

**Factsheet: Recent Efforts of Japan and the United States in Energy, Digital and Infrastructure sectors  
toward achieving a “free and open Indo-Pacific”**

The partnership between Japan and the United States is built on the strong foundation of the commitment to a “free and open Indo-Pacific.” The two countries are making concrete progress in the efforts including those shown below and consultations at expert level in third countries. Japan and the United States will continue to deepen and expand cooperation in energy, digital and infrastructure sectors with a view to achieving a “free and open Indo-Pacific” as well as enhancing the true global partnership between the two countries.

### **1 Development in Energy Sector**

- Japan has allocated \$4 billion of the targeted \$10 billion for public and private investment for the expansion of the Asian LNG market.
- Held two rounds of the Japan-U.S. Strategic Energy Partnership (JUSEP) meeting after the release of the “Japan-U.S. Joint Statement on Advancing a Free and Open Indo-Pacific Through Energy, Infrastructure and Digital Connectivity Cooperation” in November 2018.
- Will launch JUSEP Capacity Building Initiative and JUSEP Business Initiative to expand Japan-U.S. cooperation, explore projects, and enhance efforts that both countries have been conducting individually.
- Will announce the first “Toolkit” which comprehensively introduces Japanese and U.S. governments’ support tools available in the energy sector.
- Held a workshop on energy infrastructure in Ho Chi Minh City in December 2018 and a LNG workshop in Jakarta in March 2019.
- Will hold a LNG training event in Washington, D.C. and Houston and a joint LNG value chain training event in Tokyo both in June 2019. Furthermore, Japan will expand its scope of training to shale oil and LPG for emerging countries in Asia with potentials for importing U.S. fossil fuel.
- The United States participated in a roundtable on carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS) supported by Japan in Washington, D.C. in February 2019.
- Working on renewal of the MOC for developing the energy sector in Africa, which was signed at TICAD VI, toward TICAD7 in August 2019.

### **2 Development in Digital Sector**

- Launched the Working Group on the Japan-U.S. Strategic Digital Economy Partnership (JUSDEP) in the framework of the U.S.-Japan Internet Economy Policy Cooperation Dialogue.
- Held the JUSDEP Working Group on March 1 and April 23, 2019, and committed to realizing a global digital economy environment that is open, interoperable, secure and reliable.
- Collaborating in international engagements related to digital infrastructure development, such as the Japan-Guam-Australia Fiber-Optic Submarine Cable System Project supported by Fund Corporation for the Overseas Development of Japan’s ICT and Postal Services Inc. (JICT).
- Collaborating on various international workshops and similar activities in the digital and cybersecurity sector which promote capacity building of countries in the Indo-Pacific region.
- Promoting cooperation on Smart City, including the Global City Teams Challenge (GCTC), which is a public-private program with an aim of spreading Smart City technology and best practices.
- Collaborating on workshops and events for promoting APEC Cross Border Privacy Rules (CBPR) system.

### **3 Development in Infrastructure Sector**

- Revision of “APEC Guidebook on Quality of Infrastructure Development and Investment,” proposed by Japan and co-sponsored by the United States together with Viet Nam and Papua New Guinea (PNG), was endorsed by all the APEC economies in November 2018.
- Issued the “Joint Statement of the Governments of Australia, Japan and the United States of America on the Trilateral Partnership for Infrastructure Investment in the Indo-Pacific” together with Australia and the “Joint Statement of the Papua New Guinea Electrification Partnership” together with Australia, New Zealand, and PNG in November 2018. Based on these partnerships, a joint mission was dispatched to PNG in April 2019.
- Discussed, together with Australia, India, Indonesia, and Marshall Islands, financing initiatives and guiding principles for quality infrastructure investment at the Asian Development Bank’s annual meeting in May 2019.
- The United States participated in a training program on quality infrastructure held by Japan in Hanoi in December 2018.
- The United States participated in the “APEC Tokyo Conference on Quality Infrastructure” organized by Japan in March 2019.
- Working together to establish the “G20 Principles for Quality Infrastructure Investment” at the G20 Osaka Summit in June 2019. Committed to implementing these principles including through finance support by JBIC, JICA, NEXI and MDBs, the provision of capacity building programs for third countries, and promotion through joint seminars.

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