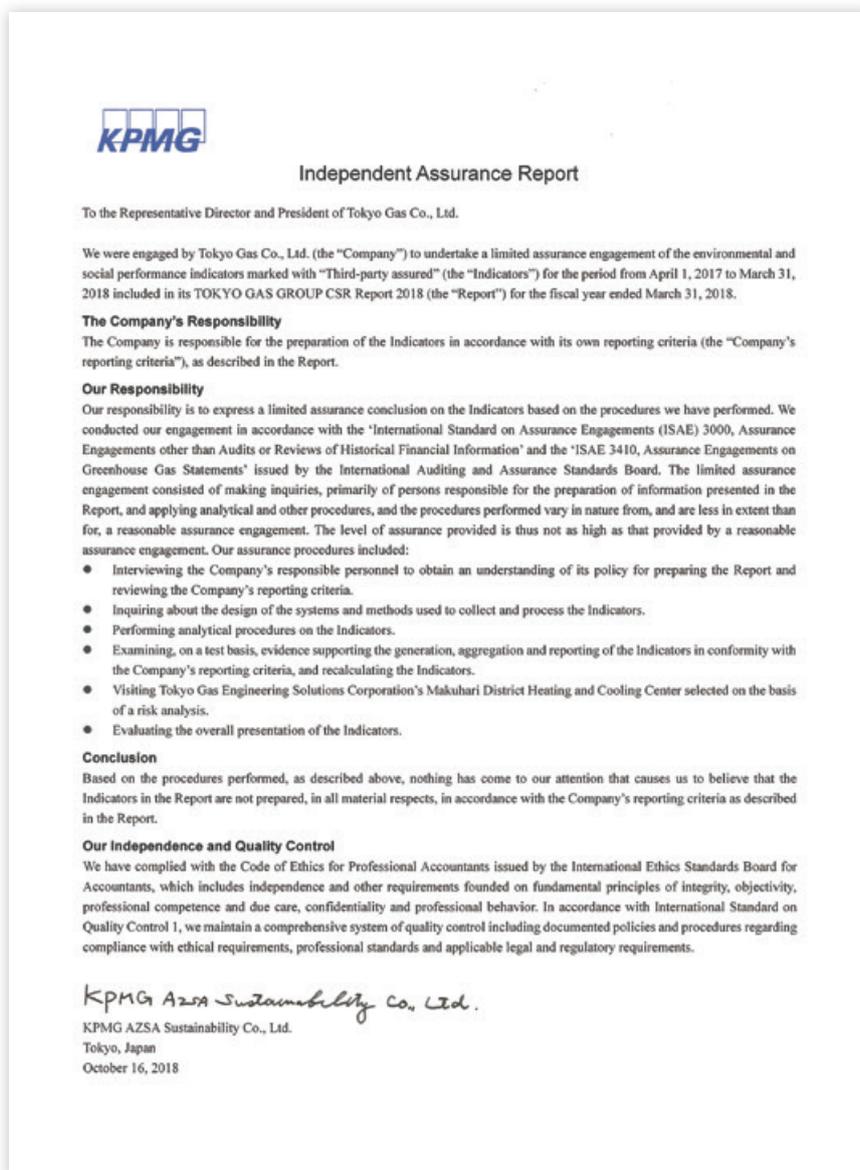


# Third-Party Independent Assurance Report

The environmental and social performance indicators provided in this report (data on the environment and human resources) have been third-party assured by KPMG AZSA Sustainability Co., Ltd. (a member of the KPMG Japan group) to enhance their credibility. We will work to further raise the standard of our CSR activities in the future, taking account of the issues pointed out in the course of the third-party assurance process and the reader feedback received via our website and other channels.



## >> Comments from KPMG AZSA Sustainability Co., Ltd.

The Tokyo Gas Group CSR Report 2018 introduces readers to the Group's newly identified materiality. Previously, I had the impression that materiality was treated as an important item only with respect to information disclosure. However, Tokyo Gas Group has recently identified its materiality in terms of its relevance to the SDGs and categorized it into strategic issues and "fundamental business issues." This indicates that the Group clearly recognizes its materiality in the non-financial areas of its management.

Considering that the strategic issues are of materiality to the Group's core business of supplying energy, they necessitate a long-term vision that defines how the Group will generate social value and contribute to each issue up to 2030, the target year for achieving the SDGs.

Fundamental business issues are of materiality in the sense that they cover areas serving as the foundation for pursuing sustainable business activities. Until now, Tokyo Gas Group has been making a Group-wide effort on diversity and work style reform for its human resources in Japan. As the Group continues to procure LNG and develop its global business, it will face challenges in handling overseas suppliers and employees.

I expect that it will also provide a systematic response in line with its business activities and take an active stance on disclosing information on its efforts.



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