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I am the Head of Technology Business Division at KOGAS, with almost 35 years of experience in KOGAS, which I joined in 1985.

— My job

My main role within the company is to manage three departments (the Technology Planning & Development Dept., the New Business Dept. and the Overseas Infrastructure Business Dept.) as well as the R&D Institute of the Technology Business Division.

Based on the strategy of the company, the Technology Planning & Development Dept. is in charge of developing the technology plan which includes some other tasks of the KOGAS R&D institute. We also look for new business opportunities by utilizing technologies developed internally.

Furthermore, the New Business Dept. is responsible for developing brand-new businesses at KOGAS. Currently, we are

focusing on hydrogen opportunities together with the Korean Government. Other businesses such as utilizing cold energy from LNG and fuel cells with methane are also managed in this department.

With over 30 years of experience, the main focus of the Overseas Infrastructure Business Dept. is to develop the construction and operation of regasification terminals and Gas-to-Power projects, including installation and operation of LNG supply and FSRU projects, especially in foreign countries.



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— My goals

My division is responsible for anticipating the future of KOGAS. Building domestic infrastructure in South Korea such as nationwide pipeline networks and LNG import terminals has come to its end. Based on our accumulated experience, we have to find out new businesses and technologies within the LNG value chain. In my view, hydrogen could be one of the primary resources to be produced within South Korea considering the status

of primary energy of the country, which is predominantly imported. KOGAS is advocating for the development of the hydrogen economy which is one of the major growth engines announced by the Korean Government. It would be great to be able to strengthen the basis for the hydrogen economy, for example, by using natural gas distributing networks as a means to develop the infrastructure.

— My projects

Recently, many countries who are trying to import LNG or increase their volumes, tend to offer an integrated project which includes building the LNG import terminal, operating the facility and supplying LNG. We are working to be able to offer this type of deals together with our LNG

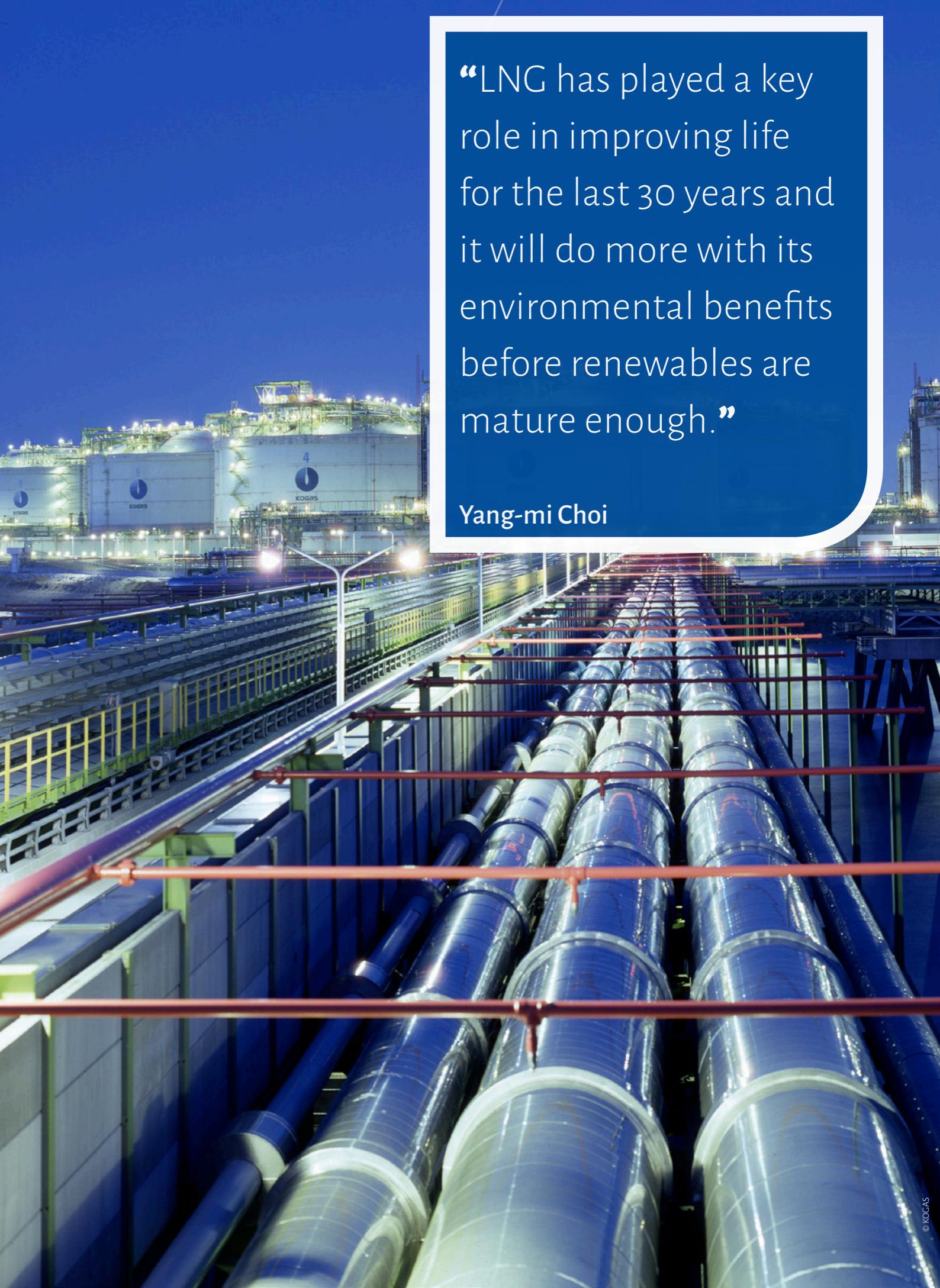
procurement division and our trading subsidiary in Singapore. Achieving this goal could widen the business areas of KOGAS and provide lots of new opportunities to EPC companies in South Korea, which is one of the duties of KOGAS as a state-owned company.

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“Many men still believe that child rearing and housework should be an important responsibility of women. We need to make more efforts to change this state of mind everywhere.”

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Inspiring
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— My motivation at work

In the early 80's, I remember that there was a boom to specialize in electrical engineering. I was interested in majoring in engineering and I was the only female student when I entered university. Initially, I joined KOGAS as an IT engineer and I was involved in several projects such as building-up Management Information Systems. After graduating from a MBA, I moved to technology planning & development and worked to find out new business opportunities based on the technologies developed by KOGAS throughout the whole value chain.

I believe that primary energy is a key factor that cannot be underestimated for the survival of the human race. Especially in South Korea, importing and distributing natural resources to the country is essential for economic growth and quality of life. LNG has played a key role in improving life for the last 30 years and it will do more with its environmental benefits before renewables are mature enough. The LNG business and KOGAS are still very attractive to me in this perspective.

“We are trying to increase gender equality in the company, but it is really difficult to find female employees in the talent pool.”

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— What drives me at work

I really appreciate the great performances of my colleagues in my division. In addition, there are many applicants who want to work in this division which covers totally new fields of business compared to the

usual works in KOGAS. I am delighted to watch new employees who have confidence in new business opportunities and care about the future of the company.

— What I enjoy most

Of course, being awarded a new project is a great moment. It is not just because of getting it but also be-

cause we see the progress of our work according to a scheduled plan.

— One last word...

“I had an opportunity to give a speech at the women’s university in South Korea last year. Lots of students seem worried about joining a company like KOGAS or the energy business because they do not feel ready. I would like to tell them that big companies in the energy industry have sufficient capability to support and develop the careers of their employees internally. Do not be scared of new challenges and opportunities. There should be a role for you in the company and you will find other opportunities you could not think of before joining.”



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