

### Surplus production capacity of metals in China

The huge surplus production capacity of metals has been seen as a big problem in China, however recently, the government revealed the curtailment of steel production capacity by 0.15 billion ton.

In China, it is said that the capacity of steel production has mounted to 1.2 billion ton, and the yearly real production volume seems to be 0.8 billion ton today, in which 0.1 billion ton or more is exported. This exported volume is nearly equal to the total Japanese steel production, or the whole European steel demand. This huge steel export has brought on various trade frictions.

Today, China has enormous production capacity of various metals, primary aluminum, magnesium, metallic silicon and so on. Therefore the world metal business pays attention to the outcome of this Government's steel curtailing measures.

### Aluminum market in fiscal 2015

Looking back at the transition of aluminum market at London Metal Exchange in fiscal 2015, started in April 2015 and ended in March 2016, the market plunged during the first eight months with the bearish international energy market. But in November the market bottomed clearly.

Some primary aluminum refiners have curtailed the production or have been shut-down by the below cost, and the relation between supply and demand is improving.

The chart on page one shows the market price at LME in fiscal 2015

### Our golden week holidays

We are pleased to inform you that our golden week holidays are

April 29 Friday ~ May 5 Thursday

In Japan, April 29 is a national holiday, Green Day. May 3 is a national holiday, Constitution Day. May 5 is also a national holiday, Children Day.

Since this season has the best weather, we call the first week in May "Golden Week". During this week, the people go on a pleasure trip domestically or abroad. Consequently, every train and airline is fully occupied and also long jams are usual on highways.

### Diecast production goes down 2.5% in 2015

The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry recently revealed the determinate report of diecast production in calendar year 2015. It decreased 2.5 per cent from the previous year to 975,680 ton, and its amount reduced 0.5 per cent year on year to 539.92 billion yen.

The production for automobile occupied 88.04 per cent. The previous year's figure was 88.06, and there was not big change. Major aluminum diecast production went down 2.3 percent to 951,713 ton.

The table on page two shows the diecast production in 2015, tonnage and the

comparison with the previous year, bracketed.

(1) aluminum totaled (2) machine within (3) electric appliance within (4) automobile within (5) motorbike within (6) others within (7) zinc totaled (8) automobile within (9) others within (10) magnesium (11) grand total (12) automobile within.

### The Third Metal Japan is held in Tokyo

The 3<sup>rd</sup>. Metal Japan is going to be held at Tokyo Big Site in Ariake Tokyo on April 6, 7 and 8 by the Lead Exhibition Japan Limited, where many metal producers and traders will attend to display their newest products and technical services of all metals, copper, aluminum, special steel and rare metals.

At the same time, the newest technical reports are introduced by engineering specialists as follows.

(1) Aluminum for aircraft, railroad and marine

Mr. Yoichiro Totsugi, JACJ Corporation

(2) Aluminum for automobile

Mr. Tsuyoshi Sakurai, Kobe Steel Limited

(3) Aluminum for special usage

Mr. Takatoshi Kondo, Japan Light Metal Limited

(4) Recycling process of aluminum beverage can

Mr. Toshihiro Harada, Mitsubishi Aluminum Limited

(5) Aluminum for electronics

Mr. Yoshinori Amaya, Showa Denko Limited

It is reported that the visitors last year were 70,000. The more visitors are expected this year.

### A new graduate join us

On March 21, a new graduate join us. Please give her warm and kind support. The photo on page three is a recruit, Miss Haruka Tokuda and President Takashi Amano at our company entrance ceremony.

### Spring traffic safety campaign

Aichi prefectural government promotes the spring traffic safety campaign on April 6~ 15. In this season, new fiscal year starts. New pupils begin to attend school and new graduates begin to commute by car. This year's slogan is

“Let us magnify three Ss for safety driving, Stop, Slow and Smart”.

### Nishio cherry blossoms festival opens on April 2 and 3

The Nishi Castle Garden and the Midori riverside are nice spots for cherry blossoms, and every year the Cherry Blossoms Festival is splendidly held at both spots as follows.

flower market, costume play, grabbing eel and gold fish, sampling party of rice wine  
So many visitors will enjoy lovely cherry blossoms and various exciting events among the best weather. The photo on page four is Nishio Castle Park and cherry blossoms.