

Japanese LP Gas Retailers – Setting an example for the autogas market



Did you know?

- There are approximately **280,000 autogas vehicles** currently being driven in Japan.
- Japan launched autogas taxis into the market almost 50 years ago.
- The pump price of autogas per liter is almost half than the price of petrol.
- Air quality studies confirm that **using LPG vehicles in urban areas can make a significant improvement to air quality.**
- Black carbon emitted from autogas vehicles is almost zero.
- Autogas vehicles' exhaust emissions contain less CO₂ than cars running on petrol and diesel, with savings of over 20%.



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What are we doing?

- In May 2010 the Japan LP Gas Association started a new initiative aimed at **increasing the number of autogas vehicles used by the 27,000 active Japanese LP Gas retailers**.
- The initiative encourages each retailer to introduce **at least one autogas vehicle every three years**.
- Most of the LP Gas retailers in Japan have many vehicles such as trucks to transport LP Gas cylinders from filling stations to customers and passenger cars to visit customers for sales promotions.
- One might ask the question: Didn't they own autogas vehicles before this initiative? The answer is yes. However we feel there still more room to expand autogas vehicles in their fleet of vehicles.
- There is a proverb in Japan: He who first suggests - should be the first to do it!

What is the result?

- The time has come to change the old perception of LP Gas and for autogas vehicles to be fairly evaluated in Japanese society.
- Through this initiative the aim is to showcase the advantages of LP gas vehicles to stakeholders and policymakers to further develop the autogas market.
- We are increasing awareness in the Japanese society that autogas is a **cleaner, more efficient and economical alternative** to ordinary passenger cars running on petrol.
- Now we have **about 280,000 autogas vehicles in Japan**. We expect that in three years time the numbers of autogas vehicles will increase by as much as 27,000.