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## **Establishing the Helium Center in Thailand: Strengthening Stable Supply Systems in Southeast Asia**

Iwatani Corporation (Thailand) Ltd. (president: Hironori Miura, registered capital: 210 million THB), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Iwatani Corporation (head offices: Osaka and Tokyo, president: Hiroshi Majima, paid-in capital: ¥35,000 million), is newly constructing the Bangkok Gas Center (in Samut Sakhon Province), which will open in November 2021. The center is the base for filling industrial gas, mainly helium, and is the second helium base in Southeast Asia after the first base in Malaysia.

### **Expansion of the foundation of the industrial gas business and stable supply**

We are attempting to expand the industrial gas business by newly establishing a supply base for industrial gas, mainly helium, while expanding the industrial gas market in Southeast Asia. In addition, the Helium Center will be the second helium base in Southeast Asia and will be used to strengthen stable supply systems in this area.

Since helium is used to cool MRI equipment and provides inert atmosphere applications in the semiconductor manufacturing processes and other applicable operations, the gas is essential for advanced industries. On the other hand, helium is scarce and can only be produced in limited places in the world. We are the only Asian company with the right to directly purchase the helium produced in Qatar, as well as the helium produced in the United States. We will make an effort to achieve a stable supply mainly for Japan and other countries in Asia and for the world in the future.

### **<Outline of the Bangkok Gas Center>**

Name: Bangkok Gas Center

Management: Iwatani Corporation (Thailand) Ltd.

Location: Samutsakorn Industrial Estate 1/68 Moo 2, Tambol Thasai,  
Amphur Muang, Samutsakorn, 74000

Area: 8,000 m<sup>2</sup>

Description: Filling and selling gas helium and liquefied helium

