

## Utilizing Carbon-Free Energy Technologies to Expand Clean Electricity in APEC

## Introduction to Japan's Policies and Initiatives

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## Key messages of the 7th Strategic Energy Plan in Japan

## Changing energy landscape:

- > Growing need for **economic security**, due to events including tension in the Middle East.
- Increasing electricity demand expected due to digitization and green transformation.
- > Need for **strong industrial policy** to make energy structure transformation into economic growth.

## Policy Direction toward 2040:

- > Secure decarbonized power sources to meet the growing electricity demand and enhance competitiveness.
- maximize the deployment of renewable energy as our major power source and aim for a balanced power source structure that does not overly rely on specific power sources or fuel sources
- maximize the use of renewable energy, nuclear power, and other power sources that contribute to energy security and have high decarbonizing effects.

## Renewable Energy:

- Expanding the adoption of domestically produced renewable energies and improving the technology selfsufficiency ratio will contribute to strengthening Japan's industrial competitiveness in addition to decarbonization, and from this perspective, it is necessary to promote the development and public implementation of next-generation renewable energy technologies as well as coping with output fluctuations.
- Adoption of perovskite solar cells (target of 20 GW introduction by 2040), floating offshore wind power in the EEZ, etc.
- > Development of inter-regional interconnection lines and introduction of storage batteries, etc.

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## Nuclear power:

Promote R&D of **next-generation innovative reactors** (innovative light water reactors, small light water reactors, fast reactors, high-temperature gas reactors, nuclear fusion), etc., while working strengthening supply chain and human resources.

### ♦ Hydrogen and its derivatives (including ammonia, e-fuels and e-methane) :

Enhance competitiveness through **technological development**, and promote **capital investment** by front runner companies to expand global supply chain through strong support measures including **the Hydrogen Society Promotion Act**.

#### **♦**CCS:

Support **systems to encourage investment in CCS projects**, develop **technologies to reduce costs**, develop storage sites, etc.

## Thermal power:

maintain and secure the generation capacity (kW) necessary for a stable supply of thermal power as a whole, while reducing the amount of electricity generated (kWh), mainly from inefficient coal-fired thermal power. Specifically, secure LNG-fired thermal power as a means of transition, promote decarbonization of thermal power by utilizing hydrogen, ammonia, CCUS, etc.,

## (Reference) Outlook for Energy Supply and Demand in FY2040

 The outlook for energy supply and demand in FY2040 is presented <u>as a certain range using</u> <u>multiple scenarios</u>, keeping in mind the <u>existence of various uncertainties</u>, while also referring to analytical methods used in other countries.

		Fiscal Year 2023 (Preliminary figures)	Fiscal Year 2040 (Forecast)
Energy self-sufficiency rate		15.2% (in %)	Approx. 30-40%.
Amount of electricity generated		985.4 billion kWh	1.1 to 1.2 trillion kWh approx.
Power Supply Configuration	Renewable energy	22.9% (%)	Approximately 40-50%.
	Sunlight	9.8% (9.8%)	Approx. 23% to 29%
	Wind power	1.1% (1.1%)	Approx. 4-8%
	Hydraulic power	7.6% (7.6%)	Approx. 8-10%
	Geothermal power	0.3% (0.3%)	Approx. 1-2%.
	Biomass	4.1% (4.1%)	Approx. 5-6%
	Nuclear power	8.5% (8.5%)	Approx. 20%
	Thermal power	68.6% (%)	Approx. 30-40%.
Final energy consumption		300 million kL	Approx. 2.6 to 2.7 billion kL
Percentage reduction in greenhouse gas emissions (compared to FY2013)		<b>22.9% (%)</b> (Actual results for FY2022)	73%

## **Green Transformation's Three Principals**

#### Triple breakthrough

## One goal, various pathways Solution to the world

Japan aims to simultaneously achieve

- Emissions Reduction
- Economic Growth
- Energy Security



Toward our common goal of achieving net zero, we will make practical energy transitions through various pathways depending on the circumstances of each country.



Japan will decarbonize itself, but also contribute to global decarbonization by providing solutions outside Japan.



#### Hydrogen essential for carbon neutrality

- Global demand for hydrogen and its derivatives (i.e., ammonia, e-methane, and efuels) is expected to grow towards carbon neutrality by 2050.
- They are expected to be utilized in various sectors, including <u>"hard-to-abate" sectors</u> such as steel and chemicals, where conversion is difficult due to few alternative technologies, as well as in the <u>mobility sector</u> and <u>power generation</u>.



#### Hydrogen Society Promotion Act (Passed on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024)

- There are challenges in realizing CN2050 in promotion of GX in hard-to-abate sectors and realization of stable energy supply, decarbonization, economic growth.
- <u>Hydrogen and its derivatives are key enablers for achieving carbon neutrality in</u> industrial sectors, including iron and steel, chemicals, mobility and power generation.
- The Government will provide supporting measures to the approved hydrogen business plans to promote the supply and utilization of low carbon hydrogen and its derivatives.



## **Ammonia power generation**

 As Japan's original technology, <u>stable combustion and reduced NOx</u> <u>emissions with 20% ammonia co-firing have been already achieved</u>. The <u>demonstration using actual large-scale equipment (a 1 GW power plant)</u> <u>was completed in 2024</u>.



## e-methane

- Effective for carbon neutrality in heat demand
  → e-methane can achieve decarbonization in the high temperature zone.
- Contributing to low carbon and carbon neutrality  $\rightarrow$  No new CO<sub>2</sub> is additionally emitted.
- Existing LNG and natural gas infrastructure can be used for e-methane.
  - $\rightarrow$  Decarbonization can be achieved while keeping equipment costs down.



#### **Global e-methane projects**

#### •e-methane projects are being promoted by companies around the world.





# Thank you for your kind attention.