

Japan needs an ambitious long-term strategy to show Japan's decarbonization leadership to the world

Statement of the Japan Climate Initiative in response to the Japanese Government's draft long-term strategy

As the Paris Agreement moves to the implementation stage, Japan must accelerate its efforts towards decarbonization.

Given that Japan holds this year's G20 Presidency, 2019 will be a great opportunity for Japan to show the international community its leadership when it comes to decarbonization. The Japanese government is preparing its long-term strategy based on the proposal developed by a special advisory council known as "Meeting for the Long-Term Strategy under the Paris Agreement as A Growth Strategy." The proposal was published on April 2nd as part of a process¹ that will culminate with the presentation of Japan's strategy by the G20 Osaka 2019 Summit.

Last October, the 1.5 °C Special Report published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) showed that the world needs to reach "net zero" by 2050 and reduce CO2 emissions by about 45% by 2030 relative to 2010 levels in order to keep the global temperature rise below 1.5 °C. The proposal of "Long-Term Strategy under the Paris Agreement as A Growth Strategy" recognized that the urgency and the need to enhance climate actions highlighted in the report were widely accepted by the international community. The proposal also asked the Japanese government to set the future vision of the decarbonized society as a final target and to aim to achieve it as early as possible in the second half of this century.

In the Japanese context, the most important set of measures to realize a decarbonized society is to promote energy efficiency in a comprehensive manner and maximize the use of renewable energy. In Japan, in particular, the renewable energy target of the Japanese government should be further raised as it is the key to significantly reduce reliance on fossil fuels such as coal in the years ahead.

¹ The national government-led process included: (a) the establishment of a special advisory council known as "Meeting for the Long-term Strategy under the Paris Agreement as a Growth Strategy;" (b) the development of a series of recommendations by the advisory council which are meant to serve as the basis for the national government's long-term strategy (LTS) draft, published on April 2; (c) the publication of the draft LTS on April 23; (d) about 3 weeks public comment period which ended on May 16; and (e) the incorporation of public comments; and (f) the publication of the final version of the LTS, expected right before the G20 meetings in Osaka, Japan, in June.

Amid the world's accelerating decarbonization trend, many companies and local governments in Japan are starting to work beyond the conventional government plans to achieve greater use of renewable energy and zero emissions. The long-term strategy developed by the government must support such pioneering efforts by Japanese actors to accelerate their efforts and contribute to building the decarbonized society that we need in Japan.

If the government issues a clear message for decarbonization, it will further accelerate the leading efforts by private sectors and local governments, and contribute to making Japan an advanced country when it comes to the business of decarbonization.

As a member of the Japan Climate Initiative that promised to stand at the frontline of the climate challenge along with the world to realize the decarbonized society demanded by the Paris Agreement, we strongly ask for a more ambitious long term strategy that shows Japan's leadership to the world when it comes to addressing climate change.

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Signatories (alphabetical order)

(Total 211: including 143 companies, 26 cities/Municipalities and 42 others)

Companies (Total 143)

ADVANTEST CORPORATION	Daito Trust Construction Co., Ltd.
AEON CO., LTD.	Daiwa House Industry Co., Ltd.
Aica Kogyo Co., Ltd.	Decarbonization Support Co., Ltd.
AMITA HOLDINGS CO.,LTD.	Dentsu Inc.
Amundi Japan Ltd.	Eco Works Co., Ltd.
Architects Regional Planners & Associates · Kyoto	Ecoairsolution Co.Ltd
ASAHI GROUP HOLDINGS, LTD	Ecolinx
ATGREEN Co., Ltd.	ECOPLAN CO.,LTD
BIOLOGIC PHILOSOPHY Co., Ltd.	EDGE INTERNATIONAL, INC.
BNP Paribas Securities (Japan) Limited	E-Konzal Co., Ltd.
Calbee, Inc.	energy311
CalNeCo, Inc.	Environmental Business Agency, Inc.
CASIO COMPUTER CO., LTD.	erex Co., Ltd.
Challenergy Inc.	e's Inc.
Chuhgoku Wind-Power Co., Ltd.	ESPEC Corp.
Citizen Watch Co., Ltd.	E-Square Inc.
Clean Energy lab GK	F&E Ashigarakintarou Energy Power
CSR Design Green Investment Advisory	FP Corporation
Dai Nippon Printing Co., Ltd.	Fujikura Ltd.
Daitec Co., Ltd.	Fujitsu Limited
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GRID&FINANCE ADVISORS Inc.
 Hakuodo Inc.
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 INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY APPLICATION
 TECHNOLOGIES, LTD.
 Issei Co., Ltd.
 ITO EN, LTD.
 ITOCHU Techno-Solutions Corporation
 J. FRONT RETAILING Co., Ltd.
 Japan carbon management Co.
 Japan Renewable Energy Corporation
 Japan Waste Co., Ltd.
 Jutaku Setsubi Assist
 Kanagote Farm
 Kao Corporation
 Kirin Holdings Company, Limited
 KK. Oomura Co.
 KOBAYASHI Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.
 Kokusai Kogyo Co., Ltd.
 KONICA MINOLTA, INC.
 KOSÉ Corporation
 Kubota Corporation
 KYOCERA Corporation
 LIMONE LLC
 Lion Corporation
 LIXIL Group Corporation
 MAEDA CORPORATION
 MARUI GROUP CO., LTD.
 Minna-Denryoku, Inc.
 minnanomachidukuri co.ltd
 MS&AD Insurance Group Holdings, Inc.
 MURATA MACHINERY, LTD.
 Nabtesco Corporation
 NEC Corporation
 Next Energy & Resources Co., Ltd.
 Nextshift Co., Ltd
 Nice Holdings, Inc.
 NIHON PLAST CO., LTD
 Nikkei Panel System Company, Ltd.
 Nikon Corporation
 NIPPON FLOUR MILLS Co., Ltd.
 Nippon Gas
 Nishimatsu Construction Co., Ltd.
 Nomura Real Estate Asset Management Co., Ltd.
 Nomura Research Institute, Ltd.
 NTT DATA Corporation
 NTT FACILITIES, INC.
 NYKLine
 Ohisama Energy Station Co., Ltd.
 Okaken-Home
 Panasonic Corporation
 Patagonia International Inc.

Picot Energy Inc
 Progresstec co., Ltd
 Refine Holdings Co., Ltd.
 Renewable Japan Co., Ltd.
 RICOH COMPANY, LTD.
 SAKAE KOUKAN CO., LTD
 Sanyo Syoji CO., LTD.
 SAPPORO HOLDINGS LTD.
 SB Energy Corp.
 SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION
 SEKISUI CHEMICAL CO., LTD.
 Sekisui House, Ltd.
 Sekisui Jushi Corporation
 Shinkin Central Bank
 SHIZEN ENERGY Inc.
 SKY Perfect JSAT Corporation
 SMART SOLAR CORPORATION
 SoftBank Group Corp.
 SOHGO SECURITY SERVICES CO., LTD.
 SOLAR WORLD Co., Ltd.
 Sompo Holdings, Inc.
 Sony Corporation
 Sumitomo Dainippon Pharma Co., Ltd
 Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Asset Management
 Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings, Inc.
 SUN GEOGRAPHY TECHNICAL CO., LTD.
 Sun Messe Co., Ltd.
 Suntory Holdings Limited
 SUZUKI ELECTRIC CO., LTD.
 SymEnergy Inc.
 Takasago International Corporation
 Takashimaya Co., Ltd.
 Takeuchiteien
 TBM Co., Ltd.
 TECHNO ASSOCIE CO., LTD.
 Teijin Ltd.
 TERA Energy
 The Asahi Shimbun Company
 The Banshu Shinkin Bank
 The Japan Times, Ltd.
 THE SHIGA BANK, LTD.
 TSUKAMOTO CORPORATION CO., LTD.
 Unicharm Corporation
 Virtual Harmony Co., Ltd.
 WasteBox Co., Ltd.
 Watami Farm & Energy Co., Ltd.
 Woonerf Inc.
 XSOL CO., LTD.
 Yamato juken Co.Ltd
 YANMAR CO., LTD.
 YATSUMOTO TSUSHO CO.,LTD

Cities/Municipalities (Total 26)

City of Kitakyushu
 City of Sapporo
 Hakone Town
 Hamamatsu City
 Kagoshima City
 Kanagawa Prefectural Government

Kawasaki City
 Kyoto City
 Kyoto Prefecture
 Matsuda Town
 Matsuyama City
 Nagano Prefecture

Odawara City
Omihachiman City
Osaka City
Otsu City
Sakai City
Setagaya City, Tokyo
Shiga Prefecture

Suita City
Takamatsu City
Tokushima Prefecture
Tokyo Metropolitan Government
Toyonaka City
Yamanashi Prefecture
Yokohama City

Others (Total 42)

BIO HOTELS JAPAN
Central Federation of Societies of Commerce and Industry
Chiba University of Commerce
Citizens' Alliance for Saving the Atmosphere and the Earth
Climate Action Network Japan (CAN-Japan)
CONSUMERS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY KAGOSHIMA
Co-opdeli Consumers' Co-operative Union
Forever-Green
General Incorporated Association ENV
General Incorporated Association Urbanist
Green Purchasing Network
Hokkaido Green Purchasing Network
Honmon Butsuryu Shu (HBS)
Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)
Institute for Sustainable Energy Policies (ISEP)
Japan Community Power Association
Japan Photovoltaic Energy Association (JPEA)
Japan RPF Association
Japan Solvent Recycling Industry Association
kameplan architects
Kochi Renewable Energy Association

Kyoto HBS Museum
Low Carbon Society Promotion Association
Network of Business Leaders and Entrepreneurs for a Sustainable Business and Energy Future
NPOHOUJINMEBUKI
Oisoeneshift
Palsystem Consumers' Co-operative Union
Sera Creations
SLSV CES INSTITUTE
Sustainable Economy Association
The Association for Promotion of ZEH
The Kawasaki Chamber Of Commerce and Industry
The Research Institute for Environmental Finance
Tokushima Regional Energy General Incorporated Association
Ueda shimin enerugii
Utsukushima NPO Network (NPO)
WEATHER CASTER NETWORK
World Environment Improvement Organization
Yamahana Law Office
CDP Worldwide-Japan
Renewable Energy Institute
WWF Japan