



## Press Release

# **194 companies release a statement on the draft of the Sixth Basic Energy Plan, calling for continuous efforts to further increase the share renewables beyond 38%**

**Tokyo, Japan, September 9, 2021** – Japan Climate Leaders' Partnership (JCLP), a coalition of 194 businesses with a sense of urgency on climate change, has released its statement on the draft of the Sixth Basic Energy Plan and submitted it to government ministries. The draft has been released by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan and is currently open for public consultation.

In the statement, JCLP express the following views:

- 1. We welcome the increased share of renewable energy in the 2030 energy mix<sup>1</sup> 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.**
- 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.**
- 3. We support fading out<sup>2</sup> inefficient coal power plants and call for halting the construction of new coal power plants.**

Please see [the statement](#) for more details.

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<sup>1</sup> “Energy mix” commonly indicates power mix in Japanese policy context.

<sup>2</sup> Instead of “phase out”, METI uses the word “fade out”.



**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.

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