Proposal for Future Energy Policy -For a Rich and Vigorous Economic Society-

[Outline]

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1. Basic approach regarding energy policy and current energy situation

(1) The new energy policy must balance the goals of stable supply, economic efficiency, and environmental suitability based on the premise of ensured safety (S+3E).
 Energy sources should be diversified (best mix)

(2) We will demand that the government enhance efforts towards achieving the FY2030 "Energy Mix."



Self-sufficiency rate

24%: Higher than before the earthquake (around 20%)

Electricity rates Lower from aftermath of the earthquake

GHG emissions

26% reduction target not inferior to US and EU levels

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<Reference> Status of 3Es in Japan

Self-sufficiency, CO2 emissions and cost levels have improved to a certain extent from the aftermath of the 2011 earthquake, but enhanced efforts are called for.

Energy self-sufficiency and CO2 emission trends

Electricity rate trends



2. Japan's future energy policy from an energy price perspective

The policy package should, as a whole, **aim to supply energy at internationally competitive prices** with a view to promoting domestic investment.



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3. Enhancing investment in energy technologies and overseas deployment

- (1) The environment and energy sectors are promising investment destinations.
- (2) In addition to R&D support measures, measures to facilitate investment by users (tax benefits, etc.) can also be effective.
- (3) Japan should deploy its sophisticated energy technologies overseas. It is important to encourage the economic growth of developing countries and absorb their growth potential.

4. Establishing a new energy system under Society 5.0

- (1) Society 5.0, which harnesses big data, AI, IoT, etc. will improve energy efficiency.
 ⇒ advancement towards overcoming energy constraints
- (2) Promoting efforts towards the realization of Society 5.0 (continuing technology development, flexible system design and operation) will be important.



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<Reference> The World of Society 5.0

Going beyond individual optimization to realize the optimization of society as a whole Breaking free of various restraints with the aim of resolving social issues and creating abundance for society and its citizens



 ${\rm I\!I}$. Approaches toward different energy sources and policy issues

1. Energy conservation

- (1) Energy conservation is an important challenge that basically covers all 3Es.
- (2) The Japanese business community will **continue to pursue voluntary approaches under Keidanren's Commitment to a Low-Carbon Society**.
- (3) We expect the government to support proactive efforts by business operators by performing fair evaluations based on the actual situation of business operations and taking support measures including tax benefits.



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2. Fossil fuels

(1) Fossil fuels remain important. The continued effective use of fossil fuels **requires** efficiency improvements and decarbonization.

(2) The government should make efforts to procure stable and inexpensive resources through proactive resource diplomacy and the provision of support for overseas resource development.

<Basic approaches by fuel type>

Petro- leum	 Important energy source with a wide range of uses. "Last resort" of energy supply in natural disasters. Important to maintain a resilient supply system.
Natural gas	 Well-balanced in terms of 3Es. A promising energy source for a wider range of uses. Cogeneration systems are highly efficient distributed energy sources that can be flexibly operated. Promises to be bear an important role in BCP design.
Coal	 While CO2 emissions remain a challenge, economic efficiency and stable supply are coal's strong points that make it a promising fuel for power generation etc. Japan can contribute to countering global warming on a global scale by deploying its high-efficiency coal use technologies globally.

<Reference> Role of coal-fired thermal power generation

Prospects for highly efficient, low-carbon next-generation thermal power generation technologies



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(with additions by Keidanren secretariat))

3 plants under construction; utilization rate: assumed to be 70%;

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4. Renewable energy ①

- (1) In the long term, renewable energy is **expected to bear an important role** in Japan's energy supply.
- (2) Japan is currently faced with two major challenges towards increased deployment of renewables, which require the collective efforts of industry, government and academia to overcome.
 - □ Challenge ① stabilizing supply: Wind and solar power depend on thermal backup to minimize the effects of their intermittency.
 - □ Challenge ② costs for power generation etc. : While the world introduces renewables less expensive than thermal power, Japan's power generation costs for renewable energy remain high.



4. Renewable energy 2 (Feed-in-tariff scheme)

- (1) **Feed-in-tariff** (FIT) **imposes a high surcharge** on users due to high purchase prices. Scheme should be rationalized to reduce public burden (expanding eligible bidders, committing to information disclosure).
- (2) Fundamental system review is required. Setting up a maximum purchasing costs that is compatible with the "Energy Mix." Law provides for the fundamental review by FY2020.
- ***Feed-in-tariff scheme**: A scheme where electric power sourced by renewable energy is bought at a high fixed price for a period of 10-20 years.



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5. Energy network

- (1) We should consciously continue to **use large-scale centralized power supplies** while also **harnessing distributed power supplies** in our energy networks encompassing electric power, gas and heat.
- (2) Japan's energy demand is not forecasted to increase drastically, but power transmission and distribution networks that are determined truly necessary based on cost-benefit analysis should be installed for the realization of a new energy system.



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6. Electric power market

- (1) As a part of electric power system reform the Japanese government is currently designing a baseload power market, a capacity market and a non-fossil value trading market.
- (2) For the business community, it is most important that "electric power users can enjoy the benefits of lower electricity prices and a secure supply" as a result of reforms.

Baseload power market Require former general electricity utilities to offer a part of th

Require former general electricity utilities to offer a part of the baseload power sources in their possession for a fair price to enable purchases by PPSs (Power Producer and Supplier).

PPSs will gain access to inexpensive and stable baseload power. \Rightarrow Affordable electric power supply, more options for users

Capacity market

Required power generation capacities (kW) are secured through a call for bids to power generation operators. Costs are shouldered by retailers.

By securing prospects for investment recovery, tight supply-demand balances can be avoided in the future. \Rightarrow Stable electricity rates

Non-fossil value trading market

The non-fossil value of renewable and nuclear power is written out on a certificate which is traded separately from the power generated.

- ① Encourages the achievement of electric power retailer targets under the Act on Sophisticated Methods of Energy Supply Structure (ratio of non-fossil fuel power sources: 44%).
- 2 Reduces FIT scheme-induced public burden.
- ③ Provides more options for users who appreciate environmental value.

Conclusion: In view of 2050 and the future beyond

- (1) The Paris Agreement invites countries to formulate their long-term climate strategies for 2050. The Japanese government aims to reduce GHG emissions by 80% in 2050.
- (2) 90% of Japan's GHG emissions are from energy use; and therefore, global warming countermeasures need to be underpinned by energy policy.
- (3) Energy supply-demand will largely impact future industrial structure.
- (4) Responsible discussion regarding the long-term climate and energy strategy needs to be deepened based on a vision of an industrial sector that can enrich national life.

