

Removal notice

Kindly note that our plant will be moved to the following address on June 11 Monday. We should be obliged if you could alter records accordingly.

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Our new plant starts formal operation

At our new plant, various facilities have been adjusted and tested carefully, since the completion ceremony held on March 24. At the same time, the scrap aluminum has been accumulated favorably. At last, it was announced that the formal operation is going to launch on July 11 Monday as above notice.

It is very happy that the construction, the installation and other various works have proceeded quite smoothly, since the development started at the end of 2010. We express our deep appreciation to the developers, constructors, the machine producers and all various concerns. The photo on page one is up to date casting process.

Production of secondary aluminum alloy in fiscal 2011

The Japan Aluminum Refiners Association recently revealed the total production and the total shipment of secondary aluminum alloy in fiscal 2011, started in April 2011 and ended in March 2012. According to the report, the total output dropped 6.1 per cent from the previous fiscal year to 759,807 ton, and the shipment also slumped 6.1 per cent to 766,539 ton.

In this fiscal year, we experienced the great northeastern Japan disaster and the big Thai water flood, both which damaged the auto production very seriously. Properly, the demand of secondary aluminum alloy defeated in April – August. Comparing with the highest production in 2007, the output in fiscal 2011 plunged to 60.2 per cent.

JARA expects the production in fiscal 2012 will be hopeful, one million ton or more. The table on page two shows the output and shipment of secondary aluminum alloy in fiscal 2011, in which from top total production, total shipment, diecast, cast, sheet, extrusion, steel, for alloy smelters and export. Bracketed shows the comparison per cent with the previous fiscal year.

Can recycling season has come

Our new plant installed the newest can recycling process, and we take the best measures for big pile of used beverage can as shown on the photo on page two.

Is there electricity, or not?

By the damage of the nuclear accident of the Tokyo Electric Power Company, all atomic power stations in Japan are stopped by the government. Since then whenever we meet the peak of power consumption at both high summer and severe winter, it is reported that the power supply and demand confronts a crisis. Is electric power really short?

Here is the official report of the Chubu Electric Power Company, taking charge of central Japan, revealed before the great earthquake, which shows as follows.

	generating capacity	actual working
water	19	9
petroleum	15	4
liquid natural gas	41	42
coal	13	23
nuclear	12	21
others		1
total	100%	100%
	(360 billion KWH)	(180 billion KWH)

Finding this report, the ability of power supply seems likely to be enough regarding the Chubu Electric Power Company without nuclear power. However the cost for petroleum should increase tremendously.

The 38th general meeting of JARA was held in Tokyo

On May 16 the 38th general meeting of the Japan Aluminum Refiners Association was held at Kazankaikan in Tokyo, where the officers were elected. Mr. Shouzou Hamamura, President of Nikkei MC Aluminum Co., was elected as the Chairman. President Takashi Amano was reelected as an executive director.

After the meeting, Mr. Tomohiro Tomatsu, production Dpt. photo on page three, got the Aiji Takahashi Prize, which was originated by the late Aiji Takahashi's donation, and the association honors some excellent employees every year.

Nikichi Festival is held on June 3

Nikichi was a macho man born in Kira Nishio City, and sprinted in the end Edo era. In 1865, he helped his friendly group at a strife without regard to his success. As the result, his group won but unfortunately he was fatally shot when he was 28 years old.

Every June, Nikichi Festival takes place at Gentokuji Temple at Kira celebrating his chivalry. This year a big group dancing show and some entertainments are held at the temple on June 3. The photo on page four shows Nikichi's statue owned by Kira Public Library.

Company news

Mr. Yoshimatsu Iwata's farewell party was held at sushi bar Daruma on Jun 1. He has served at production Dpt. very diligently since 1963, and everyone observed his very happy retirement. His hobbies are flower arrangement and painting, both which will content his retire life sufficiently.