

Estimated aluminum demand in fiscal 2015 increases 1.8%

The Aluminum Survey Group made up of seven bodies (Light Metal Manufacturers Association, Japan Aluminum Alloy Refiners Association, Japan Sash Association, Japan Aluminum Association, Japan Electric Wire Association, Japan Diecast Association and Aluminum Can Recycling Association) recently revealed the presumption of total aluminum demand in fiscal 2014 started in April 2014 and ended in March 2015, and its forecast in fiscal 2015 started in April 2015 and ends in March 2016.

According to the announcement, the presumed demand in fiscal 2014 reached 4,086,000ton, which was the first 4 million ton level in past seven years. But it couldn't attain the highest record, 4,457,000ton, marked in 2006.

In fiscal 2014, the export was active, and specially, both the sheet for coffee can and the export of knock-down auto parts stood out.

Regarding the prediction of total demand in fiscal 2015, it increases 1.8 per cent from the previous fiscal year to 4,161,000. It is thought that the domestic automobile production remains lower level, however as same as in the previous fiscal year, the sheet production for coffee can and the export of knock-down auto parts are expected to keep favorable level.

Notes for the page one is classified aluminum demand in F2014, F2015 and the comparison with the previous fiscal year.

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| (1) sheet (car only) | (7) steel |
| extrusion (car only) | (8) powder |
| total (car only) | (9) others |
| (2) cast car/others/total | (10) import |
| (3) diecast car/others/total | (11) domestic total |
| (4) cast + diecast | (12) export |
| (5) forge (car only) | (13) total demand |
| (6) electric wire | (14) total demand for car |

Chikusa Environmental Service Office sends an observation party

Nagoya City executes the education program for the health committee through Ward Environmental Service Offices. As one of the programs Chikusa Environmental Service Office sent us an observatory mission made up with health committee.

On April 22, 22 members of the health committee visited us. At first at our meeting room, Director Masanao Okada explained the outline of our company and the process of aluminum recycling as the above photo on page two shows.

Then our staff showed visitors around our plant courteously, and again at our meeting room question and answer was diligently held. Every visitor eyewitnessed our aluminum recycling process and realized how important the recycling of resources is for our life.

Under the best weather condition, all they enjoyed this informative plant tour themselves thoroughly as the below photo on page two shows.

Nagoya City wants to send the next observation party.

Tea leaves picking opens

There are many green tea farms and processors in the Nishio area where newly budded leaves are picked and processed for green tea every May. Nishio-tea is noted for its excellent quality.

Traditionally, the fresh green tea is esteemed because of its nice taste and goodness for health.

Just before the picking season, as the photo on page three shows, some girls with traditional costume performed a classic picking show in early May.

Thanks to the better weather condition, it is said that this year's Nishio-tea has excellent quality and taste.

Power consumption dwindles in fiscal 2014

The Electric Power Federation recently revealed the preliminary total electric power consumption in fiscal 2014 started in April 2014 and ended in March 2015. According to the report, the total power consumption in fiscal 2014 decreased 3.0 per cent to 823 billion KWH, which decreased for past four years successively.

Among major seven types of business, nonferrous metals industry, only one, rose 2.1 per cent year on year and other six types of business declined, the federation disclosed.

Furthermore, the federation announced the power consumption in March only, which decreased 3.8 per cent from the previous period to 70.3 billion KWH, and these figures make us prudent.

Lackluster crude steel production in fiscal 2014

On 20 April, the Japan Steel Federation revealed the total crude steel production in fiscal 2014, which decreased 1.5 per cent from a year earlier to 109 billion ton.

At the same time, the federation announced that the production in March only dwindled 4.5 per cent from a year earlier to 9.286 million ton. This showed successive seven months decline.

With the electric power consumption as shown above, Japanese key industries' future is concerned.

The chart on page three shows the yearly crude steel production in fiscal 2010 ~2014.

Company news

Carp streamers swim vigorously above our plant as the photo on page four shows. One of the joyful events in May is Tango-no-sekku, or Boys' Festival observed on May 5th. We hoist carp streamers hoping for our boys' healthy future. As such May 5th is a National Holiday – Children Day.

We took account of whole stock on April 30 for our settlement, and we sincerely thank suppliers and transporters for your big cooperation during last some days.

New business term starts on May 1, and we would like to make every effort for better quality and better service.

May is the best season, and we welcome visitors with big pleasure.