

Completion Ceremony for Construction to Develop a New Working Face at a Limestone Mine in Itoigawa City

DENKI KAGAKU KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA (headquarters: Chuo-ku, Tokyo; president: Shinsuke Yoshitaka; hereinafter “DENKA”) held a ceremony to mark the completion of construction to develop a new working face at a limestone mine in Itoigawa City, Niigata Prefecture, on May 19, 2015. The construction to develop this mine, to which the DENKA holds mining rights, began in 2008.

The ceremony was attended by representatives of companies involved in the project, including Okumura Corporation and Kumagai Gumi Co., Ltd., as well as representatives from DENKA. At the ceremony, DENKA president Shinuke Yoshitaka delivered the following remarks.

DENKA, founded in 1915, began as a manufacturer and marketer of calcium carbide and calcium cyanamide. Six years later, in 1921, DENKA’s Omi plant in Itoigawa City, Niigata Prefecture, was established. The Omi plant is DENKA’s largest plant and the foundation of its businesses related to the calcium carbide product chain, extending from calcium carbide itself to cement and chloroprene rubber. The plant’s competitiveness springs from DENKA’s hydroelectric power plants and abundant limestone resources. This year, DENKA celebrated the 100th anniversary of its founding. We are very pleased that the construction to enable the development of this new face, which will support DENKA over the next 100 years, was completed in this special year. I would like to again extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who worked so hard on this project. Thank you.



President Yoshitaka speaking
at the completion ceremony



Participants listening to an explanation
of the development

The completion of construction for this new working face is the first such completion in about three decades for DENKA. In line with the April 10, 2013 revisions to the growth strategies of the DENKA100 management plan, DENKA is working to secure a stable supply of limestone in order to reinforce the future business foundations and competitiveness of its lime and calcium carbide-related businesses while also advancing measures aimed at augmenting its hydroelectric power generation, including constructing new environmentally friendly hydroelectric power plants.



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