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AGA - JIA Training Cooperation

AGA and the Japan Gas Appliances Inspection Association (JIA) have been affiliated for over 20 years, both of which are founding members of the Gas Appliance Certification Meeting (GACM) of the Western Pacific Region. Over the years both organisations have shared technical knowledge, safety information and compliance processes to better improve consumer safety in our respective countries.

We have progressed with our cooperation and entered into a tailored training program to better understand each country's requirements and safety regime. We are pleased to welcome one of JIA's senior engineers, Mr Yasunori Kato, who will be in training at the AGA Laboratories this year and providing a comprehensive insight of the JIA safety processes adopted in Japan.



Rinnai - New Manufacturing Plant

Monday 24th April 2017 was an important day for Australian manufacturing with the official opening of Rinnai Australia's new state-of-the-art manufacturing facility located in Melbourne's South East suburb of Braeside.

Rinnai's new network of Melbourne manufacturing facilities will enable Rinnai to design and manufacture hot water, heating and cooling systems for the domestic and export markets, creating new jobs in Melbourne's South East.

Mr Hiroyasu Naito, Rinnai Corporation President and Mr Greg Ellis, Managing Director Rinnai Australia officiated at the official opening.

The Premier of Victoria, The Hon. *Daniel Andrews* MP and the Minister for Industry and Employment The Hon. Wade Noonan attended the official opening of the new premises. Premier Andrews made a point of congratulating the company on its major investment in local manufacturing, which also secures the jobs of Rinnai's existing 380-strong Victorian workforce.

'These are truly exciting times for Rinnai, our channel partners and the Australian market as we increase our ability to deliver new and exciting products through local expertise and manufacturing capability' said Greg Ellis, Rinnai Australia Managing Director.

'Whilst Rinnai has long been regarded as the consumer and trade choice for our extensive hot water solutions, the recent investments we've made now allows us to provide a full range of reliable, heating and cooling products all year round catering for every home and lifestyle' said Mr Ellis.

Mr Ellis went on to explain that from humble beginnings in 1971 selling a small range of domestic heating products, Rinnai Australia has evolved into a highly successful provider of domestic, commercial and industrial products & solutions. He added that in early 2015 Rinnai Australia acquired the Brivis business further enhancing Rinnai's local manufacturing operations.





Foreign Investment Review Board (FIRB) approves DUET takeover

Treasurer Scott Morrison has approved the proposed acquisition of Duet Group by a consortium led by Chueng Kong Infrastructure. DUET owns and operates the 1,596 km Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline (DBNGP) that connects the Carnarvon Basin in Western Australia's North West Shelf with industrial, commercial and residential customers in Perth and the surrounding region.



Future of Gas in Australia

There has been much conjecture and debate about the possible shortage of Natural Gas for local domestic and commercial markets in Australia, including the implications for electricity supply from gas-fired power stations.



In an attempt to address the gas supply shortfall on the eastern sea-board, the Turnbull Government is considering a "nation-building" plan to back construction of a gas pipeline from WA to the east as part of a multibillion-dollar push to address the national energy crisis. "It is not acceptable for Australia to be the world's largest exporter of LNG and, yet, to have a gas shortage on the east coast in its domestic market," Mr Turnbull said.

The Prime Minister also flagged the possibility of introducing LNG export restrictions in an attempt to put downward pressure on the prices of gas to alleviate the effects of spiralling energy costs to industry and domestic households.

New Bill introduced in NSW to replace existing Gas and Electrical Regulation

Innovation and Better Regulation Minister, Matt Kean, introduced the Gas and Electricity (Consumer Safety) Bill 2017 in the NSW Parliament on Thursday 6 April 2017. The Bill is to repeal and replace the Electricity (Consumer Safety) Act 2004, the Electricity (Consumer Safety) Regulation 2015 and the Gas Supply (Consumer Safety) Regulation 2012.

The Bill proposes to give authority to NSW Fair Trading officers to seize, detain or remove any unsafe gas or electrical appliance if the officer has reasonable cause to believe that an offence has been committed against the proposed Act or the regulations in respect of the article or appliance, or the article or appliance is or is likely to be unsafe.

For more information and a copy of the Bill please go to:
<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/bills/Pages/bill-details.aspx?pk=3387>





Latest Standards Updates

The gas appliances general requirements Standard AS 5263.0:2013 has been updated and replaced by **AS/NZS 5263.0:2017 (Gas appliances - General requirements)** published on the 24th April 2017.

Published appliance specific 5263.1 Standards currently reference AS 5263.0 and accordingly will need to be updated in time to reference AS/NZS 5263.0. Please contact your AGA Client Manager regarding the effect on your Certifications.

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