

Press information

KYOCERA, Mitsubishi Research Institute, Tokyo Century and Yonden Engineering Complete 14.5MW Solar Power Plant

Project in Japan's Hyogo Prefecture aims to revitalize community through renewable energy.

Kyoto, Japan / Neuss, Germany, December 1, 2016. An enterprise jointly established by Kyocera Corporation, Mitsubishi Research Institute, Inc., Tokyo Century Corporation and Yonden Engineering Company, Incorporated today announced the completion of a 14.5-megawatt (MW) solar power plant in Hyogo Prefecture, Japan. The installation, which began operation on November 2, will generate an estimated 16,060 megawatt hours (MWh) per year — enough electricity to power approximately 4,930 typical households*. A ceremony was held November 29 to commemorate the plant's completion.



14.5MW solar power plant in Taka Town, Hyogo Prefecture of Japan

Kyocera, Mitsubishi Research Institute, Tokyo Century and Yonden Engineering began project planning in May 2013 based on candidate sites disclosed by Hyogo Prefecture. The companies established Takacho Yasudago Mega Solar Hatsuden LLC in October 2014, and commenced construction after obtaining approval for land development in March 2015. The system began selling electricity on November 2 this year.

Takacho Yasudago Mega Solar Hatsuden will be responsible for operating the site. Tokyo Century arranged financing, and design and construction was undertaken by Yonden Engineering. The Kyocera Group supplied solar modules as well as peripheral equipment for the installation, and will also carry out maintenance.

Mitsubishi Research Institute, which headed the project and provided consultation, will also undertake administration (asset management) of Takacho Yasudago Mega Solar Hatsuden.



Completion ceremony held at the project site

Approximately 100 individuals affiliated with the project, including public officers of Taka Town and local residents, participated in the completion ceremony. Through this project, Kyocera, Mitsubishi Research Institute, Tokyo Century and Yonden Engineering aim to further promote the use of renewable energy and contribute to the community's revitalization.

Project Overview

Location	Taka Town, Hyogo Prefecture, Japan
Operator	Takacho Yasudago Mega Solar Hatsuden LLC
Output	Approx. 14.5MW
Solar modules	56,000 Kyocera modules
Expected annual power generation	Approx. 16,060MWh/year Electricity generated will be sold to the local utility (The Kansai Electric Power Co., Inc.) through Japan's feed-in-tariff system.
Schedule	Start of construction: April 2015 Start of operation: November 2016

* Based on an average annual use of 3,254.4kWh per household. Source: Japan Atomic Energy Relations Organization (Graphical Flip-chart of Nuclear & Energy Related Topics 2016)

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About Kyocera

Headquartered in Kyoto, Japan, Kyocera Corporation is one of the world's leading manufacturers of fine ceramic components for the technology industry. The strategically important divisions in the Kyocera Group, which is comprised of 235 subsidiaries (as of March 31, 2016), are information and communications technologies, products which increase quality of life, and environmentally friendly products. The technology group is also one of the oldest producers of solar energy systems worldwide, with more than 40 years of experience in the industry.

The company is ranked #531 on Forbes magazine's 2016 "Global 2000" listing of the world's largest publicly traded companies.

With a global workforce of over 69,000 employees, Kyocera posted net sales of approximately €11.59 billion in fiscal year 2015/2016. The products marketed by the company in Europe include printers, digital copying systems, microelectronic components, and fine ceramic products. The Kyocera Group has two independent companies in the Federal Republic of Germany: Kyocera Fineceramics GmbH in Neuss and Esslingen and Kyocera Document Solutions in Meerbusch. The company also takes an active interest in cultural affairs. The Kyoto Prize, a prominent international award, is presented each year by the Inamori Foundation — established by Kyocera founder Dr. Kazuo Inamori — to individuals and groups worldwide who have contributed significantly to the scientific, cultural, and spiritual betterment of humankind (converted at approximately €360,000 per prize category).

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