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SGET Signs Agreement with Tomakomai City to Promote Low-Carbon Hydrogen

**Building a Cost-Competitive Hydrogen Supply Chain Model to Accelerate Deployment
and Wider Adoption**

TOKYO—October 1, 2026—SPARX Group Co., Ltd. (“SPARX”) today announced that on September 25, 2026, its subsidiary SPARX Green Energy & Technology Co., Ltd. (“SGET”) entered into an agreement with Tomakomai City to collaborate in promoting the adoption of low-carbon hydrogen. The agreement follows SGET’s selection for a FY2026 project by Japan’s Ministry of the Environment to develop and demonstrate a more cost-competitive hydrogen supply chain model using renewable energy. SGET was previously selected for a FY2023 project by the Ministry to develop and demonstrate a model for reducing hydrogen supply costs using existing infrastructure.

The demonstration project, centered on the SPARX Tomakomai Green Hydrogen Plant, will focus on scaling up in response to increased demand and improving efficiency, including hydrogen storage and transportation, with the aim of building a more cost-competitive hydrogen supply chain model. SGET will examine more efficient hydrogen transportation methods and install a new hydrogen refueling station. With the cooperation of Tomakomai City, the project will also conduct demonstrations aimed at expanding the use of hydrogen in route buses, municipal vehicles, company vehicles, and other applications. The new station will be the fifth hydrogen refueling station in Hokkaido and is expected to contribute to the development of a broader hydrogen-use environment, including potential coordination with the existing hydrogen refueling station in Sapporo. Through these efforts, SGET aims to improve the convenience and promote the wider adoption of hydrogen mobility, thereby helping build essential infrastructure toward the realization of a hydrogen-based society in Hokkaido.

■ Overview of the Agreement

Agreement title:

Agreement on Collaboration and Cooperation between Tomakomai City and SPARX Green Energy & Technology Co., Ltd. to Promote the Adoption of Low-Carbon Hydrogen

Parties:

Tomakomai City and SPARX Green Energy & Technology Co., Ltd.

Date signed:

September 25, 2026

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Purpose:

To promote mutual collaboration and cooperation in advancing the adoption of low-carbon hydrogen

Key activities:

Over the four-year period from FY2026 through FY2029, SGET will develop and demonstrate a supply chain for the production, storage, transportation, and use of low-carbon hydrogen utilizing renewable energy and other resources available in Tomakomai City. Tomakomai City will support the demonstration project by encouraging use of the hydrogen refueling station, promoting fuel cell vehicles (FCVs), leasing municipal land, and providing other forms of cooperation.

Term:

Through March 31, 2030

■ **Related Announcement**

Ministry of the Environment: Adoption of the FY2026 Project to Develop and Demonstrate a Renewable Energy-Derived Hydrogen Supply Chain Model with Enhanced Cost Competitiveness

https://www.env.go.jp/press/press_05217.html

■ **Related SPARX Press Releases**

Launch of Demonstration Project to Build a Renewable Hydrogen Supply Chain in Tomakomai, Hokkaido

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Safety Prayer Ceremony Held for Construction of Renewable Hydrogen Production Plant

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Toward Making Hokkaido a Hydrogen Island: SPARX Opens Renewable Hydrogen Production Plant in Tomakomai, Hokkaido, Fully Launching Demonstration Project to Build a Supply Chain

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