**“International Seminar on Energy Security in the Pacific Island Countries”**

**-** **Japan’s Contribution for Optimum Use of Renewable Energy in Island Areas System-**

**June 18 (Thu), 2015　 10：00～15：30**

**Venue： International Conference Hall (JICA Ichigaya Building 2F)**

**Japanese-English (simultaneous interpretation), Free of charge**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will hold “International Seminar on Energy Security in the Pacific Island Countries” on June 18 (Thu) at the JICA Global Plaza in Tokyo, in cooperation with the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA).

In this seminar, those who come from the IRENA and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) will make presentations about Current Energy Situation in the Pacific Island Countries. Presentations about Potential of Japan’s Contribution also will be made by presenters from the Institute of Energy Economics Japan, JICA, NEDO, Embassy of United States and Okinawa Enetech Co. ,Ltd. Participation of researchers, specialists and energy related companies are welcomed.

【Tentative Programs】

**10:00-10:20　Opening Session**

**10:30-11:30 Session 1：Current Energy Situation in the Pacific Island Countries**

・”Overview on Energy Situation in the PICs.”

Ms. Makereta Lomaloma Sauturaga, Energy Efficiency advisor, Economic Development Division, SPC

・”Potential and Challenges in Introducing Renewables in the PICs.”

　Ms. Silia Kilepoa Ualesi, Pacific Coordinator, IRENA

・”Situation in the PICs and their Expectation to Japan’s Cooperation.” [tbc]

**11:30-12:30 Lunch Reception**

**13:00-14:00 Session 2：Potential of Japan’s Contribution**

 (Technical Cooperation, Finance, Resilience, Flexible Response to Various Environment)

・”Energy Security and Importance of Renewable and Distributed Energy System in the PICs.”

Dr. Kaoru Yamaguchi, IEEJ

・”JICA’s Cooperation for Energy Sector in Pacific Islands Countries; “ Hybrid Island Initiative”.”

 Mr. Akira Matsunaga, Director Team 1, Energy and Mining Group, Industrial Development and Public Policy Department, JICA

・”Japan’s Resilient Energy Technology: Micro-grid System”

Mr. Kazuyuki Takada, Deputy Director, Smart Community Department, NEDO, JUMP Smart Maui Project Manager

・”Japan-U.S. Energy Cooperation in the PICs”

 Mr. Jeffery Miller, Energy Attaché, Director, U.S. Department of Energy Japan Office

・”Renewable Energy Technology Developed in Okinawa for Islands”

Mr. Sadao Asato, Managing Director, Okinawa Enetech Co., Inc.

**14:00-15:20 Session 3：Panel Discussion (Direction of Japan’s Cooperation and Challenges)**

**15:20-15:30　Wrap-up / Closing Session**

■How to apply

Please fill out the application form and fax or email to the secretariat by **Jun 12, 2015**.

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■Access: International Conference Hall, JICA Global Plaza

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8 minute walk from Ichigaya Station Exit 6, Tokyo Metro Yurakucho/Nanboku Line

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