



## Press Release

# **178 companies make policy proposals to the Japanese government for accelerated adoption of ZEVs for road freight**

**Tokyo, Japan, May 27, 2021** – Japan Climate Leaders’ Partnership (JCLP), a coalition of 178 businesses with a sense of urgency on climate change, has released policy proposals to accelerate adoption of ZEVs for road freight in Japan.

Automobiles are the third most significant source of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions after the “industry” sector and “commercial and other” sector in Japan. Although there are fewer road freight vehicles in use than passenger cars, they emit about the same amount of CO<sub>2</sub>, since the utilization rate of road freight vehicles is higher than that of passenger cars. This makes the adoption of ZEVs for road freight critical in achieving Japan’s 2050 carbon neutrality goal and 2030 emissions reduction target.

We, JCLP, are thus making efforts to adopt zero emissions vehicles (ZEVs) for in-house and outsourced road freights, and believe that policies are a critical component of the ZEV transition. Measures to improve ZEVs’ cost-competitiveness and practicality are particularly important, and we urge the government to take swift actions on the following points:

- 1. Set a clear and world-leading numerical target for adoptions of ZEVs for road freight**
- 2. Take regulatory measures to scale up ZEV production.**
- 3. Amend existing regulations and systems with flexibility in order to promote new business models for ZEVs**
- 4. Set targets for installations of renewable energy-based charging and fueling infrastructure**

As there is an ongoing review of the automobile and battery section of the Green Growth Strategy, we particularly stress the proposal 1 and urge that the revised strategy includes a clear and world-leading target for road freight vehicles. Such a target is necessary to prompt coherent policy implementations and send a strong market signal for the ZEV transition.

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**Notes to editors:**

**About JCLP:**

[Japan Climate Leaders' Partnership \(JCLP\)](#) is a coalition of businesses (178 companies as of May 2021) that aims to create a carbon neutral society, built on the idea that decarbonisation 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.

The members share a common goal and proactively communicate with policy makers, business peers and the civil society. 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. 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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