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“Introduction of Dedicated RD40 Dispensers at the Tsurui Joetsu Service Station and Commencement of RD40 Supply to NEXCO Maintenance Niigata as Part of Efforts to Strengthen RD40 Supply System in Joetsu City, Niigata Prefecture”

INPEX JAPAN Co., Ltd. (INPEX JAPAN), a wholly owned subsidiary of [INPEX CORPORATION](#) (INPEX), announced the start of operations of a dedicated dispenser for RD40¹ installed at the Tsurui Joetsu Service Station (Tsurui Joetsu SS) in Joetsu City, Niigata Prefecture, as well as the commencement of RD40 supply to NEXCO Maintenance Niigata. This initiative forms part of our efforts to promote the use of renewable diesel (RD)² and advance decarbonization in the regional transportation sector.

This marks the first time in Japan that RD40 is being sold at a service station (gas station) to both corporate and general customers.

¹ A fuel consisting of 40% RD blended with diesel. It can be used directly in existing diesel vehicles, offering enhanced operational flexibility.

² RD used in this initiative is supplied to INPEX JAPAN through Itochu Enex Co., Ltd. and procured from the Neste OYJ Group, the world's largest producer of renewable fuels.



The dispenser introduced at Tsurui Joetsu SS is owned by Tsurui Sekiyu Hanbai Co., Ltd. (Tsurui Sekiyu Hanbai), the operator of the station. Equipped with functions optimized for the characteristics of RD40, the dispenser represents a significant step forward in establishing an environment for the use of next-generation fuel in the region.

Since 2023, INPEX JAPAN has been supplying RD, and since 2024, has expanded to supplying and selling RD40. The company has been working to increase market penetration primarily among partner companies. In May 2025, INPEX JAPAN received a formal inquiry from NEXCO Maintenance Niigata—headquartered in Nagaoka City, Niigata Prefecture—regarding the supply of RD40 for garbage collection vehicles servicing highway parking and service areas near Joetsu City. This inquiry marked a concrete step toward the company's consideration of low-emission fuels for its highway maintenance operations.

Recognizing the importance of environmental stewardship in road maintenance, NEXCO Maintenance Niigata has been evaluating the use of RD40 as a fuel that can reduce CO₂ emissions and mitigate environmental impacts. The introduction of RD40 represents a highly meaningful initiative within the company's broader efforts to reduce environmental burdens.

Given this background, INPEX JAPAN proposed Tsurui Joetsu SS—an optimal supply point with excellent access to the Joetsu Interchange exit—as the fueling location. Upon receiving approval, INPEX JAPAN concluded a basic sales agreement with Tsurui Sekiyu Hanbai in December 2025 and established the operational framework for RD40 supply.

The newly installed RD40 dispenser is equipped with dedicated features that enable stable and rapid fueling. By supplying RD40—a next-generation fuel compatible with diesel—to vehicles such as garbage collection trucks used by NEXCO Maintenance Niigata, the dispenser will help maximize CO₂ reduction and environmental benefits during vehicle operation.

In addition to supplying NEXCO Maintenance Niigata, the operation of this dispenser enables stable RD40 supply to corporate users and the general public in Joetsu City, positioning the station as a key hub for expanding awareness and use of renewable fuels in the region.

The use of RD40 not only contributes to reducing greenhouse gas emissions compared with conventional diesel, but also offers significant advantages by maintaining operational flexibility through its compatibility with diesel. Its introduction into NEXCO Maintenance

Niigata's highway maintenance operations is expected to be recognized as a concrete initiative contributing to reduced environmental impact in the region.

Together with Tsurui Sangyo Co., Ltd. and Tsurui Sekiyu Hanbai Co., Ltd., INPEX JAPAN will continue working to expand the supply of RD and RD40, enhance the domestic environment for renewable fuel use, and accelerate its adoption. Through these efforts, the company will advance the realization of a responsible energy transition.

■ **NEXCO Maintenance Niigata Co., Ltd.**

Established in 2008 as a member of the NEXCO East Japan Group, NEXCO Maintenance Niigata is headquartered in Nagaoka and operates offices in Niigata, Nagaoka, Joetsu, and Yuzawa. The company supports a wide range of highway operations across Niigata Prefecture, including maintenance and repair, snow and ice control, cleaning, vegetation management, and accident/disaster recovery. Leveraging expertise cultivated in heavy-snow regions, the company works year-round to ensure road mobility. Viewing roads as the lifelines of local communities, the company is committed to maintaining them in a continuously usable state, thereby supporting mobility and economic activity in Niigata.

■ **Tsurui Sangyo Co., Ltd.**

Tsurui Sangyo is a general trading company headquartered in Chuo-ku, Niigata City, engaged in the sale of fuel, construction materials, piping materials, metals, machinery, and information equipment, as well as related construction services. Centered in Niigata Prefecture, the company conducts community-based business activities and provides a wide range of solutions through proposal-driven sales supported by domestic and international networks.

■ **Tsurui Sekiyu Hanbai Co., Ltd.**

Tsurui Sekiyu Hanbai, a wholly owned subsidiary of Tsurui Sangyo, is a community-focused fuel retailer. The company operates service stations and supplies petroleum products such as gasoline, diesel, and kerosene, as well as automotive-related goods. It plays a vital role in supporting local life and industry through energy supply and has long contributed to safe and comfortable mobility in the Niigata region.

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