

# Asahi Kasei Chemicals Opens AN and MMA Plants in Thailand

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Asahi Kasei Chemicals, the largest supplier of AN in the high-growth Asian market and the world's second-largest AN supplier' held a Grand Opening Ceremony for new acrylonitrile (AN) and methyl methacrylate (MMA) plants in Thailand on February 11, 2013.

In line with its business expansion strategy, Asahi Kasei Chemicals established PTT Asahi Chemical Co., Ltd. (PTTAC) as a three-way AN and MMA joint venture together with PTT Public Company Limited (PTT) of Thailand and Marubeni Corp. of Japan.

PTTAC's AN plant is the world's first propane-process plant, which uses propane directly as feedstock, and its MMA plant is an acetone cyanohydrin (ACH) process plant, which uses byproduct hydrogen cyanide from the AN plant as feedstock.

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