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INPEX to Establish New Research and Development Center

TOKYO, JAPAN - [INPEX CORPORATION](#) (INPEX) announced today that it has decided to establish a new research and development center (the “Center”) in the Kashiwa-no-ha Campus area in Kashiwa City, Chiba Prefecture, Japan. The Center will serve as a base for accelerating technical development and innovation and for acquiring and strengthening the technological capabilities that underpin the company’s business competitiveness.

The Center is scheduled to commence operations in April 2029. Leveraging the area’s rich natural environment and concentration of universities and research institutions, INPEX will develop the facility as a hub for the creation of advanced technologies in the energy field.

At the Center, INPEX will further deepen and expand the technologies and expertise it has cultivated through its energy development business. The company will also promote technology development in priority fields that support the energy transition and enhance business competitiveness.

Specifically, research and development activities will focus on areas expected to support INPEX’s future growth, including advanced oil and natural gas development technologies, CO₂ capture, transportation and subsurface storage technologies related to carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS), hydrogen-related technologies, natural gas utilization technologies and mineral resource recovery technologies.

The Center is also expected to support INPEX’s efforts to build competitive advantages through research and development as outlined in [INPEX Vision 2035](#) announced in February 2025.

INPEX positions the Center as a place to create the future of energy and aims to foster a research environment where technologies, people and expertise from both inside and outside the company can come together and interact. In line with the Kashiwa-no-ha Campus vision of promoting innovation through collaboration among industry, academia and government, the Center will be developed as a research and development hub befitting a globally recognized innovation district. By contributing to stable energy supply and supporting the energy transition through technology development at the Center, INPEX will continue to enhance its corporate value and contribute to the realization of a sustainable society.



Rendering of the Research and Development Center

* This rendering represents the current conceptual plan and is subject to change as further studies and consultations progress

Reference: Overview of the Research and Development Center

Location	Block 403, Kashiwa-no-ha Campus, Kashiwa City, Chiba Prefecture, Japan
Facilities	① Office and Research Building, Laboratory ② Outdoor Space
Scale	Site Area: Approx. 25,000 m ² Gross Floor Area: Approx. 12,000 m ² Office and Research Building: 3 stories Laboratory: 2 stories Structure: Steel-frame construction
Number of Personnel	Approximately 100-150
Construction Start	Scheduled for May 2027
Commencement of Operations	Scheduled for April 2029

About INPEX

INPEX is Japan's largest exploration and production (E&P) company, engaged in the development and operation of oil and gas projects worldwide. We are committed to contributing to a brighter future by delivering energy in a sustainable way. As part of this commitment, we are also engaging in lower-carbon solutions such as CCS, hydrogen and integrated power supply, while pursuing new opportunities in the evolving energy landscape.

For more information, visit <https://www.inpex.com/english/index.html>.

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