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Completion of construction of the Tochigi Line

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Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd. (Mr. Norio Ichino, President) recently completed construction of the Tochigi Line, a trunk pipeline with an extended length of about 69.4km, linking the cities of Sano and Utsunomiya in Tochigi Prefecture. We began to construct this trunk pipeline in January 2002 in order to assure the stability of supply to our Utsunomiya service branch and meet the mainly industrial demand for gas along the route. Upon its completion, we placed the pipeline into service today.

■ Construction background and course

We began supplying city gas made from liquefied natural gas (LNG) to our Utsunomiya service branch after opening the Kumagaya-Sano Line (a trunk pipeline with an extended length of 41.8km, linking the cities of Kumagaya in Saitama Prefecture and Sano in Tochigi Prefecture) in October 2004.

Nevertheless, we decided to construct the Tochigi Line in light of the spreading urbanization in the Utsunomiya service branch service area and its periphery; growing demand, mainly among commercial and industrial enterprises taking environmental measures; the need to assure supply stability through a double system of lines; and the demand associated with the Kiyohara and Moka industrial estates, promising sites along the route for buildup of industrial demand.

We are promoting construction of the Chuo Line and other lines for the further expansion of our network of trunk transportation pipelines.

■ Outline of the trunk pipeline

Route name	Tochigi Line	
	Sano governor station (Sano, Tochigi Prefecture) ~ Moka governor station (Moka, Tochigi Prefecture)	Moka governor station (Moka, Tochigi Prefecture) ~ Existing Utsunomiya medium pressure line
Maximum use pressure	7MPa	0.99MPa
Diameter	400mm	500mm/400mm
Extended length	53.2km	16.2km
	(Total) 69.4km	
Time of start of construction	January 2002	
Date of start of service	1 November 2005	
Total construction cost	About 16.8 billion yen	

■ Outline of the Tokyo Gas Utsunomiya service branch

Address: 4-2-16 Higashi-Syukugo, Utsunomiya, Tochigi Prefecture

Supply area: The cities of Utsunomiya and Moka, the towns of Kaminokawa (Kawachi County) and Haga (Haga County), and part of the town of Takanezawa (Shioya County).

Number of customers: 51,461 (as of 31 March 2005)

Yearly gas sales: 58,934,000 m³ (FY2004)

Sales breakdown by sector

Residential: 17,126,000 m³

Commercial: 26,031,000 m³

Industrial: 15,777,000 m³

(“Map of the Tochigi line” is on following sheet.)

Map of the Tochigi Line

