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Nittetsu Mining launches the third vertical shaft at the Torigatayama Quarry Complex

Nittetsu Mining Co., Ltd. (TOKYO 1515) is pleased to announce that it launched the third vertical shaft* at Torigatayama Quarry Complex.

*Large crushers are installed vertically in shafts to crush limestone to sizes smaller than 80mm for conveyer belts.

Overview of the Torigatayama Quarry Complex and the purpose of shaft construction

Located in the western part of Kochi Prefecture, the Torigatayama Quarry Complex is our major limestone mine, boasting a domestically top-level production volume of approx. 13 million tons per year. The extracted limestone is transported to coastal shipping facilities via a 23-kilometer-long conveyor belt, where it undergoes processing, loading, and global shipping.

The purpose of constructing this third shaft is to extend our mining period at Torigatayama along with the first and second shafts. This enables us to extract as much minable limestone as possible, ensuring a long-term and sustainable mineral supply.

Comment from General Manager of the Torigatayama Quarry Complex

Although the construction project, which involved an investment of approximately 20 billion yen and spanned 7 years, experienced delays due to factors such as typhoons, thanks to everyone's cooperation, we successfully completed the project.

This project is one of our initiatives aimed at contributing to our growth strategy looking ahead to 10 years, focusing on "optimizing earnings from each mine" and "establishing an optimal production network."

The Torigatayama Quarry Complex, with its production of high-grade limestone and well-developed coastal shipping facilities, is suitable for overseas supply. By optimizing production and supply across other mines as well, we aim to ensure surplus capacity from Torigatayama and focus it on exports, aiming for long-term global supply stability.



Mining edge of the Torigatayama Quarry Complex



Crusher at the third vertical shaft



Greetings from President Morikawa at the completion ceremony

For safety reasons, quarry tours are basically unavailable.