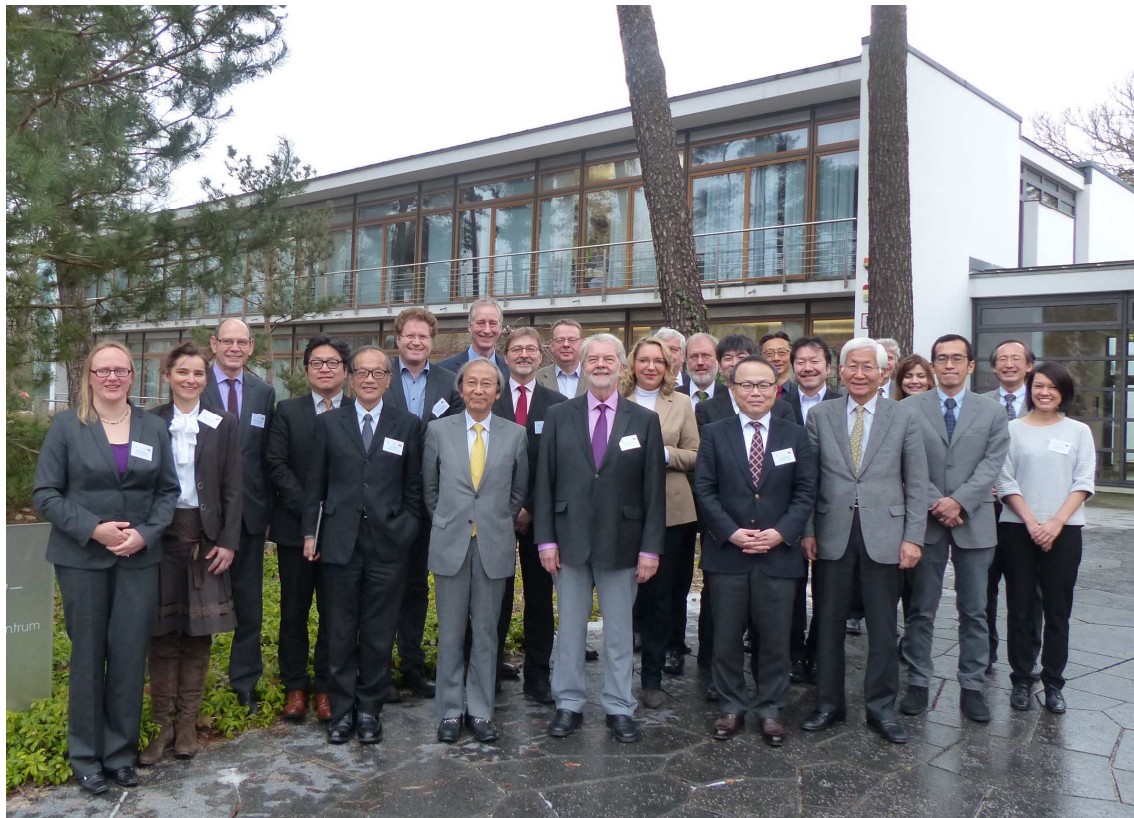


The Importance of International Cooperation under Disruptive Changes

Recommendations and Lessons Learnt from a Fruitful German-Japanese
Dialogue on the Energy Transition

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Background

In the face of the rather unambitious global implementation of the Paris Agreement, the vivid – and sometimes also controversial dialogue – of leading industrial nations, such as Germany and Japan, is becoming more important than ever. Especially in sensitive areas such as climate and resource protection, cooperative knowledge exchange can accelerate the necessary developments.

Since its foundation in May 2016, the German-Japanese Energy Transition Council (GJETC) has been working on strategic and systemic analysis to develop policy advice for new and long-term perspectives on the way to an ambitious energy transition. Common challenges have been identified and differences in perception, notions and framework conditions have been discussed.

The GJETC is an experiment on the intensification of bi-national scientific dialogue. This experiment is based on the conviction that joint solutions can be found, but only if diverging interests, motivations and values of the partners are transparent, clearly articulated and mutually respected.

The members and supporters of the Council are going to share their experiences and recommendations and discuss the pros and cons of such bi-national institution as well as ideas for future endeavors.

Language

German and Japanese (simultaneous interpretation)

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Program

13:30 Admission & Registration

Moderation: Dagmar Dehmer, Journalist

14:00 Opening & Greeting Address

H.E. Takeshi Yagi, Ambassador of Japan

14:05 Keynote I

Harry Lehmann, Director, Division Environmental Planning and Sustainability Strategies, Federal Environment Agency (UBA)

14:20 Keynote II

Takashi Omote, Executive Director, New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO)

14:35 2 years of bi-national cooperation in the GJETC –

Recommendations & Critical Assessment of the Energy Transition in Germany and Japan

Peter Hennicke, former president of Wuppertal Institute, Co-Chair of GJETC

Jun Arima, Professor for Energy & Environmental Policies, University of Tokyo, Member of GJETC

15:15 Panel Discussion: „Germany and Japan as Role Models for the Global Energy Transition?“

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Panelists:

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Peter Hennicke, Wuppertal Institute, Co-Chair of GJETC

Jun Arima, University of Tokyo, Member of GJETC

16:00 End

Venue

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