

## [Public Webinar]

# Free, Open Indo-Pacific and the Current Situation on Energy and Mineral Resources

Free of Charge

Date : Thursday, February 18, 2021  
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Format : Online

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will organize Public Webinar. In the wake of the recent international events including COVID-19 and the recent U.S. presidential election, **the international trends surrounding energy and mineral resources have been evolving.**

This webinar is expected to provide an opportunity to discuss the pathways for Japan to take, focusing on **the relationship between "Free, Open Indo-Pacific" initiative** and energy and mineral resources through a lively discussion by a wide range of participants, public audience and stakeholders including representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, energy-related international organizations and private companies, researchers and journalists.

## Provisional Agenda

(Japanese/English simultaneous interpretation)

### 【Opening Remarks】

- Mr. WASHIO Eiichiro,  
State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
- Mr. OBAYASHI Takeo,  
Co-Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs, KEIDANREN  
/Chairman and Representative Director, Obayashi Corporation

### 【Session 1】 "The U.S. Presidential Election and the U.S. Policy on Energy and Mineral Resources"

#### Presentation

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#### Panel Discussion

- Mr. KAWAGUCHI Yukio, President, Metal Economics Research Institute, Japan
- Mr. HASEGAWA Minoru, General Manager, Electro & Functional Materials Dept., Chemicals Division, Sojitz Corporation
- Dr. SUGINO Ayako, Senior Researcher, Electronic Power Group, Electric Industry & New Renewable Energy Unit, The Institute of Energy Economics, Japan

### 【Session 2】 "Energy Transitions in the Indo-Pacific Region -Mineral Resources and New Energy that Support Energy Transitions"

#### Presentation

- Mr. Tim Gould, Head of Division for Energy Supply Outlooks and Investment, International Energy

#### Panel Discussion

- Mr. INOUE Masakuni, Chief Executive Officer, President ITOCHU Mineral Resources Development Corporation
- Mr. SUGITA Hiroki, Executive Director and Columnist of Kyodo News
- Mr. TOYODA Masakazu, Chairman & CEO, The Institute of Energy Economics, Japan

(Moderated by Mr. KIKUCHI Nobuyuki,

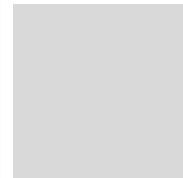
Director of Economic Security Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan)



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