

Start of Commercial Operation and Opening Ceremony of Mega-Solar Power Plant in Oita City

Marubeni Corporation's ("Marubeni"), fully owned subsidiary, "Oita Solar Power Corporation", held the opening ceremony today for a mega-solar power plant (large scale solar power plant) that has finished construction and started commercial operation in Oita City, Oita Prefecture.

Around 200 guests, including Mr. Hirose, Governor of Oita Prefecture, and Mr. Kugimiya, Mayor of Oita City, participated in the ceremony.

Mega Solar was constructed in coastal industrial area No.6 in Oita City for the purpose of power generation and sales to Kyushu Electric Power Co., Inc. for a period of 20 years. Commercial operation was advanced by 50 days and was commenced on March 12 this year with construction having started in March of last year.

Total power capacity amounts to 82.02MW, the largest in Japan among individual company projects at a single location. Expected annual power generation will be 87 million kWh, corresponding to the annual power consumption of 30 thousand ordinary houses, together with a reduction of 35 thousand tons of carbon dioxide.

In the wake of the Oita project Marubeni embarked on other mega-solar power plant projects including 49MW bordering Mie/Aichi Prefectures and 28.3MW in Miyagi Prefecture. Marubeni is determined to further spread the utilization of such renewable energy as offshore wind power, geothermal power and small/medium-scale hydropower generation to meet society's demand for the reduction of environmental impacts.

【Outline of Oita Solar Power Corporation】

Establishment	October 2012
Address	2, Aosaki, Oaza, Oita-shi, Oita
President	Takahiro HONGO
Activity	Mega-solar power generation and sales
Total power capacity	82.02MW
Commencement of commercial operation	March 12, 2014
Sales to and duration	Kyushu Electric Power Co., Inc., 20 years

【Oita solar power plant, aerial photos】

