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TonenGeneral Sekiyu Sakai Refinery Once Again Invites Newsletter Readers to Phoenix Christmas Concert

TonenGeneral Sekiyu K.K. (president: Jun Mutoh) invited 60 readers of the newsletter "Phoenix"* to the Christmas Concert held by its Sakai refinery on November 30 and December 1.

The event, which began in 2007 as a performance at the Nankai Dentetsu Hamadera Koen Station Gallery to commemorate the four-hundredth issue of Phoenix, was referred to as the Christmas Concert from the following year and has been held annually since then to the great acclaim of the local community.

This year's concert featured splendid performances of Christmas songs, "Ave Maria" and other works by a vocalist, a pianist and a guitarist of the Sakai City Opera, which has received critical acclaim at the Puccini Festival in Italy and is supported by Sakai Refinery.

The TonenGeneral Group believes that contributing to society as a good corporate citizen while continuously working on the maintenance of safety and health, protection of the environment and response to climate change issues is an important corporate responsibility. Support for the Sakai City Opera and sponsorship of the Phoenix Christmas Concert are part of the group's many social contribution activities.

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Members of the Sakai City Opera perform at the 2012 Christmas Concert

About the TonenGeneral Group

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