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Japanese Energy Policy after Fukushima

- Running Hard to Stand Still? -

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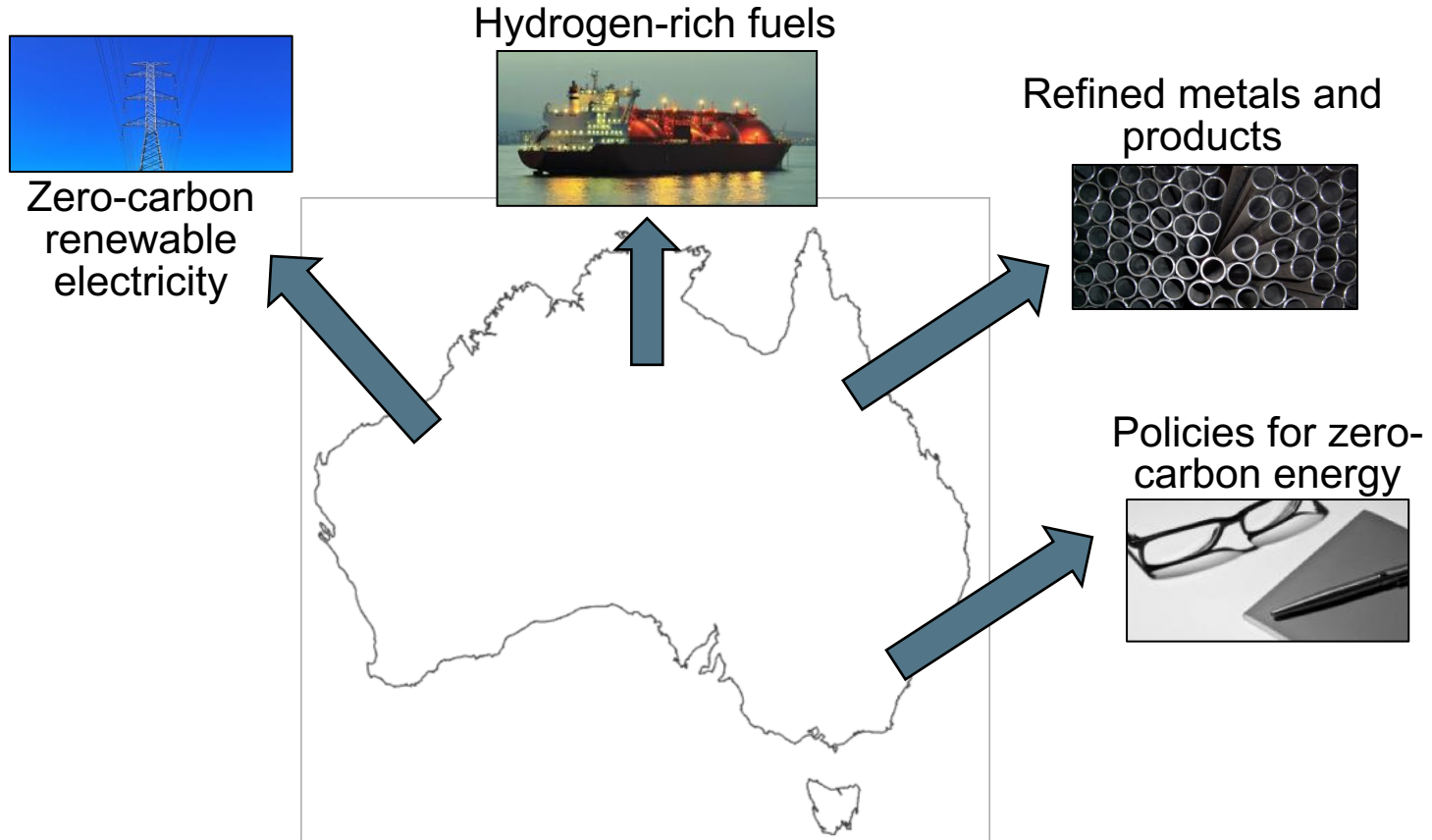
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Where are we at with emissions?

Where are we at with policy?

Where are we likely to be going?

Japan's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)

- Japan ratified the Paris Agreement on 8 November 2016
- Emissions reduction target of 26% below 2013 levels by 2030, or 18% below 1990 levels by 2030

2. Energy mix used for the bottom-up calculation of the emission reduction target

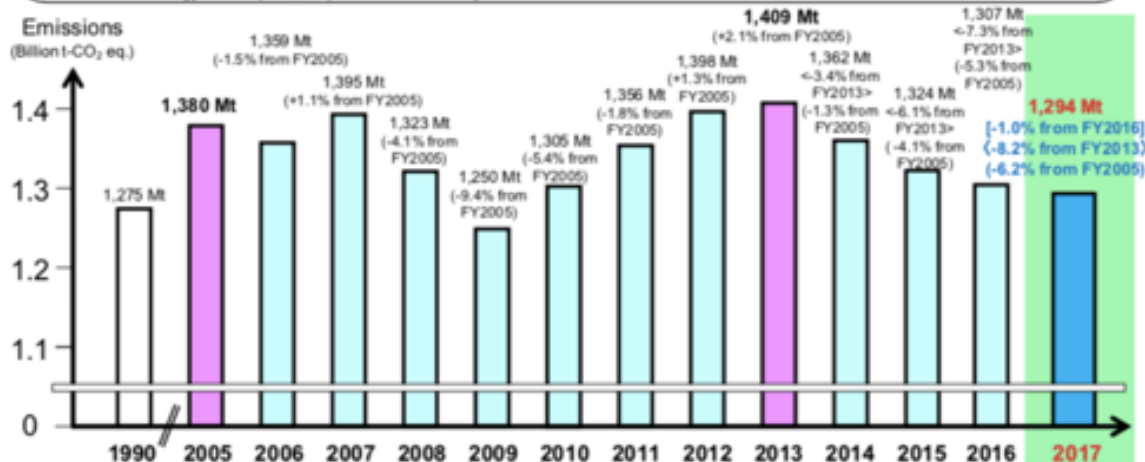
	FY 2030
● Final energy consumption	326 M kl
(Energy efficiency measures)	50 M kl

● Total power generation	approx. 1065 billion kWh
Renewables	approx. 22-24%
Nuclear power	approx. 22-20%
Coal	approx. 26%
LNG	approx. 27%
Oil	approx. 3%
(within renewables)	
Solar	approx. 7.0%
Wind power	approx. 1.7%
Geothermal	approx. 1.0-1.1%
Hydro power	approx. 8.8-9.2%
Biomass	approx. 3.7-4.6%

Japan's total greenhouse gas emissions in fiscal year (FY) 2017 (Preliminary figures)

Japan's total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in FY2017 (preliminary figures) were **1,294 Mt CO₂ eq.** (1.0% decrease as compared to FY2016; 8.2% decrease from FY2013; and 6.2% decrease from FY2005 levels)

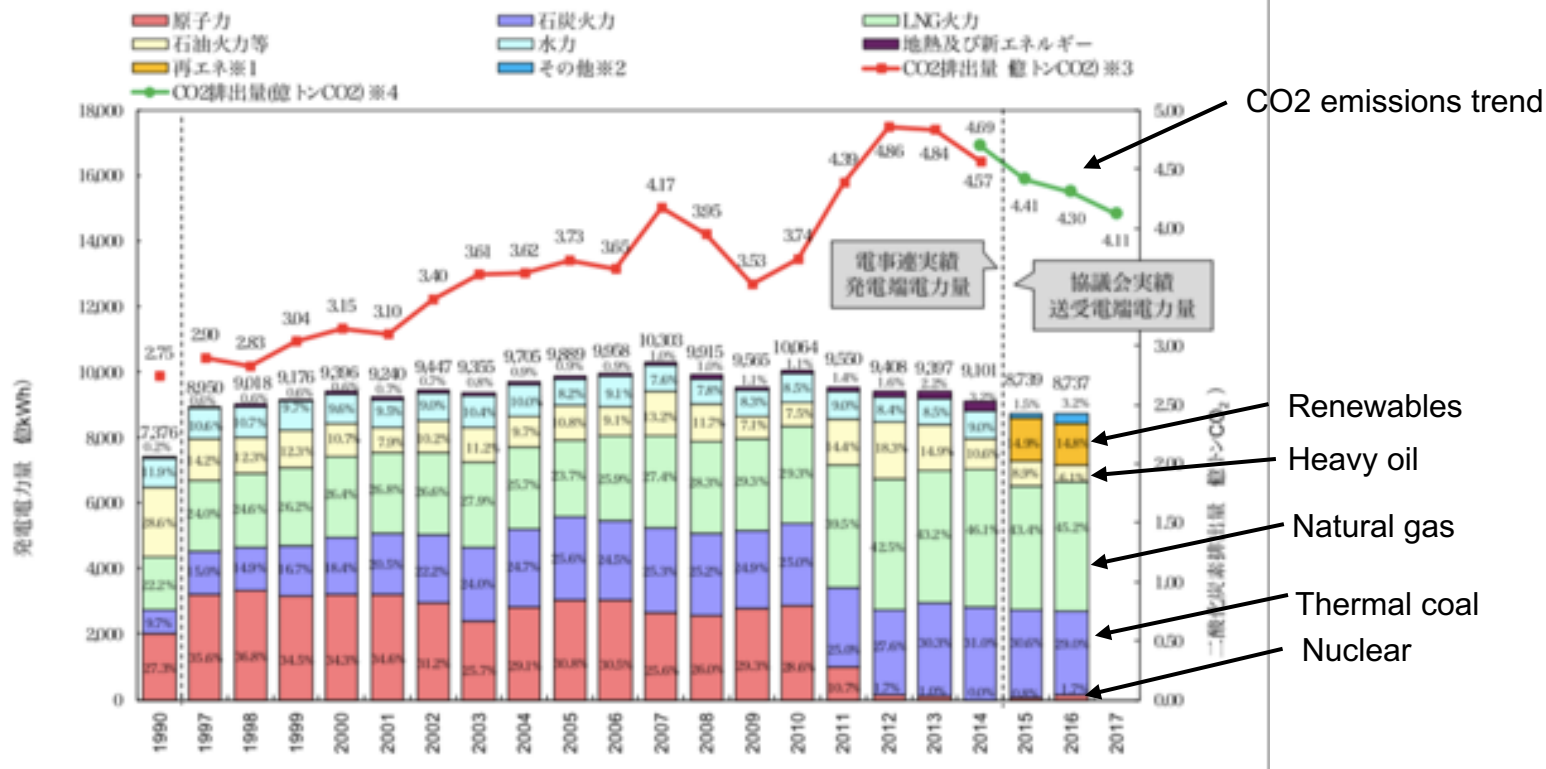
- The main factor for the lower emissions in FY2017 as compared to FY2016 is the decrease in energy-related CO₂ emissions due to the increase in the share of non-fossil fuels within the domestic energy supply brought by the wider adoption of renewable energy such as solar and wind power and the resumption of nuclear power plant operation, despite the increase in hydrofluorocarbon emissions from refrigerants that substitute for ozone-depleting substances.
- The main factor for the decrease in emissions in FY2017 as compared to FY2013 is the decrease in energy-related CO₂ emissions due to the increase in the share of non-fossil fuels within the domestic energy supply brought by the wider adoption of renewable energy such as solar and wind power and the resumption of nuclear power plant operation, and the decrease in energy consumption, despite the increase in hydrofluorocarbon emissions.
- The main factor for the decrease in emissions in FY2017 as compared to FY2005 is the decrease in energy-related CO₂ emissions owing to the decrease in energy consumption, despite the increase in hydrofluorocarbon emissions.



1. These preliminary figures for FY2017 were estimated based on annual figures in various statistics. Some annual figures from FY2016 were temporarily used in place of FY2017 figures that have yet to be released. Moreover, some estimation methodologies are currently being reconsidered in order to make more accurate estimations of emissions. As such, the final figures to be released in April 2019 could differ from the preliminary figures in this summary. Removals by forest and other carbon sinks will also be estimated and announced at the time of the final figures.
2. Total GHG emissions in each FY and percent changes from previous years (such as changes from FY2013) do not include removals by forest and other carbon sinks from activities under the Kyoto Protocol.

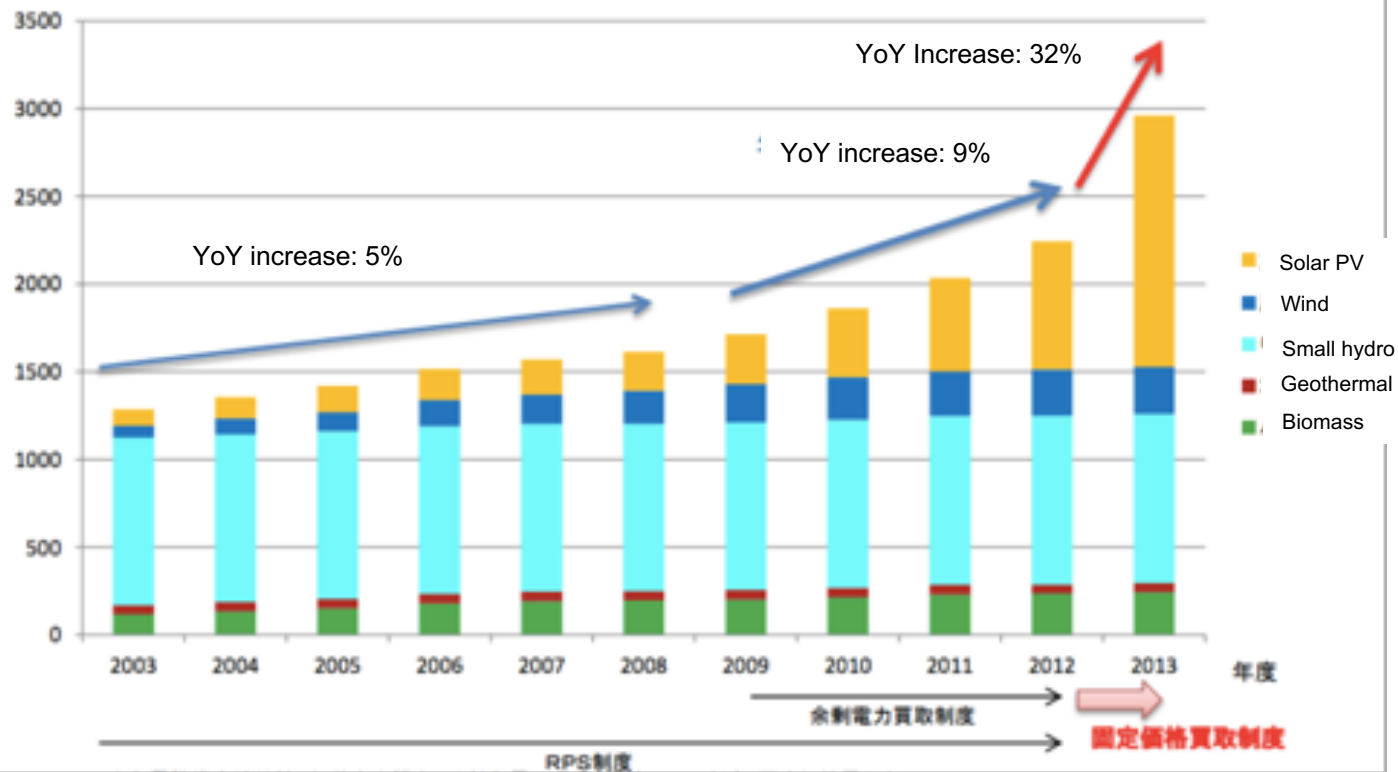
Figure 1 Japan's national greenhouse gas emissions in FY2017 (preliminary figures)

CO2 emissions from power sector



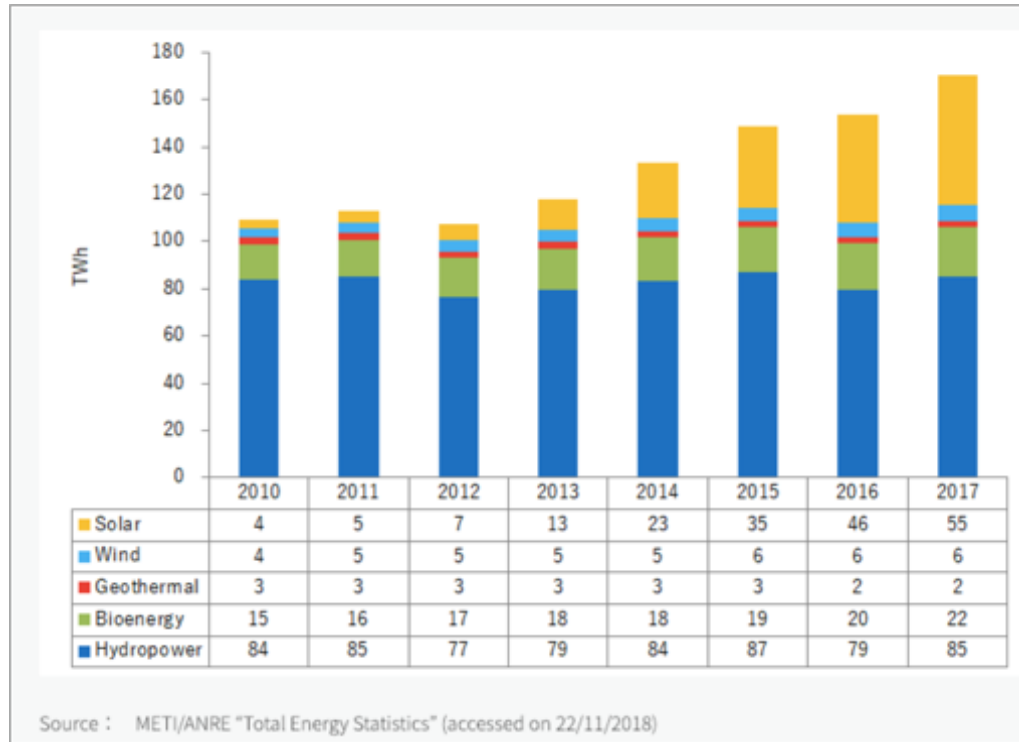
Installed renewables capacity (excluding large hydro)

Unit:
10,000kW

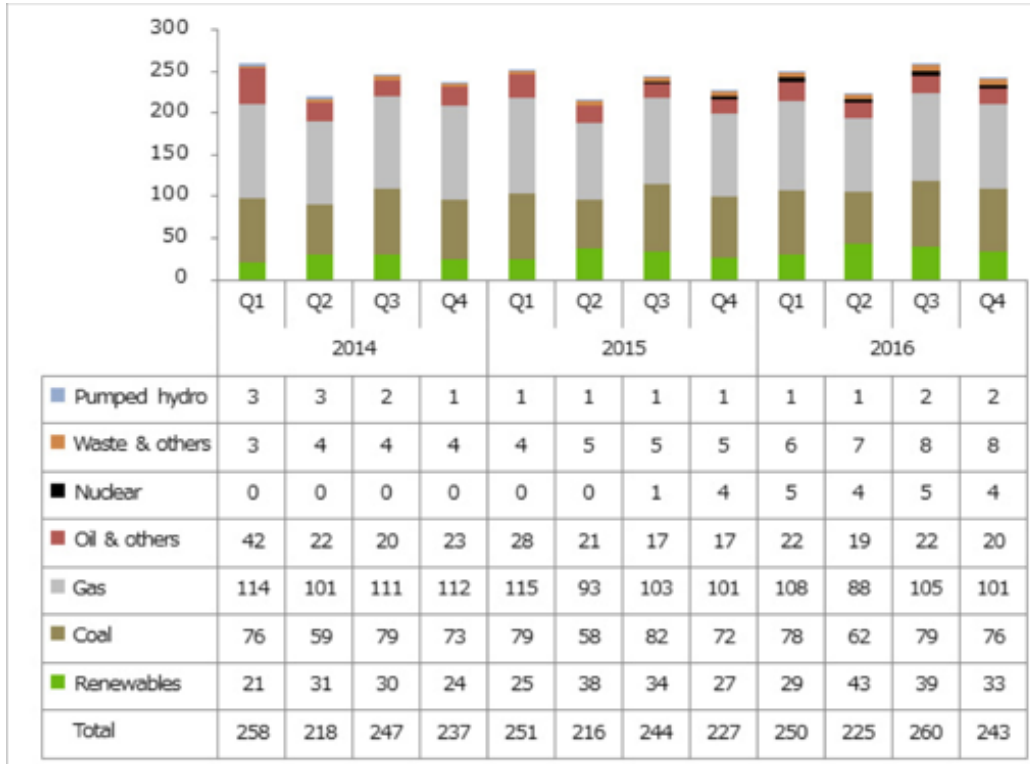




Trends of Renewable Electricity Production



Trends in Total Electricity Production (TWh)

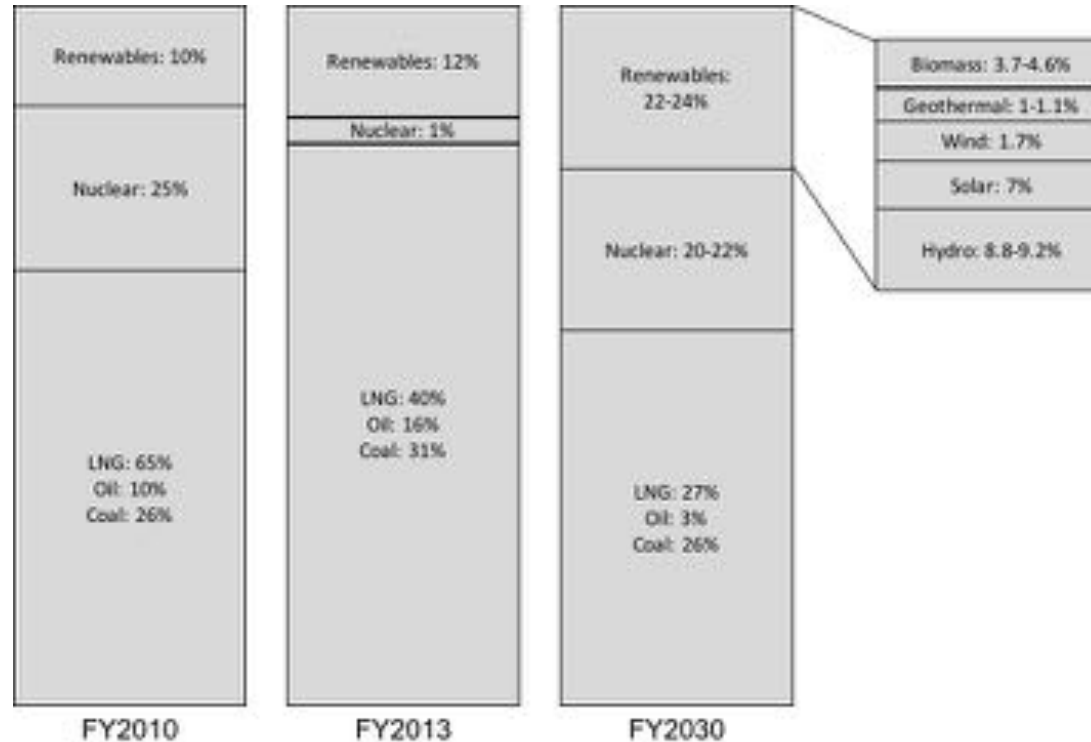


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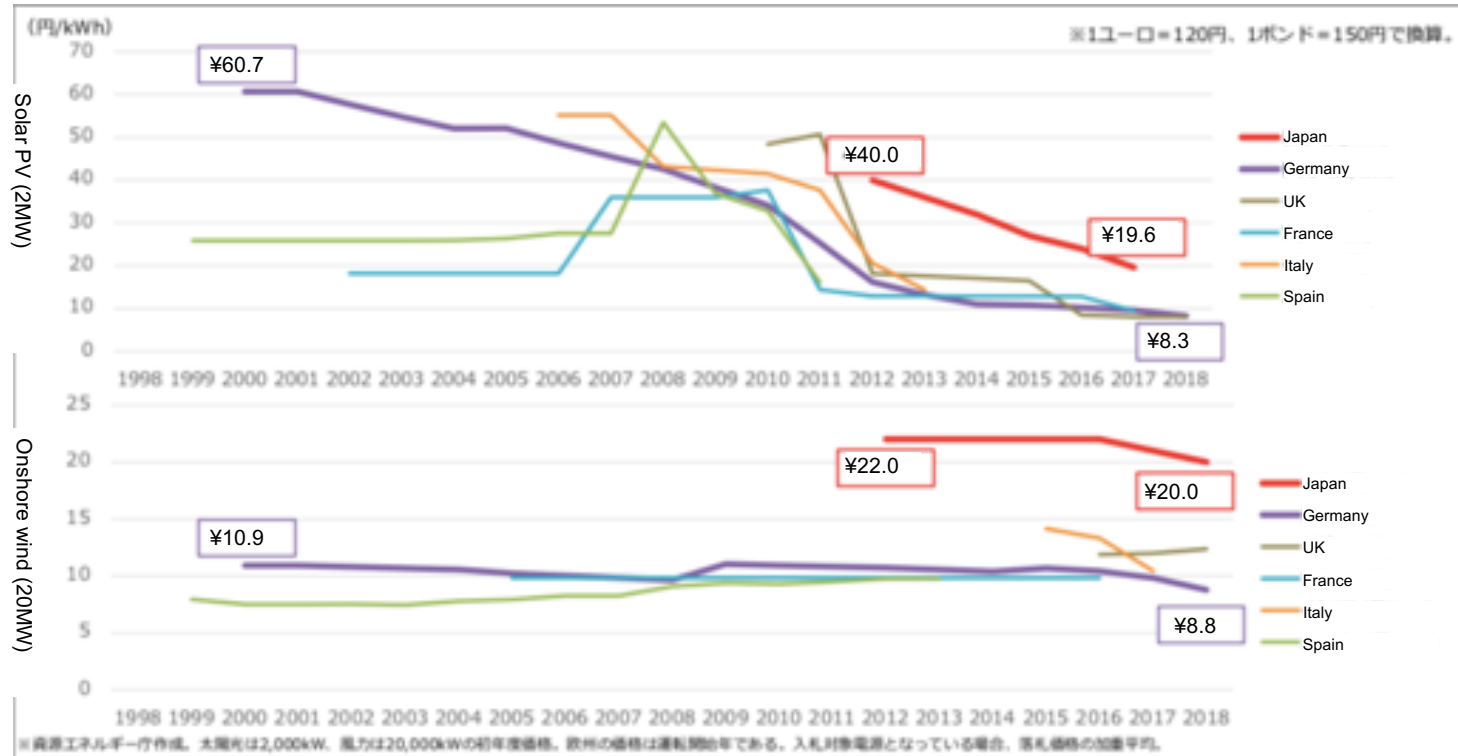
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Long-term Targets for Renewable Energy in Electricity Sector



Estimated cost comparison: Japan vs. European markets



Estimated cost comparison: distribution across projects

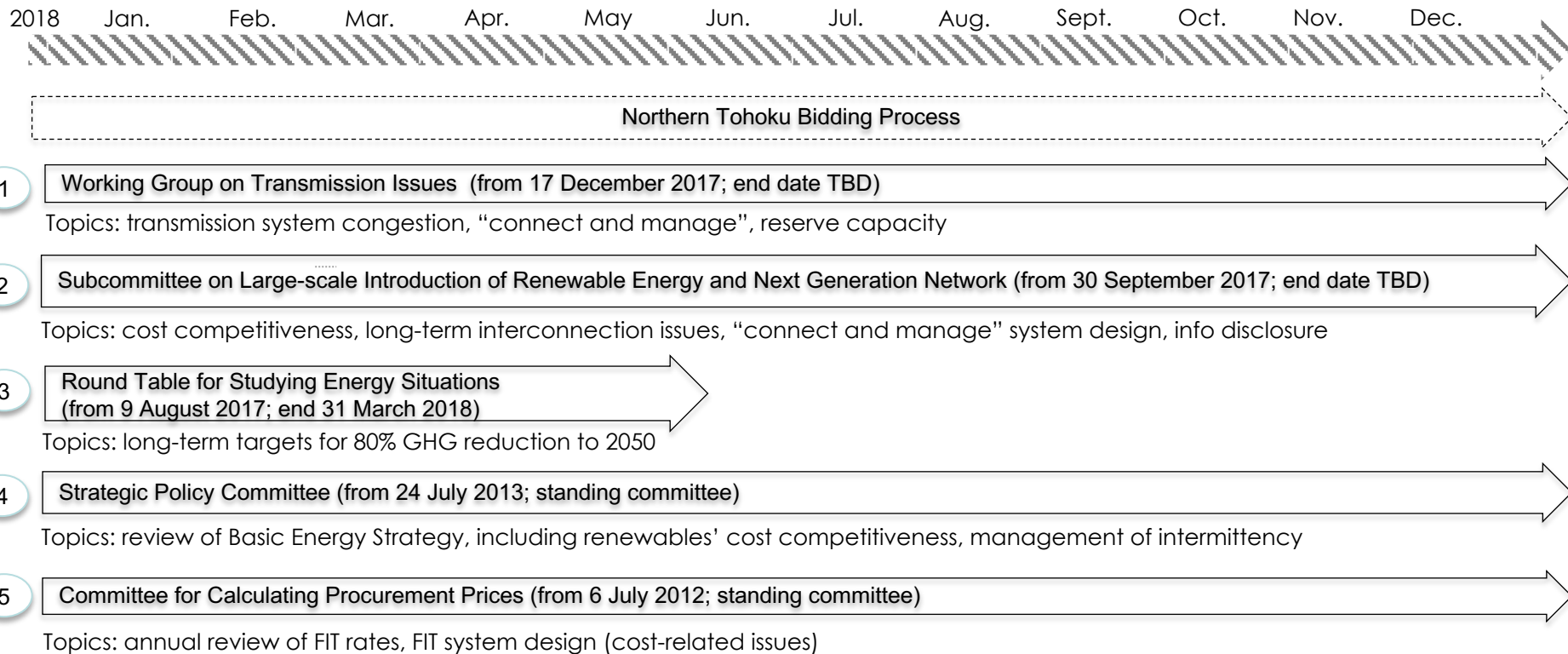
Mega-solar (>2MW) estimated LCOE

機械的・簡易的に 計算したLCOE	No. of projects
7円/kWh未満	1 件
7円/kWh～8円/kWh	4 件
8円/kWh～9円/kWh	26 件
9円/kWh～10円/kWh	88 件
10円/kWh～11円/kWh	119 件
11円/kWh～12円/kWh	384 件
12円/kWh～13円/kWh	922 件
13円/kWh～14円/kWh	2,004 件
14円/kWh～15円/kWh	3,571 件
15円/kWh～16円/kWh	5,410 件
16円/kWh～17円/kWh	7,422 件
17円/kWh～18円/kWh	8,797 件
18円/kWh～19円/kWh	10,212 件
19円/kWh～20円/kWh	11,887 件
20円/kWh以上	102,213 件
Total	153,060件

Onshore wind

機械的・簡易的に 計算したLCOE	No. of projects
7円/kWh未満	1 件
7円/kWh～8円/kWh	0 件
8円/kWh～9円/kWh	2 件
9円/kWh～10円/kWh	4 件
10円/kWh～11円/kWh	8 件
11円/kWh～12円/kWh	6 件
12円/kWh～13円/kWh	5 件
13円/kWh～14円/kWh	3 件
14円/kWh～15円/kWh	2 件
15円/kWh～16円/kWh	5 件
16円/kWh～17円/kWh	6 件
17円/kWh～18円/kWh	2 件
18円/kWh～19円/kWh	0 件
19円/kWh～20円/kWh	1 件
20円/kWh以上	5 件
Total	50件

Policy Roadmap 2018: Committee System



Financial incentives under FIT (23/3/18)

Dominated by solar PV

- Solar PV 90% of registrations under FIT
- 31,000 projects estimated to be registered but not operating

Household burden high and increasing

- FY2016 cost estimated at 2.3 trillion yen, rising to 3.7–4 trillion by 2030

- ➡ Deregister projects without interconnection agreements
- ➡ Tender for utility-scale solar capacity
- ➡ Longer FIT guarantees for projects with EIA (wind, biomass, geothermal)

Financial incentives under FIT

	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY2030 Target
Solar Power (>10kW;20yr)	¥40	¥36	¥32	¥29	Auction (>2MW)			TBD	¥7
				¥27	¥24	¥21	¥18		
Solar Power (<10kW;10yr)	¥42	¥38	¥37	¥33	¥31	¥28	¥26	¥24	Market (by 2020)
				¥35	¥33	¥30	¥28	¥26	
Onshore Wind (>20kW;20yr)	¥22			¥21			¥20	¥19	¥8-9
Onshore Wind (<20kW; 20yr)	¥55								
Bottom-mounted Offshore (20yr)	¥36						¥36	¥8-9	
Floating Offshore (20yr)	¥36						¥36		

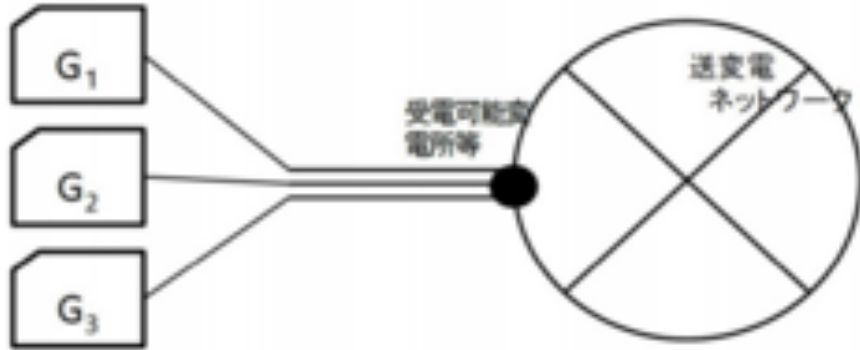
Transmission: “Japan-style” connect & manage

- Symbolic of shift away from “baseload” to “dispatchable” power model.

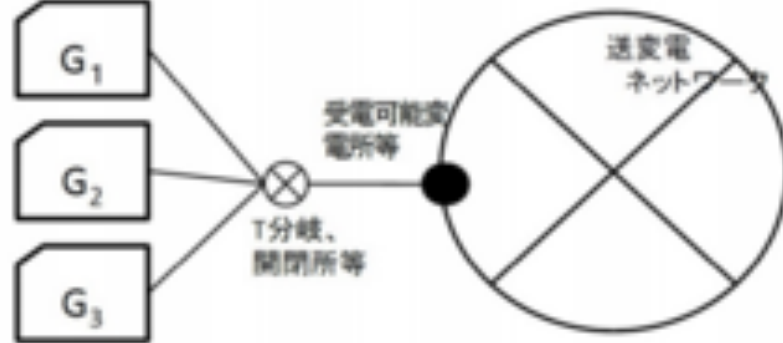
Previous method of calculation		Direction of reform	Status
Calculation of available capacity	Assume existing generation at full capacity	Calculate actual usage	5,900MW spare cap identified nationally
Reserve	Secure 50% of grid cap	Emergency curtailment	40,400MW available capacity identified
Non-firm connection	Not available	Allow non-firm connection	Under planning

Market Design – Grid Interconnection

Until Now



From Now



Market Design – Three Phased Power Market Reform

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Overview of the Reforms of the Electric Power System

The following revisions to the Electricity Business Act related to the reforms of the electric power system were passed into law in November 2013.

Phase 1: Enforced in April 2015

- (1) Establishment of the “Organization for Cross-regional Nationwide Coordination of Transmission Operators” (Enhancement of nationwide grid operation)

Phase 2: Enforced in April 2016

- (2) Full deregulation of entry into the electricity retail sector
Abolishment of wholesale regulations

Phase 3: Should be implemented in April 2020

- (3) Implementation of the legal unbundling of the electricity transmission and distribution department (for ensuring further neutrality)
- (4) Abolishment of the retail price regulations



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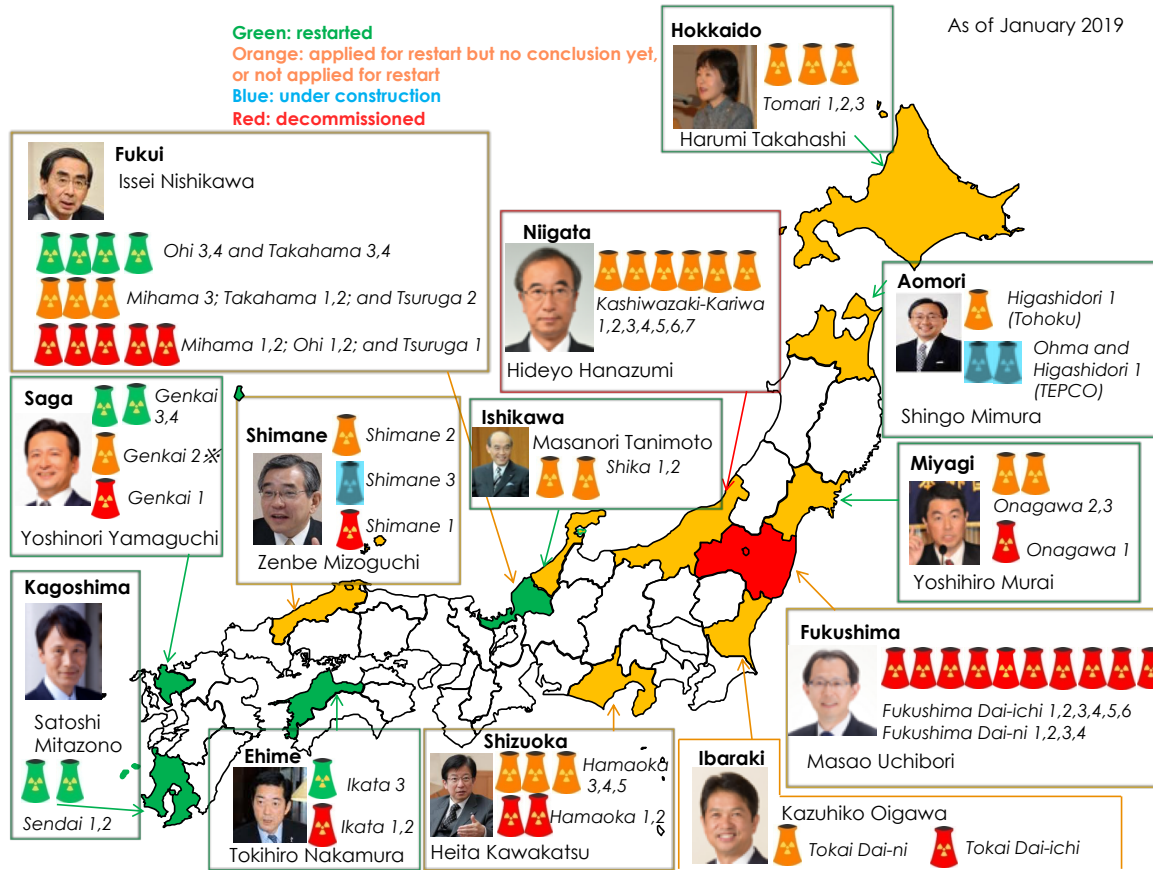
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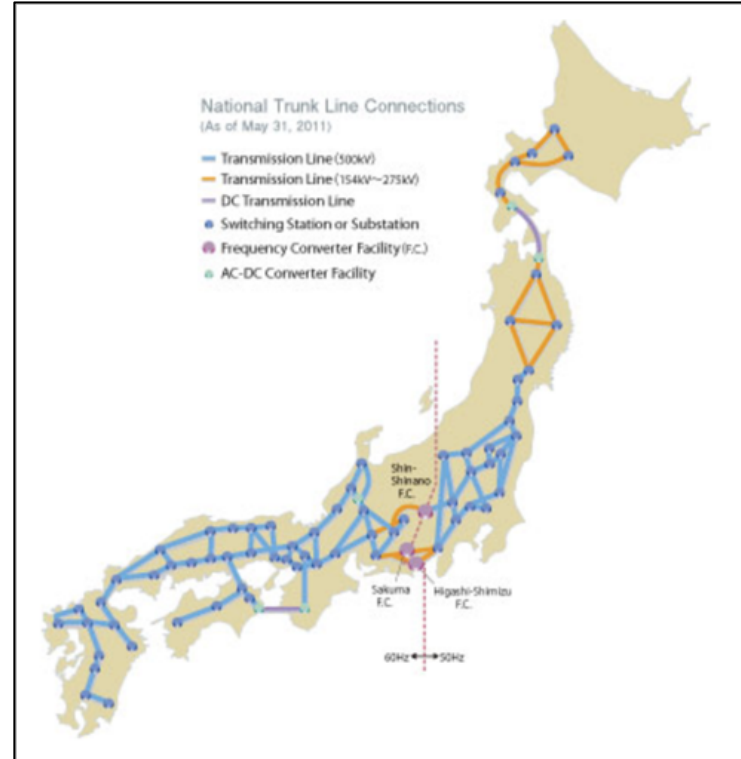


Green: restarted
Orange: applied for restart but no conclusion yet,
or not applied for restart
Blue: under construction
Red: decommissioned

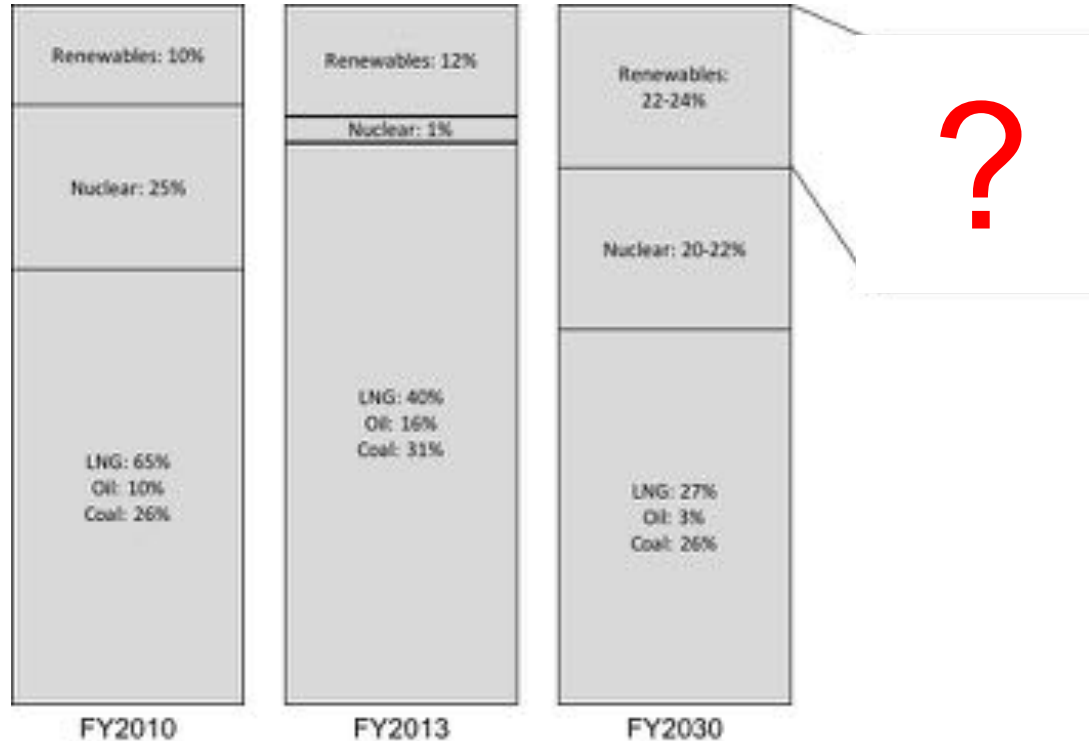
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Market Design – Grid Interconnection



Long Term Energy Supply-Demand Projection



Jonas Meckling* and Llewelyn Hughes Global interdependence in clean energy transitions

Abstract: The global energy industry is transforming as governments invest in clean energy technologies to address climate change, enhance energy security, and strengthen national competitiveness. Comparative research on clean energy transitions highlights the domestic drivers and constraints of clean energy transitions. This article contends that we need to understand the effects of global interdependence on clean energy transitions. Shifts in forms of interdependence between firms—influenced by the rise of global supply chains—have new implications for policy choices made by governments. Governments face more complex demands from domestic industries facing global economic competition, and act strategically in response to the actions of other governments, including sub-national actors, and firms in the global economy. We suggest that research on interdependence in clean energy transitions benefits from an analytical focus on mechanisms of transnational change such as cross-national and multi-level policy feedback and cross-national policy sequencing. Global interdependence has important implications for economic and environmental outcomes, affecting the durability of competitive advantage, and influencing the pace of the diffusion of clean energy technologies.

Keywords: interdependence, energy transition, industrial policy, business-government relations

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Japan has been on the receiving end of some sharp criticism in the wake of the recent G7 meeting for its stance on climate change. Japanese prime minister Shinzo Abe announced a target of cutting greenhouse gas emissions of 26 percent below 2013 emission levels by 2030, which is equivalent to 18 percent less than 1990 emissions. This falls short of what is needed to keep the risk of catastrophic climate change to reasonable levels.

Despite this, the criticism of Japan is largely unfair. Japan's energy supply remains in turmoil following the Fukushima disaster of March 11, 2011. And regardless of international pledges, all governments face the reality that transforming energy systems takes time and requires overcoming domestic obstacles to change. The truth is that Japan cannot be a pathbreaker on climate change. But by keeping its target within the range of those announced by others, it has ensured that other countries cannot use Japan as an excuse for shirking.

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Recharging Japan's energy policy

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Under the Paris Agreement on climate change the Japanese government committed the country to a reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of 25.4 per cent by 2030 compared to 2005. In 2015 Japan's GHG emissions were 5 per cent lower than 2005. But emissions remain 4 per cent higher than in 1990.



Is Japanese energy policy running hard to stand still?

Like many countries, Japan is moving too slowly to cut its GHG emissions. Fuel combustion for power and heat generation represents about one-third of the country's total GHG emissions and coal-fired power is a little under half of that amount. Japan is in the final stages of reviewing its mid-term targets for energy and reports suggest the 2030 targets for the power sector will not be substantially revised.

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