



INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AZEC WORKSHOP

20 MARCH 2023 ▶ HYBRID SEMINAR

09.30 - 12.00 11.30 - 14.00

Given the changes in the international environment for energy, it is important for Asian countries to push forward energy transition that are tailored to each country's different circumstances so that Asian nations simultaneously secure the stable energy supply, sustainable economic growth, and countermeasures against climate change. The government of Japan (GOJ) has been promoting efforts to realize energy transition in Asia through public-private partnerships, and will further accelerate these efforts in the further. Against this backdrop, Prime Minister Kishida announced the "Asia Zero Emission Community (AZEC)" initiative in January 2022 with the aim of sharing a common philosophy of decarbonization in Asian nations and cooperating to push forward energy transition. On March 4 of this year, METI hosted the AZEC Ministerial Meeting, where the joint statement containing three common understanding was agreed upon, including the following: 1) to balance "decarbonization" with "energy security"; 2) to promote "decarbonization" while achieving "economic growth"; and 3) the path toward carbon neutrality should be "diverse and realistic" according to the actual conditions of each country. And the "AZEC" was launched as a framework.

In this workshop, the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), Bangkok office and Bangkok Research Center (BRC), and Ministry of Energy Thailand (MoEN) would like to introduce the "AZEC" concept and public and private sector activities for achieving carbon neutrality in Asia.

AGENDA ※Tentative Agenda: (as of 7 Mar.)

09.30 - 09.40 Welcome Message (TBC)

Mr. Supattanapong Punmeechaow
Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister of MoEN



09.40 - 09.50 Opening Remarks

Mr. Kulit Sombatsiri
Permanent Secretary of MoEN



Mr. KURODA Jun
President of JETRO Bangkok



09.50 - 10.30 Session 1 | Keynote speech

Mr. KOBAYASHI Izuru
Deputy Commissioner for International
Affairs, Agency for Natural Resources
and Energy, METI



Mr. Sarat Prakobchart
Deputy Director of the Energy Policy
and Planning Office (EPPO)



10.30 - 10.40 Group Photo Session

10.40 - 10.50 Coffee Break

10.50 - 11.30 Session 2 | Presentations from Thai and Japanese organizations

Mr. FUJIOKA Ryosuke
Chief Representative of AEM-METI
Economic and Industrial Cooperation
Committee (AMEICC)



Dr. Kannika Thampanichvong
Senior Research Fellow, Thailand
Development Research Institute
(TDRI)



11.30 - 11.45 Q & A

11.45 - 11.55 Conclusion and Closing Ceremony

Mr. Kulit Sombatsiri
Permanent Secretary of MoEN

Mr. KURODA Jun
President of JETRO Bangkok

On-site venue : Carlton Hotel Bangkok Sukhumvit,
9th Floor Grand Ballroom
Language : Thai and Japanese and English
(Simultaneous interpretation)
Capacity : Onsite 100 Attendees
Online 1,000 Attendees
Participation fee : Free of charge

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