

**Malaysia Block SK10 Offshore Sarawak Donation Commemorating First Gas 5th Anniversary  
- Donation of Medical Equipments to Miri General Hospital -**

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PRESS RELEASE

Nippon Oil Corporation (Representative Director, President : Shinji Nishio) announced that its subsidiary, Nippon Oil Exploration (Malaysia), Ltd. ("NOMA") made a donation of medical equipments worth RM333,000 (approx. USD 95,000) to Miri General Hospital in Miri, Sarawak, where NOMA's main office locates, in commemoration of First Gas 5th Anniversary of Block SK10, Offshore Sarawak, Malaysia. NOMA is a subsidiary of Nippon Oil Exploration Limited ("NOEX") (President & CEO : Makoto Koseki), the upstream arm of Nippon Oil Corporation.

NOMA, in 1987, acquired Block SK10, which locates at Offshore Sarawak of Borneo Island, Malaysia, and through exploration activities as an operator, NOMA discovered Helang Gas Field in 1990. Helang Gas Field started its commercial production of natural gas and condensate in November 2003. Gas produced from Helang Gas Field is transported to Bintulu, Sarawak, and natural gas is liquefied at liquefaction plant of Malaysia LNG Tiga and is sold as LNG to the customers including Japanese utilities.

To celebrate this SK10 First Gas 5th Anniversary, the ceremony was held on 12th December 2008 at Imperial Hotel in Miri, Sarawak with attendance of local authorities, PETRONAS and other parties concerned. In this ceremony, NOMA presented mock check of medical equipments to Miri General Hospital.

Nippon Oil Group, through NOMA will continue to contribute to local society as a member of the society.