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## **JCLP welcomes Japan's new 2030 GHG Emissions Reduction Target**

Japan Climate Leaders' Partnership (JCLP) welcomes Prime Minister Suga's pledge made in his speech today to "reduce GHG emissions by 46% from 2013 levels by 2030 and continue trying for an even higher cut of 50%".

This is a significant increase from the previous target of 26% and demonstrates Japan's firm commitment to tackling climate crisis. It is a testament to Japan's determination to work with the international community to achieve the 1.5°C target of the Paris Agreement and protect the lives of Japanese people from climate crisis. We express our respect for the leadership of Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga's Cabinet as well as the unflagging effort of relevant ministries and stakeholders for making it possible.

In March, we issued a position statement seeking the 2030 emissions reduction target of 50% and above.<sup>1</sup> As we mentioned in the statement, the 2030 target is expected to become a critical milestone for Japan's pursuit of green growth. As the new target clearly translates the 2050 carbon neutrality pledge into a nearer-future vision, we are certain that it will spur business investments and further accelerate changes in consumer attitudes.

Alongside our proposal for the 2030 emissions reduction target, **we have also been calling on the government to set a target of 50% renewable power by 2030 in the power mix**<sup>2</sup>. About 90% of CO<sub>2</sub>, which accounts for the majority of Japan's GHG emissions, comes from energy-related sources. Therefore, it is of paramount importance to significantly increase the share of renewables in the power mix if Japan is to stand any chance of achieving 50% reduction.

Once again, we welcome the new target. Keenly aware that the whole of Japan, including the corporate sector like us, must work together to go beyond 46% and reach 50%, we are determined to ramp up our action and do our utmost to contribute to its achievement.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://japan-clp.jp/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/JCLP-Proposal\\_Japan-NDC\\_FINAL-1.pdf](https://japan-clp.jp/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/JCLP-Proposal_Japan-NDC_FINAL-1.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> [https://japan-clp.jp/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/20201016\\_JCLP\\_policy-proposals\\_energy-mix-.pdf](https://japan-clp.jp/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/20201016_JCLP_policy-proposals_energy-mix-.pdf)



## About JCLP

Japan Climate Leaders' Partnership (JCLP) is a coalition of businesses in Japan (175 companies as of April 2021) that aims to create a carbon neutral society, built on the idea that decarbonization is essential to economic development. The group's total sales are 138 trillion JPY (US\$1.3 trillion) and electricity demand together amounts to 57 TWh (in. It was set up in 2009 to encourage the business sector to develop a sound sense of urgency on climate action.

JCLP remains unique in Japan in that a key focus is policy engagement around actions for decarbonisation, aimed at both local and central governments in the country. In October 2020, JCLP issued "[the Proposals for the Review of the Long-Term Energy Supply and Demand Outlook \(Energy Mix\)](#)", calling on the government to set a target of 50% renewable electricity by 2030 to help achieve the 2050 net zero emissions goal.

Since April 2017, JCLP has been the Climate Group's Regional Delivery Partner on RE100, EP100 and EV100 initiatives in Japan. See the member companies here: <https://japan-clp.jp/en>

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