to public facilities. In this way, we are promoting carbon neutrality of the region and contributing to local

production and local distribution of energy. Moving forward, we will contribute to regional revitalization such as by donating business profits to local governments.

Municipality	Power company	Date established
Matsuzaka	Matsusaka Shin-denryoku Co., Ltd.	November 2017
Okazaki	Okazaki Sakura Electric Power Co., Inc.	March 2020
Suzuka	Suzuka Green Energy Co., Ltd.	September 2022
Kariya and Chiryu	Kariya Chiryu Mirai Electric Power Co., Ltd.	November 2022
Ichinomiya	Ichinomya Mirai Energy Co., Ltd.	January 2023



Donation presentation ceremony (Matsusaka Shin-denryoku)

Strengthening Regional Resilience

We are aiming to improve disaster preparedness throughout the region by strengthening collaboration among industry, government, and academia. Through joint disaster prevention drills with local governments, we are enhancing cooperation in times of disaster.

Promoting technical cooperation with local governments

Toho Gas Network Co., Ltd. signed the Basic Agreement on Technical Cooperation with the Nagoya City Waterworks and Sewerage Bureau to strengthen maintenance of facilities and equipment as well as cooperation in developing human resources. Due to shared operational challenges in maintenance of pipeline facilities and development of human resources, the agreement aims to quickly resolve issues and ensure more efficient business operations through cooperation and collaboration including the sharing of information and joint inspections. We will continue to promote safety measures, such as gas facility maintenance and emergency response, and further enhance cooperation with related organizations to continue to ensure safe and secure use of city gas.



Agreement signing ceremony

Activities to protect children and seniors

To deter children victimization, we are engaged in crime prevention activities for protecting children, together with sales outlets, construction companies, and other locations. We have designated some 200 business locations as children's emergency shelters to protect children who feel unsafe, and we have affixed Child Crime Prevention Patrol Support Vehicle stickers to some 2,200 Group vehicles.

Toho Gas and Toho Gas Customer Service Co., Ltd. signed an agreement with local governments to cooperate in monitoring activities for seniors in building a community where they can live with peace of mind.

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Education for the Next Generation

Activities supporting school education

Toho Gas Network Co., Ltd. offers special classes at schools on energy and disaster prevention, the environment, and food for elementary and middle school students who will lead the next generation. In FY2023, we offered a total of 91 classes in 45 schools with curriculum such as “Let’s Think! Energy and Disaster Prevention,” “Global Environment and Natural Gas,” and “Let’s Make Roasted Sweet Potatoes.” We are also engaged in educational activities in cooperation with local groups and organizations.



Special class at a school

Hosting biodiversity and biotope courses at Nagoya Open University of the Environment

Since the establishment of Nagoya Open University of the Environment—a collaborative network for mutual learning involving businesses, citizens, civic groups, educational institutions, and local governments—we have been active in establishing environmental courses on biodiversity and biotopes.

In FY2023, classes on living organisms and the environment were held through classroom lectures and observations of dragonfly larva in a biodiversity and biotope course for middle and high school students, inviting Ms. Akiko Hasegawa as a lecturer.



Biotope class at Nagoya Open University of the Environment

Education on the environment and energy at the Gas Energy Exhibition Hall

At the Gas Energy Exhibition Hall operated by Toho Gas, we offer opportunities for elementary and middle school students to study the importance of the environment through fun participatory lessons and interactive exhibits on global warming and energy.

We also hold Eco Classes each month where people can observe living organisms in the biotope and build things using recycled materials, as well as events where families can have fun learning about SDGs.



Science experiment at the Gas Energy Exhibition Hall

Contributing to the Community through Culture and Sports

Kokoro no Ki (“Tree of the Heart”) book reviews

To encourage elementary school students to read and explore a connection with nature, we have held the Kokoro no Ki (“Tree of the Heart”) book review contest since FY2001.

In FY2023, we received 4,139 entries and awarded a total of 97 awards, including the Moving Award and the Most Moving Award.



Kokoro no Ki (“Tree of the Heart”) book review award ceremony

Hosting soft tennis and baseball clinics

The Toho Gas soft tennis club holds tennis clinics for elementary, middle, and high school students at schools and other locations. In FY2023, we held a total of 15 clinics joined by some 800 students.

Our hardball baseball team hosts baseball clinics for local children. In FY2023, we held a baseball clinic for some 200 preschool children at preschools in Nagoya.

We will continue to actively contribute to the community through sports promotion activities.



Baseball clinic



Soft tennis clinic

Toho Gas Pennant Youth Baseball Tournament

To promote sports in the community and contribute to the healthy development of local middle school students, we have collaborated with the Japan Boys League in hosting a youth baseball tournament since FY1993. In FY2023, 31 teams participated, showcasing some fierce competition.



Youth baseball tournament award ceremony