

OUTLINE OF THE JAPAN GAS ASSOCIATION 2026



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Outline

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	The Imperial Gas Association
	Founded
15 Oct. 1927	The Imperial Gas Association
	Reorganized as a corporate association
11 Dec. 1944	The Gas Industry Association
	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	The Gas Control Association
	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	The Japan Gas Industry Association
	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	The Japan Gas Association
	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	The Japan Gas Association
	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	The Japan Gas Association
	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

TSURU Noburo (Toho Gas Co., Ltd.)	Oct. 1947 to Feb. 1948	ANZAI Kunio (Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd.)	June 2002 to June 2006
YAMAWAKI Masaji (Saibu Gas Co., Ltd.)	June 1948 to May 1950	NOMURA Akio (Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.)	June 2006 to June 2009
IGUCHI Takejiro (Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.)	May 1950 to May 1955	ICHINO Norio (Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd.)	June 2009 to June 2010
HONDA Hirotoshi (Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd.)	May 1955 to May 1964	TORIHARA Mitsunori (Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd.)	June 2010 to June 2013
FUJISAKA Nagatomi (Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.)	May 1964 to May 1968	OZAKI Hiroshi (Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.)	June 2013 to June 2016
ANZAI Hiroshi (Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd.)	May 1968 to May 1986	OKAMOTO Tsuyoshi (Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd.)	June 2016 to June 2018
OHNISHI Masafumi (Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.)	May 1986 to May 1992	HIROSE Michiaki (Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd.)	June 2018 to March 2021
WATANABE Hiroshi (Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd.)	May 1992 to June 1998	HONJO Takehiro (Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.)	April 2021 to March 2024
RYOKI Shin-ichiro (Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.)	June 1998 to June 2002	UCHIDA Takashi (Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd.)	April 2024 to present

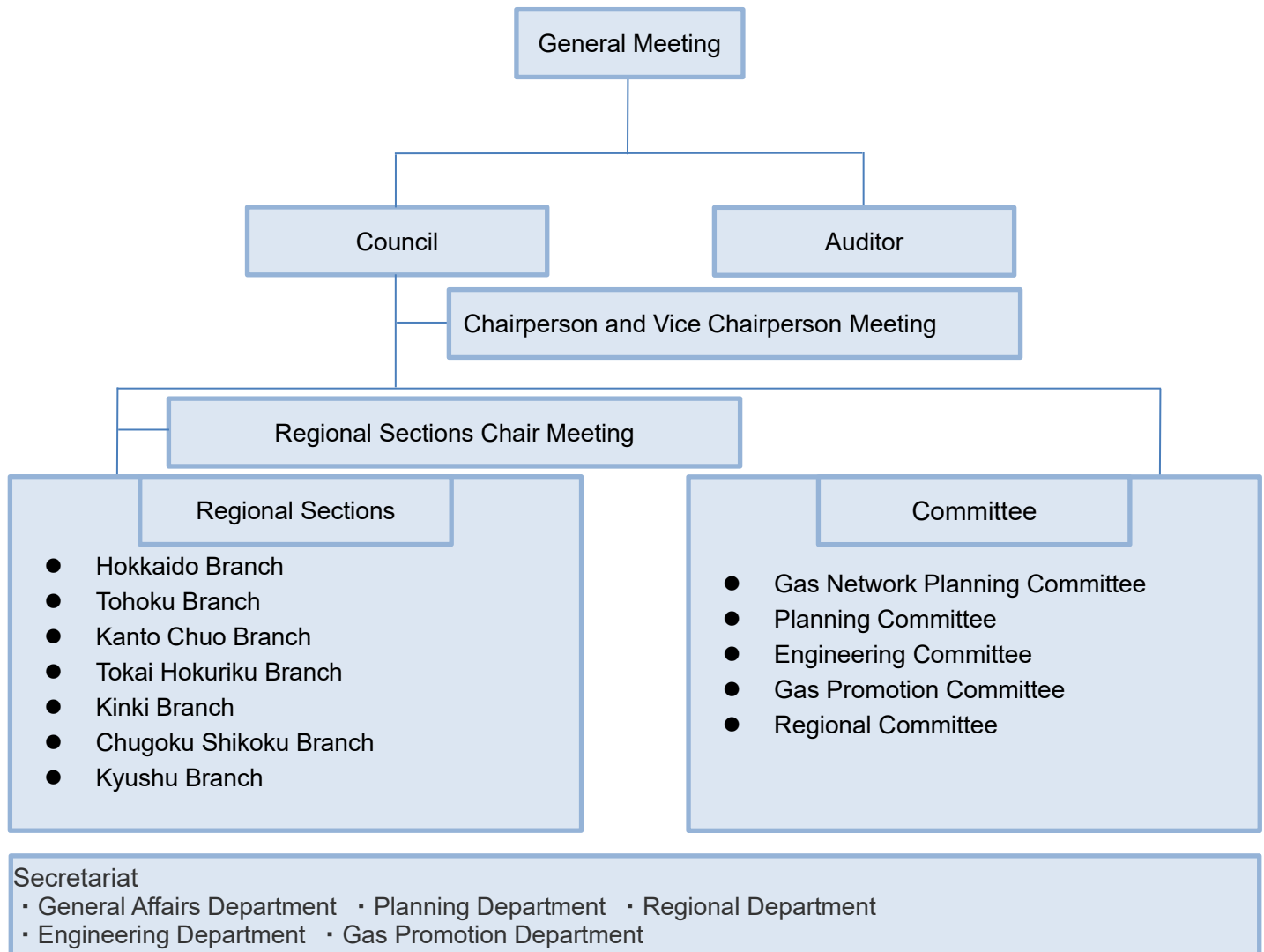
Board of Directors

Chairperson :	UCHIDA Takashi	(Chairperson, Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd.)
Vice Chairpersons :	MASUDA Nobuyuki	(Chairperson, Toho Gas Co., Ltd.)
	FUJIWARA Masataka	(Chairperson, Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.)
	MICHINAGA Yukinori	(Chairperson, Saibu Gas Co., Ltd.)
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	KAWAMURA Chisato	(President, Hokkaido Gas Co., Ltd.)
	KUMAGAI Shosuke	(President, Morioka Gas Co., Ltd.)
	ANAMIZU Kazuyuki	(President, Tobu Gas Co., Ltd.)
	SANO Naoki	(Administrator, City of Sendai, Gas Bureau)
	NISHIKATA Yosikazu	(President, Fukushima Gas Co., Ltd.)
	TSURUI Kazutomo	(President, Hokuriku Gas Co., Ltd.)
	KIMURA Michiyuki	(President, Otatashi Gas Co., Ltd.)
	HARA Toshinori	(President, Bushu Gas Co., Ltd.)
	EGUCHI Takashi	(President, Keiyo Gas Co., Ltd.)
	SASAYAMA Shinichi	(President, Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd.)
	TANAZAWA Satoshi	(President, Tokyo Gas Network Co., Ltd.)
	YAMASHITA Shinichi	(President, Buyo Gas Co., Ltd.)
	NAKAYAMA Kiyoshi	(President, Nagano Toshi Gas Co., Ltd.)
	HARA Masaki	(President, Odawara Gas Co., Ltd.)
	MATSUMOTO Yoshitake	(President, Shizuoka Gas Co., Ltd.)
	SUZUKI Keitaro	(President, Sala Energy Co., Ltd.)
	YAMAZAKI Satoshi	(President, Toho Gas Co., Ltd.)
	SHIBATA Yoshimitsu	(President, Toho Gas Network Co., Ltd.)
	NITTA Yotaro	(President, Nihonkai Gas Co., Ltd.)
	MINAMIBORI Hiromu	(Administrator, Otsu City Public Enterprise Bureau)
	TAKEMORI Keiji	(Vice President, Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.)
	UEDA Shinichi	(President, Osaka Gas Network Co., Ltd.)
	OKAZAKI Tatsuya	(President, Okayama Gas Co., Ltd.)
	NAKAGAWA Tomohiko	(President, Hiroshima Gas Co., Ltd.)
	MIKITA Shuichi	(President, Yamaguchi Godo Gas Co., Ltd.)
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	KATO Takuji	(President, Saibu Gas Co., Ltd.)
	TSUMAGARI Sadatoshi	(President, Nihon Gas Co., Ltd.)
Senior Managing Director :	TSUJI Eito	(Secretary General, The Japan Gas Association)
Managing Director :	INOUE Masayuki	(Vice Secretary General, The Japan Gas Association)
Auditors:	MIURA Akihiro	(President, Otaki Gas Co., Ltd.)
	SUZAKI Koichi	(President, Miyazaki Gas Co., Ltd.)

(18 Septmeber 2026)

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 Chairperson Meeting discuss and decide important matters of the JGA, as the executive body under the General Meeting. Our secretariat is composed of 5 divisions.

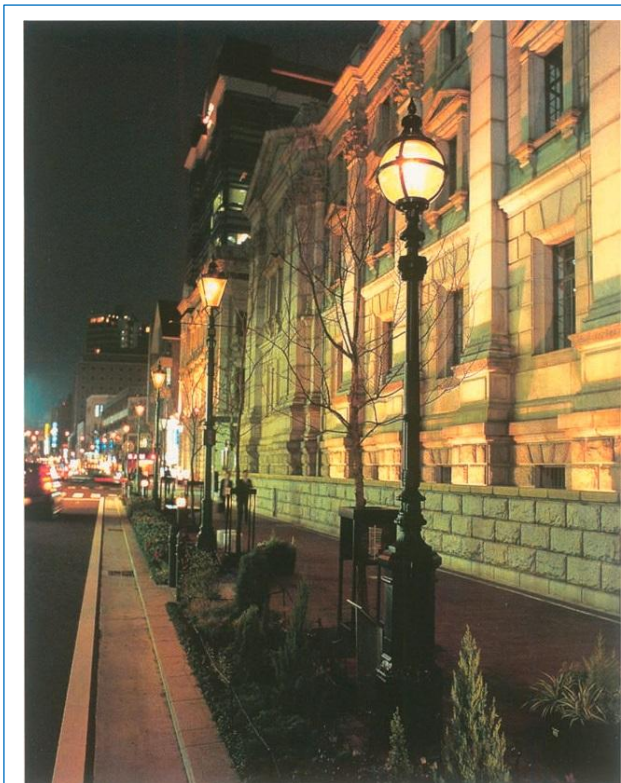


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On October 31, 1872, Bashamichi Avenue in Yokohama was lit up by gaslights, marking the start of the city gas business in Japan. 100 years later in 1972, the Japan Gas Association designated this day as "Gas Day".