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SHINAGAWA REFRA Group: Participation in India International Refractories Congress ("IREFCON")

SHINAGAWA REFRA CO., LTD. ("SHINAGAWA"), together with Group companies Gouda Refractories Group B.V., Shinagawa Refractories Australasia Pty Ltd., ISOLITE CERAMIC FIBERS SND. BHD. (ICF), and Isolite Industries Co., Ltd, participated in IREFCON 2026.

IREFCON is an international conference and exhibition on refractories and was held in Kochi, India, from November 2-4, 2026. Organized by the Indian Refractories Manufactures' Association (IRMA). This event, which has been held biennially since 1994, is one of India's largest refractory related events.



Group Members striking the One SHINAGAWA Pose



Round Table Discussion

SHINAGAWA REFRA

Objectives of Exhibiting at IREFCON 2026

This event is one of India's largest and Asia's leading international refractories conferences and exhibitions, serving as a forum where executives and engineers from global refractories and steel manufacturers gather to discuss the latest industry trends, such as decarbonization, energy conservation, and the use of AI.

As a Gold Sponsor, our company not only supported this event but also sent a total of 14 representatives from our Group to deliver seven technical presentations, including joint presentations. By showcasing our Group's technical capabilities, we aim to enhance our presence in the Indian market and, through the promotion of our Group-wide technical expertise, strengthen relationships with customers in the steel, non-ferrous metals, and cement sectors while creating new business opportunities.

In addition, on behalf of our Group, Representative Director and Managing Executive Officer – Global Business, Heiki Miki, participated in the CEO Roundtable, a forum for discussion among business leaders driving the global refractories industry, and will take part in a discussion on the theme "Redefining the Refractories Industry—Toward 2030 and Beyond."

Event Overview

Dates: November 2 (Mon) – 4 (Wed), 2026

Venue: Grand Hyatt Kochi Bolgatty (Kochi, India)

Organizer: Indian Refractory Makers Association (IRMA)

For further details on this event, please visit the official IREFCON 2026 website. (You will be redirected to an external site.)

https://irefcon.com/