

Start of Commercial Operation and Opening Ceremony of Mega-Solar Power Plant in Itako City, Ibaraki

The fully owned subsidiary of Marubeni Corporation (“Marubeni”), Mibugawa Power Company (“Mibugawa”), held an opening ceremony today for a mega-solar power plant that commenced commercial operation from November 2015 in Itako City, Ibaraki Prefecture.

The plant was constructed on privately owned land. The plant has a total capacity of approximately 2,400kW and is expected to produce approximately 2.7 million kWh per annum, corresponding to the annual electricity consumption of 750 ordinary houses. The generated power is sold under Japan’s feed-in-tariff scheme.

Marubeni and Mibugawa have capabilities in renewable energy development such as mega-solar and small hydro power plants and their management. Utilizing its experience to construct the mega-solar power project in Iwaki City, Fukushima in November 2014, Mibugawa minimized the environmental impact of the plant by constructing it on a former pit sand extraction area and maintaining the natural shape of the land where possible. Mibugawa, utilizing more than 50 years of renewable energy power plant operational know-how in addition to its developmental and operational experience in mega-solar power projects, will conduct stable plant operation over the long term.

This project is the tenth mega-solar power project in 16 locations. Marubeni’s solar-power generation capacity now reaches approximately 203MW. Marubeni is determined to further spread utilization of renewable energy to meet society’s demand for the reduction of environmental impact.

■Mibugawa Power Company

Head office: 4-2, Ohtemachi 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan

Representative: Tomofumi FUKUDA (President)

Establishment: 1960

Capital : JPY 250 million

Sales : Approx. JPY 1 billion

■Plant Outline

Location	Itako City, Ibaraki
Capacity	2,411kW
Completion	October 2015
Start of Commercial Operation	November 2015

Marubeni

■Itako City, Ibaraki

Land area : 71.41km²

Population : 28,925 (as of 1 February, 2016)

Representative : Hiromichi HARA

Village Office : 626, Tsuji, Itako City, Ibaraki Prefecture

【Photo of Itako Solar Power Station】



【Location of Itako Solar Power Station】

