

Press release

GJETC 2.0 –Bilateral energy transition model project enters next stage with new concept & new faces

5th Council Meeting on 14th/15th November in Tokyo will kick off next phase

Tokyo/Berlin, November 2018: After two years of successful work which culminated in an extensive 800 pages study program and a Final Report published in April 2018, the German-Japanese Energy Transition Council (GJETC) will continue its work in a 2nd phase from this fall. Thanks to the renewed support of the German Environment Foundation (DBU), the German Federal Foreign Office and the Japanese Ministry of Economy and Trade (METI), the Council will independently develop ideas and alternative options for a long-term and sustainable energy supply strategy in both countries in the next 2 years.



Photo: GJETC 2.0 in Tokyo during 5th Council Meeting on 14th November

The 2nd GJETC working phase comes just in the right timing as the long-term scenarios for the future alignment of energy policy are intensively discussed in Germany as well as in Japan. In the forerun to COP 24 in Poland and G20 summit in Japan, German and Japanese German governmental bodies and organizations intensified their consultations in several fields related to energy system of the future. “For these discussions, the GJETC is a unique project of independent bilateral scientific cooperation, which aims to continue to give science-based impulses for the energy policy in both countries”, stated Prof. Peter Hennicke, German Co-Chair of the GJETC.

GJETC 2.0 will adopt a new working style. In addition to the biannual meetings, working groups including Council Members as well as external experts from industry and civil society will be installed to facilitate a more focused research on specific topics („bottlenecks“) of energy transition identified in phase 1. A special focus will be set on the review of German and Japanese long-term scenarios (for 2050) and their evaluation mechanisms as well as on building energy efficiency and heating/cooling. Furthermore, two fundamental studies on “H2 Society“ and the “Role of Digitization for the Energy Transition“ will be carried out and accompanied by the Council.

In order to cover all the diverse topics while preserving the core of the Council, some new members have been introduced: Prof. Dr. Andreas Loeschel, Chair of Microeconomics at the University of Muenster and Member of the German Governmental Energy Transition Monitoring Expert Group; Dr. Harry Lehmann, Head of Division I “Environmental Planning and Sustainability Strategies“ at the Federal Environmental Agency (UBA); Dr. Carsten Rolle, Head of Department for Energy and Climate Policy at the Federation of German Industries (BDI); Prof. Kazuhiko Takeuchi, President of the renowned Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES).

The next Council meetings are held in Tokyo on November 14/15, 2018 and in Berlin on March 6/7, 2019. A video on the concept and work of the GJETC as well as the study results, input papers, and final report of the 1st phase (in English, summaries in Japanese and German) can be downloaded from the GJETC website: www.gjetc.org

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