



Paul Henderson
CHIEF MINISTER

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\$3 million investment into Oil and Gas Centre for Excellence in Darwin secured

Chief Minister Paul Henderson today welcomed an agreement signed between the Ichthys LNG Project (INPEX 76% and Total 24%) and Charles Darwin University (CDU) in Tokyo to secure funding for the Oil and Gas Centre for Excellence in Darwin.

Chief Minister Paul Henderson witnessed the signing of the agreement last night and said the Oil and Gas Centre would play a pivotal part in training Territorians to take advantage of world-class jobs on the Ichthys Project.

"I congratulate INPEX, Total, and CDU on this agreement which will provide world-class training opportunities for Territorians," Henderson said.

"We are about to go through a period of economic growth that will bring opportunities for high-wage high-skill jobs for Territorians.

"This excellent education facility will help train our own highly skilled workers and play an important part in securing Darwin as the oil and gas capital of northern Australia.

"The \$34 billion Ichthys Project will secure the economic future of the Territory and offer work and education opportunities never before seen in the Territory.

"Construction of the North Australian Centre for Oil and Gas is already underway and is expected to be able to take its first students as early as end of the 2012."

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