



## Press Release

# Almost 180 companies welcome Japan's New 2030 GHG Emissions Reduction Target

**Tokyo, Japan, April 22, 2021** – Japanese Prime Minister Suga has pledged today in his speech to “reduce emissions reduction by 46% from 2013 levels by 2030 and continue trying for an even higher cut of 50%”, - a significant increase from the previous target of 26% below 2013 levels.

Following the announcement, Japan Climate Leaders Partnership (JCLP), a coalition of almost 180 companies with a sense of urgency on climate change, has issued a welcome statement (see attached).

JCLP will continue to closely monitor the trends of important policies such as the power mix, and in order to contribute to the advancement of these policies from a corporate standpoint, JCLP will continue to decarbonize its corporate activities including RE100, make proposals to the government, and disseminate information to society.

### Comments from the JCLP Co-Chairs

*“This new target sends out a clear message to the Japanese society and the international community that Japan will advance toward 1.5°C-target. It is evident that social infrastructure will henceforth be premised upon carbon neutrality. We, JCLP member companies, are more determined than ever to achieve strong growth through seizing zero-carbon business opportunities and aspire to play essential roles in building the carbon neutral society.”*

Toshihiro Kawakami (Head, Environmental Promotion Department, LIXIL Corporation)  
Kahori Miyake (Chief Sustainability Officer, AEON Co.,Ltd.)

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Note to editors:

### **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. 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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