

Italgas and Tokyo Gas Network step up innovation and sustainability of gas networks

Tokyo, 12 May 2026 - Italgas and Tokyo Gas Network today renewed, at the Italian Embassy in Tokyo, the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at strengthening cooperation in the strategic areas of gas distribution and at fostering the development of joint projects. The Memorandum was signed by Paolo Gallo, CEO of Italgas, and Satoshi Tanazawa, CEO of Tokyo Gas Network, in the presence of the Italian Ambassador to Tokyo, Mario Vattani.

"We are very pleased to host at the Italian Embassy in Tokyo the renewal of the collaboration between Italgas and Tokyo Gas Network, on the 160th anniversary of bilateral diplomatic relations," - **declared the Italian Ambassador to Japan, Mario Vattani** -. "In the current geopolitical context, this Agreement represents a further step forward towards greater energy security and contributes to strengthening supply chains, in the spirit of the Special Strategic Partnership announced between the two Governments in January 2026 and in line with the directives of the Italy-Japan Business Group, of which Italgas is a founding member".

"We are honored to have reached an agreement to further deepen our strategic partnership with Italgas, the leading European gas distributor – **said Satoshi Tanazawa, CEO of Tokyo Gas Network** –. Their advanced expertise in digitization will be a powerful driver in enhancing our operational capabilities. By continuously exchanging our respective know-how, we aim to drive operational efficiency through improved productivity, while fulfilling our mission of ensuring a stable energy supply and maintaining safety. Through this collaboration, we are committed to achieving the sustainable growth of our network business and contributing to the evolution of a resilient energy infrastructure".

"International dialogue and partnerships with leading players are essential pillars of our growth path - **said Paolo Gallo, CEO of Italgas** -. The renewal of the agreement with Tokyo Gas Network consolidates a valuable relationship and enables us to further accelerate the development of increasingly digital, resilient and sustainable networks. In particular, this collaboration allows us to leverage complementary expertise in key areas such as advanced infrastructure digitalisation, the strengthening of network resilience also in complex environments, and the evolution of grids to accommodate growing volumes of renewable gases".

Through the Memorandum, the two companies will continue to share expertise and best practices to foster innovation, resilience and sustainable development of gas distribution networks. The cooperation will focus in particular on:

- Infrastructure resilience and safety: exchange of know-how to enhance the networks' capacity to respond to extreme events and complex operating conditions.
- Technological innovation and digitalisation: development and deployment of advanced technological solutions to optimise network management and improve operational efficiency.
- Supply chain: cooperation on advanced procurement models to enhance performance, quality and sustainability.