Commencement of full operation of pipeline between Shizuoka and Hamamatsu, "Shizuhama Trunkline"

Shizuoka Gas Company, Ltd. (Shizuoka Gas) and Chubu Gas Company Ltd. (Chubu Gas), who have jointly constructed the natural gas pipeline "Shizuhama Trunkline" from Shizuoka City to Hamamatsu City in Shizuoka Prefecture, have announced that the construction work was completed in all sectors (total length: 109km) and the operation has been commenced in whole line of Shizuhama Trunkline today.

The construction work was started in November 2009 based on the agreements between the two companies for jointly constructing natural gas pipeline and selling /purchasing natural gas, aiming to establish stable and economical gas supply network and to meet energy demand mainly in mid-western part of Shizuoka Prefecture.

A section named "Shizuhama Central Line", which extends from Suruga-ku, Shizuoka City to Iwata City, having approx. 75 km in length, was constructed by Shizuhama Pipeline Company, an equal joint venture incorporated by the two parent companies. "Shizuhama Shizuoka Line" (approx. 16km) and "Shizuhama Iwahama Line" (approx. 18km), each of which connects their existing pipeline network to Shizuhama Central Line in the eastern and western end, has been constructed by Shizuoka Gas and Chubu Gas respectively.

This completion of the construction of Shizuhama Trunkline enables Shizuoka Gas to supply natural gas to Chubu Gas and thus, by having an additional supply source from the east end of its existing supply network, Chubu Gas to improve the reliability and capacity of their supply.

Shizuoka Gas and Chubu Gas, through stable supply of natural gas and expansion of their natural gas markets, are continuously committed to contributing to the local community's prosperity and meeting shareholders' expectations.

[Outline of Shizuhama Trunkline]

