

Statement on the Draft of the Sixth Basic Energy Plan

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The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry has published the draft of the Sixth Basic Energy Plan for public consultation. We, Japan Climate Leaders’ Partnership (JCLP), express our views on the draft as follows.

- 1. We welcome the increased share of renewable energy in the 2030 energy mix¹ and the addition of the “renewable first principle” which gives the highest priority to renewables. We commend and respect those whose efforts made these changes possible.**

The draft plan aims at 36 - 38% renewable energy in the 2030 energy mix, an increase from the previous target of 22 - 24%. It also states that efforts will be made to introduce renewable energy based on the “renewable first principle”. These changes underscore the Japanese government’s commitment to achieve the 2030 greenhouse gas reduction target and we express our deepest respect for the efforts made by ministries and stakeholders to make these changes possible.

- 2. We expect to see continuous efforts to further increase the share of renewables beyond 38% toward the achievement the 1.5°C target of the Paris Agreement.**

In order to protect our lives and society from climate crisis, we have proposed 50% renewables in the 2030 energy mix as a target in line with the 1.5°C target of the Paris Agreement.² We thus believe that there is a need for continued efforts to go beyond 38%. Indeed, the draft plan clarifies that 36-38% is “not a cap nor an upper limit” and states that the government will “continuously monitor progress and review policies in order to expand renewable energy as effectively as possible.” It is imperative that these reviews will be implemented soundly.

We, as a group of businesses, is determined to support the government in improving policies by presenting our proposals. We will also help increase the share of renewables further by proactively shifting to clean energy, adopting more energy efficiency measures and mobilizing demand-side resources such as electric vehicles.

- 3. We support fading out³ inefficient coal power plants and call for halting the construction of new coal power plants.**

Coal-fired power generation emits more CO₂ than any other power source. Also, as the lifetime is long for coal power plants, there is no room for a new coal power plants if we are to avoid carbon lock-in. Therefore, we support the policy to “ensure fading out inefficient coal power plants” as stated in the draft plan, and renew our call for halting the construction of new coal power plants.⁴

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¹ “Energy mix” commonly indicates power mix in Japanese policy context.

² Please refer to JCLP’s [proposal](#) for details (in Japanese).

³ Instead of “phase out”, METI uses the word “fade out”.

⁴ Please refer to JCLP’s [proposal](#) for details (in Japanese).



About Japan Climate Leaders' Partnership (JCLP):

JCLP is a coalition of businesses in Japan (194 companies as of Sept 2021) that aim to create a carbon neutral society, built on the idea that decarbonization is essential to economic development. The group's total sales are 122 trillion JPY (1.1 trillion USD) and total electricity demand amounts to approx. 61 TWh. It was set up in 2009 to encourage the business sector to develop a sound sense of urgency on climate action. Since April 2017, JCLP has been the Climate Group's Regional Delivery Partner on RE100, EP100 and EV100 initiatives in Japan.

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