

July. 15, 2025

Kyushu Electric Power Co., Inc.
Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha
ITOCHU ENEX CO., LTD.
Saibu Gas Co., Ltd.
KEYS Bunkering West Japan Ltd.

**KEYS Azalea Bunkered LNG for The Cruise Ship ASUKA III
-- First Ship-to-Ship LNG Bunkering for Cruise Ship in Japan --**

On July 14, KEYS Azalea, an LNG bunkering vessel owned and operated by KEYS Bunkering West Japan Ltd. ("KEYS")¹ bunkered LNG for the cruise ship ASUKA III² by Ship-to-Ship³ at Chuo Wharf in Hakata port.

Until now, KEYS Azalea has bunkered for car carriers and iron ore and coal bulk carriers, this is the first bunkering for Cruise Ship for KEYS Azalea and in Japan.

KEYS will continue to provide safe and stable LNG bunkering and contribute to forming a carbon-neutral society and developing the LNG bunkering business in Japan.



Keys Azalea approaching ASUKA III



LNG bunkering operation

¹ KEYS Bunkering West Japan Ltd.

Headquarters: Kitakyushu City, Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan

Representative: Kenichi Kawamoto

Details of business: Sales of LNG fuel; owner of LNG bunkering vessel

Stockholders: Kyushu Electric Power Co., Inc. 40%; NYK Line 40%;

ITOCHU ENEX CO., LTD. 15%; Saibu Gas Co., Ltd. 5%

² ASUKA III

Cruise ship equipped with engines using three types of fuel, including LNG operated by NYK.

³ Ship-to-ship

A method to supply LNG fuel, by directly connecting a hose from bunkering vessel to the receiving vessel.