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# Renewable Energy Projections Through 2030 and Strategy

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## **Energy Outlook for Japan**





Source: "Asia/World Energy Outlook 2014", The Institute of Energy Economics, Japan



## **Current Status of Renewable Energy in Japan**





Sources: "Comprehensive Energy Statistics (Preliminary Report for 2012)" and "Annual Report on National Accounts."



Japan's measures to increase the use of renewable energy shifted from (1) financial support through subsidies, (2) aid through placing an obligation on electric power companies to source part of their electricity from renewable sources (the RPS scheme), to (3) the feed-in tariff (FIT) scheme that requires electric power companies to purchase electricity at fixed prices.

#### Japan

- (1) Support through <u>subsidies</u> (1997–)
- Enactment of the Act on the Promotion of New Energy Usage (New Energy Act)
  - Provides partial financial aid to private companies implementing new-energy projects and guarantee on loans taken from financial institutions.
  - ✓ Provides financial aid to local governments implementing new-energy projects.
- (2) Support through placing an obligation (the RPS scheme) (2003–2012)
- Launch of <u>the RPS Scheme</u> in 2003
  - Requires electric power companies to source a specified proportion of their electricity from renewable sources (without fixed prices).
- (3) Support through buyback at fixed prices (to give prospects for recovering investment) (2009–)
- Launch of the Residential Surplus Electricity Purchasing Scheme in 2009
  - Requires electric power companies to purchase home-generated solar power of less than 500 kW at the procurement price and for the procurement period set by the government.
- Launch of the Feed-in Tariff (FIT) Scheme in 2012
  - Requires electric power companies to purchase electricity produced from renewable sources, including solar, wind, hydro, geothermal and biomass at the procurement price and for the procurement period set by the government.



- The contribution of renewable energy (excluding hydro power) to the total power generation in Japan has covered around 1%.
- Since the launch of the Residential Surplus Electricity Purchasing Scheme for Photovoltaic Power in November 2009 and the Feed-in Tariff Scheme in July 2012, Japan's use of renewable energy, led by solar power, has steadily increased.
- Renewable energy accounted for 1.6% in FY2012.



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# Current State of Renewable Energy



- Renewable energy accounted for approximately 10% of power generation in 2012.
- More specifically, hydroelectric power generated by large-scale dams, etc., accounted for 8.4%, with solar PV, wind, geothermal and biomass power accounting for 1.6%.



Composition of power generation by energy source in Japan (FY 2012)

Source: Federation of Electric Power Companies of Japan, *Composition of power generation by energy source* 



## Japan's Strategic Energy Plan (revised in April, 2014)



# To Overcome energy challenges while reducing costs in the procurement, distribution, and consumption sectors.

#### 1. Production (Procurement) Sector

<Diversify electricity sources>

(1)Maximize introduction of renewable energy ①Deregulation

(E.g. Accelerate procedures for environmental assessments)

- ②Promote wind and geothermal power, through enhancing grid, etc.
- (2)Restart nuclear power plants once safety is assured.
- (3)Introduce high-efficiency thermal power plants (coal and LNG) while considering the environmental impact

- (1)Procure low-cost LNG.
- (2)Promote development of domestic energy sources including methane hydrate.

## 2. Distribution Sector

- (1) Electricity market reform
- ①Full liberalization of generation and retail.

2 Unbundling

 ③Nation wide transmission operation
(2)Strict assessment of power rate
(Cut down fuel cost)

#### 3. Consumption Sector

- (1)Enhance competitiveness and promote energy efficiency by installing cutting edge and efficient facilities in industries.
- (2)Enhanced energy conservation by adding house/buildings, in the Top Runner Program.
- (3) Promote efficient energy management systems such as demand response.

#### Japan's Strategic Energy Plan



- Japan's Strategic Energy Policy Law stipulates that the government must establish a Strategic Energy Plan that includes basic policy for energy supply-demand and its implementing measures and consider its revision at least every three years.
- The Japanese government has tried to revise the Strategic Energy Plan 2010 since March 2013  $\geq$ and released the draft of the government on Feb 25. After the stakeholders' discussions including those by administration party, the plan was finalized
- by Cabinet decision on 11 April 2014.





## **Current Status of FIT in Japan**

## Basic Mechanism of the Feed-in Tariff Scheme



Under the feed-in tariff scheme, if a renewable energy producer requests an electric utility to sign a contract to purchase electricity at a fixed price and for a long-term period guaranteed by the government, the electric utility is obligated to accept this request.



Tariffs and Durations (PV, Wind, Geothermal and Hydro)



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Act on Purchase of Renewable Energy Sourced Electricity by Electric Utilities (Feed-in Tariff Scheme for Renewable Energy)

> This Act obliges electric utilities to purchase electricity generated from renewable energy sources

(PV, wind power, offshore wind power, hydraulic power, geothermal and biomass) at the procurement price and for the procurement period.

> Approved at the 177th session of the Diet 2011 and started on July 1st, 2012.

<Tariffs for FY2014>

Energy source		Solar PV		Wind power		Offshore Wind	Geothermal power		Small- and medium-scale hydraulic power		
Procurement category		10 kW or more	Less than 10 kW (purchase of excess electricity)	20 kW or more	Less than 20 kW	20 kW or more	15,000 kW or more	Less than 15,000 kW	1,000 kW or more but less than 30,000 kW	200 kW or more but less than 1,000 kW	Less than 200 kW
Cost	Installation cost	275,000 yen/kW	385,000 yen/kW	300,000 yen/kW	1,250,000 yen/kW	565,000 yen/kW	790,000 yen/kW	1,230,000 yen/kW	850,000 yen/kW	800,000 yen/kW	1,000,000 yen/kW
	Operating and maintenance costs (per year)	8,000 yen/kW	3,600 yen/kW	6,000 yen/kW	_	22,500 yen/kW	33,000 yen/kW	48,000 yen/kW	9,500 yen/kW	69,000 yen/kW	75,000 yen/kW
Pre-tax IRR		6%	3.2%	8%	1.8%	10%	13%		7% 7%		
ment price	Tax inclusiv e <sup>(*3)</sup>	<u>34.56</u> yen	<u>37</u> yen	<u>23.76</u> yen	<u>59.40</u> yen	<u>38.88</u> yen	28.08 yen	<u>43.20</u> yen	<u>25.92</u> yen	<u>31.32</u> yen	<u>36.72</u> yen
Procure	Tax exclusiv e	32 yen	37 yen	22 yen	55 yen	36 yen	26 yen	40 yen	24 yen	29 yen	34 yen
Procurement period		20 years	10 years	20 years	20 years	20 years	15 years	15 years	20 years		



#### <Tariffs for FY2014>

Energy source			Small- and medium-scale hydraulic power(Utilization of existing headrace)			
Procurement category			1,000 kW or more but less than 30,000 kW	200 kW or more but less than 1,000 kW	Less than 200 kW	
0	Installation cost		425,000 yen/kW	400,000 yen/kW	500,000 yen/kW	
ost	Op m	perating and aintenance costs (per year)	9,500 yen/kW	69,000 yen/kW	75,000 yen/kW	
Pre-tax IRR			7%	7%		
ement price	r kWh	Tax inclusiv e <sup>(*3)</sup>	<u>15.12</u> yen	<u>22.68</u> yen	<u>27.00</u> yen	
Procur	be	Tax exclusiv e	14 yen	21 yen	25 yen	
Procurement period			20 years			



#### <Tariffs for FY2014>

Energy source			Biomass						
Biomass type			Biogas	Wood fired power plant (Timber from forest thinning)	Wood fired power plant (Other wood materials)	Wastes (excluding woody wastes)	Wood fired power plant (Recycled wood)		
	Installation cost		3,920,000 yen/kW	410,000 yen/kW	410,000 yen/kW	310,000 yen/kW	350,000 yen/kW		
Cost	Operating and maintenance costs (per year)		184,000 yen/kW	27,000 yen/kW	27,000 yen/kW	22,000 yen/kW	27,000 yen/kW		
Pre-tax IRR (Internal Rate of Return)		(Internal Return)	1%	8%	4%	4%	4%		
Tariff		Tax inclusive	<u>42.12</u> yen	<u>34.56</u> yen	<u>25.92</u> yen	<u>18.36</u> yen	<u>14.04</u> yen		
( per	· kWh)	Tax exclusive	39 yen	32 yen	24 yen	17 yen	13 yen		
Duration			20 years						



- The approval of the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry is required for renewable energy power generation facilities for the FIT program to apply. The total output of facilities approved up to March 2014 is approx. 68.6 GW.
- In comparison, the amount for facilities that began operation during the same period was 8.9 GW (More than 40% increase over the year the program started).

#### [State of adoption of renewable energy power generation]

	Before the FIT program After introduction of the FIT program					
	Cumulative adopted amount up to July 2012	Amount adopted in FY2012 (Jul Mar.)	Amount adopted in FY2013 (Apr Mar.)	Facilities approved from July 2012 through March 2014		
Solar (Residential)	Approx. 4.7 GW	1.0 GW	1.2 GW	2.7GW		
Solar (Non Residential)	Approx. 0.9 GW	0.7 GW	5.7 GW	63.0GW		
Others	Approx. 15.0 GW	0.1 GW	0.2GW	2.9 GW		
Total	Approx. 20.6 GW	1.8 GW	7.1 GW	68.6GW		
Note) converted to amount of power generated, this is approx. 2.4 billion kWh for 2012,						

8.9 GW

facility utilization).

### Grid Framework in Japan





### Solar and Wind Power Deployment Potential in Japan





Fig. Annual solar radiance on the surface with an optimal angle of inclination in Japan (kWh/m<sup>2</sup>·d) Source: NEDO, Guidelines for PV Power Generation Field Test Project (Design, Construction and System), 2010





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