

# OUTLINE OF THE JAPAN GAS ASSOCIATION 2023



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The Japan Gas Association (JGA), an organization of city gas utilities, contributes to the economy and people's welfare in Japan by promoting the sound development of the general gas utility business as well as the major gas related projects and gas pipeline projects and by coordinating the stable supply energy supply, ensuring safety and addressing environmental issues.

Japan's gas business started in Yokohama in 1872. The Imperial Gas Association, Japan's first association of gas utilities, was founded in 1912 at a time when the number of gas utilities increased rapidly in the post-war boom after the Russo-Japanese War. After many changes, the Japan Gas Association was founded in 1947 and received its charter as an incorporated association in 1952. Subsequently, in 2011, JGA received its charter as a general incorporated association.

## History

30 May 1912	<b>The Imperial Gas Association</b>	Founded
15 Oct. 1927	<b>The Imperial Gas Association</b>	Reorganized as a corporate association
11 Dec. 1944	<b>The Gas Industry Association</b>	Due to economic controls during the Second World War, the Imperial Gas Association was reorganized into an industry controlling body named the Gas Industry Association.
18 Aug. 1945	<b>The Gas Control Association</b>	Since another industrial association was already using the name "Control Association," the Gas Industry Association applied for permission to change its name to the Gas Control Association. This was granted after the end of the war.
19 Feb. 1946	<b>The Japan Gas Industry Association</b>	With the end of hostilities and abolition of the Key Industry Association Law, the functions of the Gas Control Association were terminated and the Japan Gas Industry Association was established.
15 Oct. 1947	<b>The Japan Gas Association</b>	In August 1947, the Japan Gas Industry Association was ordered by GHQ to close down. The Japan Gas Association was founded as a voluntary group for the exchange of goodwill and information among city gas utilities.
7 June 1952	<b>The Japan Gas Association</b>	During the post-war economic recovery, the Japanese city gas industry faced various problems. In order to solve these problems, the above organization was reorganized as a corporate association under Article 34 of the Civil Code. This association has continued to the present.
1 Apr. 2011	<b>The Japan Gas Association</b>	In December 2008, the law concerning the charitable corporation system was introduced, requiring incorporated associations to redefine their corporate status within five years. In 2011, the JGA chose to become a general incorporated association to gain greater flexibility, including the common benefit business as well as its traditional charitable business.

## Successive Chairpersons

<b>TSURU Noburo</b> (Toho Gas Co., Ltd.)	Oct. 1947 to Feb. 1948	<b>RYOKI Shin-ichiro</b> (Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.)	June 1998 to June 2002
<b>YAMAWAKI Masaji</b> (Saibu Gas Co., Ltd.)	June 1948 to May 1950	<b>ANZAI Kunio</b> (Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd.)	June 2002 to June 2006
<b>IGUCHI Takejiro</b> (Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.)	May 1950 to May 1955	<b>NOMURA Akio</b> (Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.)	June 2006 to June 2009
<b>HONDA Hirotoshi</b> (Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd.)	May 1955 to May 1964	<b>ICHINO Norio</b> (Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd.)	June 2009 to June 2010
<b>FUJISAKA Nagatomi</b> (Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.)	May 1964 to May 1968	<b>TORIHARA Mitsunori</b> (Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd.)	June 2010 to June 2013
<b>ANZAI Hiroshi</b> (Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd.)	May 1968 to May 1986	<b>OZAKI Hiroshi</b> (Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.)	June 2013 to June 2016
<b>OHNISHI Masafumi</b> (Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.)	May 1986 to May 1992	<b>OKAMOTO Tsuyoshi</b> (Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd.)	June 2016 to June 2018
<b>WATANABE Hiroshi</b> (Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd.)	May 1992 to June 1998	<b>HIROSE Michiaki</b> (Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd.)	June 2018 to March 2021
		<b>HONJO Takehiro</b> (Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.)	April 2021 to present

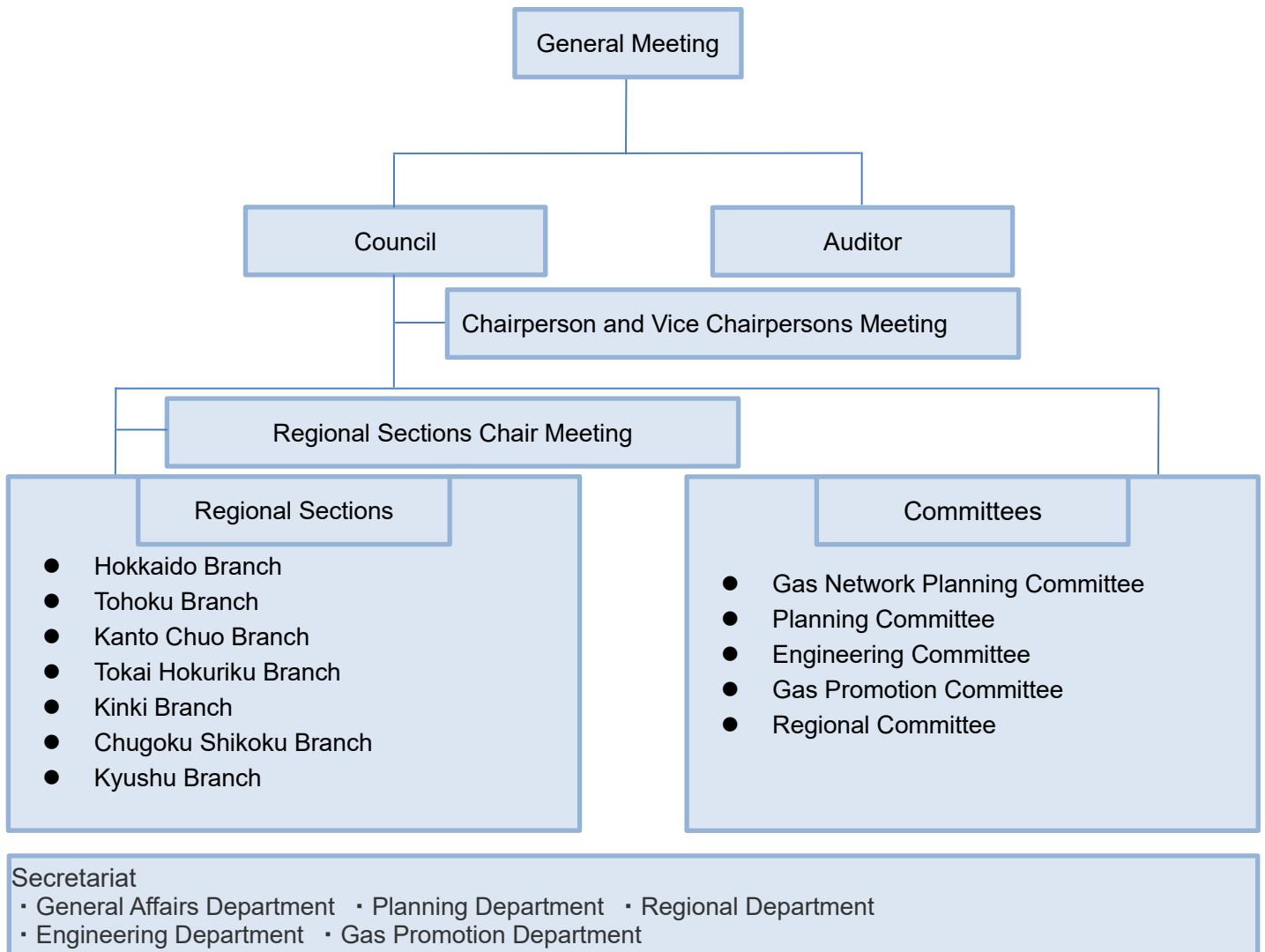
## Board of Directors

<b>Chairperson :</b>	<b>HONJO Takehiro</b>	(Chairman, Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.)
<b>Vice Chairpersons :</b>	<b>OTSUKI Hiroshi</b>	(Chairperson, Hokkaido Gas Co., Ltd.)
	<b>UCHIDA Takashi</b>	(Chairperson, Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd.)
	<b>TOMINARI Yoshiro</b>	(Chairman, Toho Gas Co., Ltd.)
	<b>SAKEMI Toshio</b>	(Chairman, Saibu Gas Co., Ltd.)
<b>Directors :</b>	<b>SAITO Takashi</b>	(President, Asahikawa Gas Co., Ltd.)
	<b>KAWAMURA Chisato</b>	(President, Hokkaido Gas Co., Ltd.)
	<b>KUMAGAI Shosuke</b>	(President, Morioka Gas Co., Ltd.)
	<b>ANAMIZU Kazuyuki</b>	(President, Tobu Gas Co., Ltd.)
	<b>CHUBACHI Kenji</b>	(Administrator, City of Sendai, Gas Bureau)
	<b>NISHIKATA Yosikazu</b>	(President, Fukushima Gas Co., Ltd.)
	<b>TSURUI Kazutomo</b>	(President, Hokuriku Gas Co., Ltd.)
	<b>KIMURA Michiyuki</b>	(President, Otatoshi Gas Co., Ltd.)
	<b>HARA Toshinori</b>	(President, Bushu Gas Co., Ltd.)
	<b>EGUCHI Takashi</b>	(President, Keiyo Gas Co., Ltd.)
	<b>SASAYAMA Shinichi</b>	(President, Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd.)
	<b>SAWADA Satoru</b>	(President, Tokyo Gas Network Co., Ltd.)
	<b>YAMASHITA Shinichi</b>	(President, Buyo Gas Co., Ltd.)
	<b>HARA Masaki</b>	(President, Odawara Gas Co., Ltd.)
	<b>KISHIDA Hiroyuki</b>	(President, Shizuoka Gas Co., Ltd.)
	<b>TORII Hiroshi</b>	(Vice Chairman, Sala Energy Co., Ltd.)
	<b>MASUDA Nobuyuki</b>	(President, Toho Gas Co., Ltd.)
	<b>ITOU Katuhiko</b>	(President, Toho Gas Network Co., Ltd.)
	<b>TSUCHIYA Makoto</b>	(President, Nihonkai Gas Co., Ltd.)
	<b>KUNIMATSU Chikao</b>	(Administrator, Otsu City Public Enterprise Bureau)
	<b>FUJIWARA Masataka</b>	(President, Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.)
	<b>MURATA Minoru</b>	(President, Osaka Gas Network Co., Ltd.)
	<b>OKAZAKI Tatsuya</b>	(President, Okayama Gas Co., Ltd.)
	<b>MATSUFUJI Kensuke</b>	(President, Hiroshima Gas Co., Ltd.)
	<b>MIKITA Shuichi</b>	(President, Yamaguchi Godo Gas Co., Ltd.)
	<b>KATAYAMA Yasushi</b>	(President, Shikoku Gas Co., Ltd.)
	<b>MICHINAGA Yukinori</b>	(President, Saibu Gas Co., Ltd.)
	<b>TSUMAGARI Sadatoshi</b>	(President, Nihon Gas Co., Ltd.)
<b>Senior Managing Director :</b>	<b>HAYAKAWA Koki</b>	(Secretary General, The Japan Gas Association)
<b>Managing Director:</b>	<b>MIURA Ichiro</b>	(Vice Secretary General, The Japan Gas Association)
<b>Auditors:</b>	<b>MIDORIKAWA Akio</b>	(President, Otaki Gas Co., Ltd.)
	<b>SUZAKI Kouichi</b>	(President, Miyazaki Gas Co., Ltd.)

(29 Jun, 2023)

## Organization

The supreme decision-making body of the JGA is the General Meeting, to which all full members are invited. The Council and the Chairperson and Vice Chairpersons Meeting discuss and decide important matters of the JGA, as the executive body under the General Meeting. Our secretariat is composed of 5 departments.

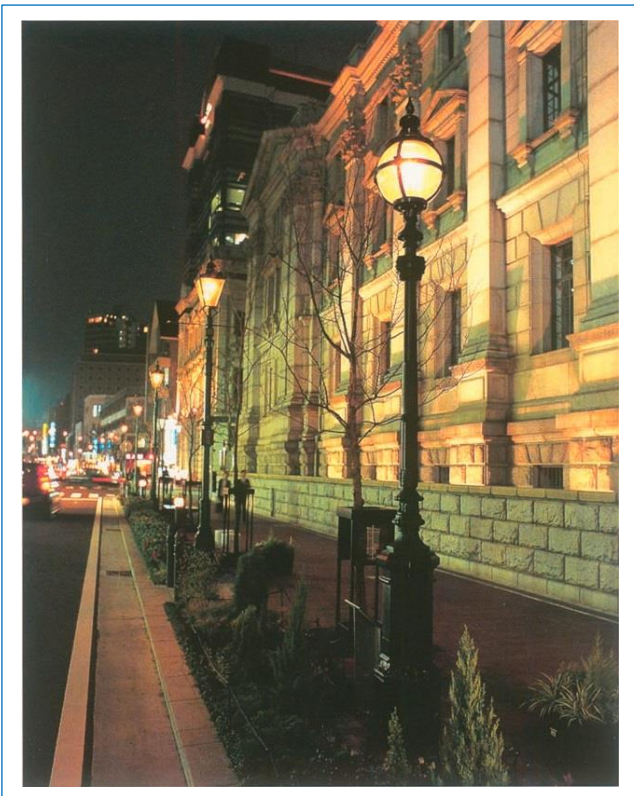


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On October 31, 1872, Bashamichi Avenue in Yokohama was lit up by gaslights, marking the start of the city gas business in Japan. 100 years later in 1972, the Japan Gas Association designated this day as "Gas Day".