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Safety Prayer Ritual Performed for Construction of Green Hydrogen Plant

—Aiming to make Hokkaido a “Hydrogen Island” by starting trial operations at year-end and providing hydrogen from January next year—

TOKYO—May 20, 2024—SPARX Group Co., Ltd. (SPARX: TSE Prime 8739) today announced the safety prayer ritual conducted on May 9 in preparation for the first stage of construction for the Ministry of the Environment’s “Fiscal 2023 Model Building and Demonstration Project for Low-Cost Hydrogen Supplies Using Existing Infrastructure.” SPARX’s subsidiary SPARX Green Energy & Technology Co., Ltd. (SGET) conducted the ritual for a hydrogen production plant in Tomakomai, Hokkaido, through which SGET will demonstrate the construction and operation of a hydrogen supply chain, from production and storage to transportation and utilization. Construction will begin this month, and after a trial run at the end of the year, the plant will begin supplying hydrogen to multiple users, including local companies, in January of next year.

The hydrogen production plant will be located on city-owned land adjacent to Tomakomai’s municipal waste treatment facility. It plans to produce up to one million cubic meters per year of green hydrogen from renewable energy sources using electricity generated from biomass at the treatment facility and newly installed solar panels.

SPARX aims to use this proof-of-concept demonstration to establish a “Tomakomai Model” of hydrogen production and continue pursuing new hydrogen utilization possibilities.

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