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Announcement

## TG President Jun Mutoh Contributes Article to Trade Journal "Koatsu Gasu"

An article<sup>\*</sup> written by TonenGeneral Sekiyu K.K. Representative Director and President Jun Mutoh appears in the August edition of "Koatsu Gasu", the <del>monthly</del> trade journal of the High Pressure Gas Safety Institute of Japan. A summary of the article, entitled "Risk Management for Plant Operations – Implementation of a Risk-based Approach", is as follows.

• It is not possible to completely eliminate the risks inherent in plant operations. We eliminate the gravest risks through the full utilization of limited resources (people, equipment, money).

• The use of Process Safety Risk Management (PSRM) contributes to the elimination of major incidents. The development of a culture of safety also contributes to safety in day-to-day operations.

• Investment of resources and training by experts are important for the continuous improvement of PSRM.

• Top management play an important role in developing a culture of safety. All employees, including members of management, must have a firm belief in safety as a core value and focus on the continuance of safe operations.

• The pursuit of safe operations is an endless journey that requires constant efforts for improvement.

The High Pressure Gas Safety Institute of Japan has kindly allowed us to post the article (please click here).

\* The article is available in Japanese only.

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