

Commercial Operation Starts at Shirakawa Solar Park

Japan Renewable Energy Corporation ("JRE"; headquartered in Minato-ku, Tokyo; Kazuhiro Takeuchi, CEO) today announced the launch of commercial operation at the Shirakawa Solar Park in Shirakawa City, Fukushima Prefecture, on November 20. The facility is a large-scale solar power plant developed by GK Shirakawa Solar Park under joint investment by JRE, Fukushima Mirai Kenkyukai General Incorporated Foundation ("Fukushima Mirai"; headquartered in Fukushima City, Fukushima Prefecture; Shozo Sato, Representative) and Shinobuyama Fukushima Power Co., Ltd. ("Shinobuyama"; headquartered in Fukushima City, Fukushima Prefecture; Kazuhiro Watanabe, CEO).

With a capacity of 73.9 MW, the Shirakawa Solar Park is one of the largest solar power plants currently in operation in the Tohoku region.

JRE, Fukushima Mirai, and Shinobuyama executed an agreement in September 2016 on the joint development of renewable energy power plants in Fukushima Prefecture. In addition to the Shirakawa Solar Park, facilities developed or being developed under the agreement include the Nishinosato Solar Park (capacity: 44 MW) currently in operation in Nishigo Village and the Azuma Kogen Wind Farm (capacity: 32 MW), construction of which commenced in Fukushima City in June this year.

One of the goals of Fukushima Prefecture is to bring about a society based on renewable energy in line with its Fukushima Renewable Energy Promotion Vision. JRE will continue to pursue renewable energy-based power generation projects in the prefecture to help realize Fukushima's vision.

Project Outline

Name	Shirakawa Solar Park
Operating company	GK Shirakawa Solar Park (JRE-Fukushima Mirai-Shinobuyama joint venture)
Capacity	73,892 kW (184,730 solar panels)
Total planned annual generation	79.70 million kWh (equivalent to annual power consumption of 18,120 average households)
CO ₂ reduction	41,510 tons/year
Electricity buyer	Tohoku Electric Power Network Co., Inc.
Construction period	May 2019–November 2021
Operation start	November 20, 2021

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Bird's eye view of Shirakawa Solar Park



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