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Shizen Energy Inc.

Shizen Energy signs MOU with Niigata University of International and Information Studies



(Photo: Signing ceremony)

Shizen Energy Inc. (Shizen Energy) and Niigata University of International and Information Studies (NUIS) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on July 21, 2023 for the purpose of educating students, developing human resources, and providing new value by combining their respective knowledge and strengths to solve challenges faced by both parties, while proposing new projects and providing information to the younger generation and local society.

■Background of the MOU

Shizen Energy works together with local communities to develop renewable energy generation projects that are rooted to the local society. Since 2022, Shizen Energy has been exploring a joint development project with Professor Hiroshi Sasaki of NUIS, who is the head of the Orattë Niigata Citizen's Energy Council, to promote renewable energy generation in Niigata City.

In addition, the existence of local leaders who are knowledgeable of the local community and who can lead the way is indispensable for promoting local businesses that are in line with the local environment and actual conditions. Shizen Energy is fostering glocal leaders who can tackle environmental issues in their local communities through "Green Business Producers,"* a practical business school and audition in which Shizen Energy participates as the originator. Meanwhile, NUIS has long focused on fostering entrepreneurship by implementing community-based projects on a student-led basis.

Shizen Energy and NUIS agreed that collaboration would contribute to the further development of Niigata Prefecture, leading to the signing of the MOU on comprehensive collaboration.

■Details of the collaboration

- Matters related to human resource development
- Matters related to regional collaboration

■Anticipated implementation based on MOU

Endowed lectures for NUIS students and adults (3 lectures in total)

Period: October 2023 - February 2024

Participants: NUIS students, seminar students, Iwamuro residents (3rd seminar only)

Content:

Session 1: "Thinking about the Future of Renewable Energy (tentative)"

(Venue: NUIS, Akatsuka Campus)

Session 2: "Global Social Advancement and International Working Style (tentative)"

(Venue: NUIS, Central Campus)

Session 3: "RE Projects in Iwamuro and Attractiveness of Onsen Town (tentative)"

(Venue: Iwamuro area, Nishikan-ku, Niigata City)

*The content of the lectures is subject to change.

Participation Fee: Free

Application: To be announced on the NUIS website at a later date

In order to "take action for the blue planet," Shizen Energy will flexibly respond to various needs such as decarbonization and strengthening energy resilience by combining digital technologies such as EMS and storage batteries with the development of renewable energy power sources that exist in harmony with local communities. Together with partners, Shizen Energy aims to realize a 100% renewable energy world as soon as possible.

※Green Business Producers

a practical business school and audition that Shizen Energy is involved in as the originator. Through online lectures by speakers active in the front lines of community development, environmental fields, and business, as well as fieldwork and workshops in local communities, the school fosters glocal leaders who will take on local environmental issues to realize a

sustainable society on a global level.

【About Niigata University of International and Information Studies (NUIS)】

https://www.nuis.ac.jp/en_index/

【About Shizen Energy Inc.】

Founded in June, 2011. With the company purpose of “We take action for the blue planet,” the company’s business includes development, financing, and asset management of renewable energy power plants using solar power, wind power, small-scale hydroelectric power, and biomass. Since 2016, the company has also been focusing on its international operations, expanding its development and power generation projects in areas such as Southeast Asia and Brazil. In 2019, the company also entered the energy tech business, offering micro-grid and VPP construction, smart charging and discharging services for EVs, and other services through its self-developed EMS (energy management system). Shizen Energy Group has been involved in more than 1 GW of renewable energy generation internationally.

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