

# **Overview of Japan's Green Growth Strategy Through Achieving Carbon Neutrality in 2050**

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## **Background and concept**

- In Oct 2020, Prime Minister Suga declared Japan's intention to aim for carbon neutrality by 2050. This challenge has become the core of Japan's growth strategy.
- The Green Growth Strategy is an industrial policy which aims to create a positive cycle of economic growth and environmental protection, together with the business community.
- The aim is to set ambitious goals and fully support the private sector's efforts toward carbon neutrality.
- The strategy includes 5 cross sectoral policy tools (support measures) and action plans for 14 sectors, and will be updated continuously.

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### 1(1). Green Growth Strategy in line with Carbon Neutrality in 2050

- In Oct 2020, Japan declared its intention to achieve a carbon neutral society by 2050.
- Tackling climate change is **an opportunity for further growth**.
  - → Green Growth Strategy is an industrial policy towards a "Positive cycle of economic growth and environmental protection"
- However, it is **not easy** to realize.
  - → Support for the private sector to tackle ambitious goals = Role of the Government
- The Government presents a concrete national vision and goals, which motivates business players
  - → This strategy provides a reference on both the energy policy and energy outlook for 2050 CN in order to identify industries with high potential
  - → This will constitute a list of 14 sectors with high growth potential, for which the Government will provide <u>necessary policy measures</u> and show <u>ambitious goals</u>.

### 1(2). Green Growth Strategy in line with Carbon Neutrality in 2050

#### Decarbonization of electricity

> Renewables

Maximum introduction. Grid development, cost reduction, batteries.

- → Offshore wind and battery industry
- > Hydrogen power

Pursue as an option. **Increase of supply/demand**, infrastructure, **cost reduction** 

- → <u>Hydrogen industry</u>
- > Thermal power generation with CCUS/Carbon Recycling

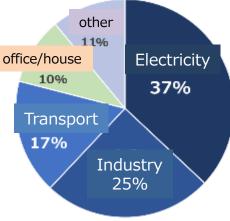
Pursue as an option. Technology development, site development, cost reduction

- → Carbon Recycling, ammonia as fuel industry
- > Nuclear Power

Proven de-carbonization technology. Further safety enhancement, restart of plants.

→ <u>Maximizing utilization of existing nuclear infrastructure, while aiming to</u> <u>decrease dependency on nuclear power.</u>

→ <u>R&D for safer next-generation reactors</u>



CO2 emission by sector

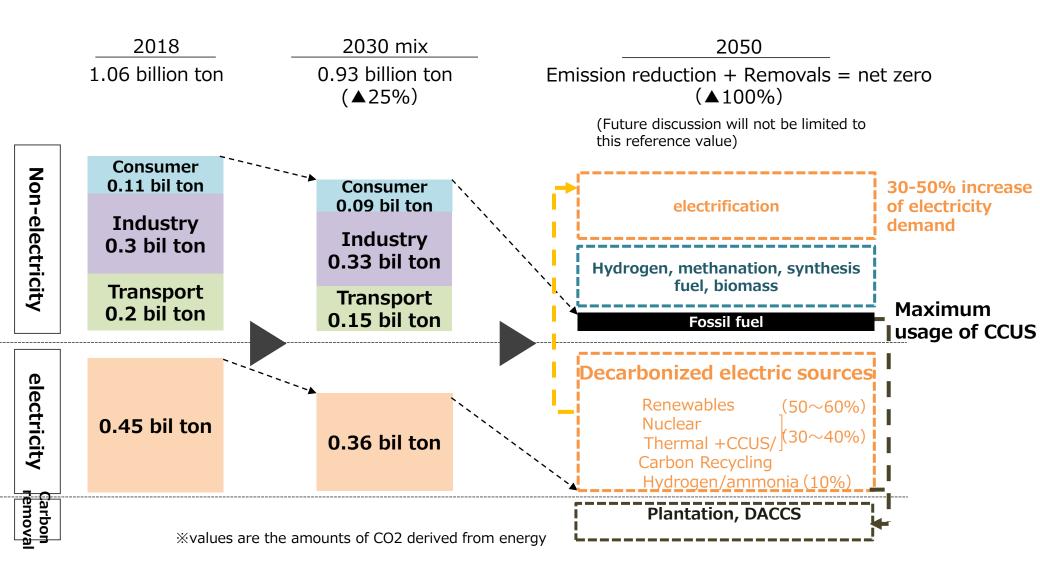
### 1(3). Green Growth Strategy in line with Carbon Neutrality in 2050

- Promote "<u>electrification</u>" in all sectors. For non-electricity demand, "<u>hydrogen use</u>" and "<u>CCUS</u>".
  - Industry ··· Manufacturing process
  - Transport ... Electrification, bio fuel, hydrogen fuel
  - Business/household ··· Electrification, hydrogen, batteries
  - → Hydrogen, auto/battery, transport and housing industries
- Storage of electricity ··· Carbon neutral society means electrification.
   Green Growth Strategy underpins robust digital infrastructure
  - → Semiconductor/ICT industry
  - Electricity ... Smart grid, supply/demand response, infrastructure maintenance
  - Transport ··· Self driving
  - Factory ··· Factory automation
  - Business/household ··· Smart houses, robots
  - → From R&D to implementation + cost reduction
  - → Expected economic gain is 90 trillion yen in 2030 and 190 trillion yen in 2050 (approximately, 880 billion USD and 1.8 trillion USD)

### 2(1) Energy Outlook of Carbon Neutrality in 2050 (Reference)

- Electricity demand will increase by 30-50% (1.3~1.5 trillion kWh)
- <u>Maximum introduction of renewables</u>
  - → **<u>Challenges</u>**; power adjustment/transmission/grid inertia, social conditions, cost
  - → <u>Unrealistic to cover all electricity demand only with renewables</u>
  - → Setting "50-60% renewables in 2050" as a reference, based on experts' comments
- Further innovation needed in thermal power plants with CCUS and hydrogen
  - → <u>10% hydrogen and ammonia power generation, 30-40% nuclear and thermal</u> power plants with CCUS as a reference
- Analyzing scenarios further, discussion continues towards revision of the Strategic Energy Plan.

#### 2(2) Energy Outlook of Carbon Neutrality in 2050 (Reference)



## 3. Structure of the Green Growth Strategy

- Set an ambitious goal to induce investment. Government will provide all policy measures; e.g. funding, tax, regulation/standard, PPP. Enhance international collaboration, considering global market or global ESG investment.
- Develop sector-specific action plans for 2050.

➤ (1) R&D phase:	Government fund + private R&D investment	
<ul><li>(2) Demonstration phase:</li></ul>	PPP that induce private investment	
(3) Scale up Phase:	Promote demand through public procurement, regulation/standard	
	ightarrow cost reduction through mass production	
(4) Commercial phase:	Commercialization without further public support	

- Covering private company's needs, from R&D to capital investment for 2050 CN.
  - Demand creation by regulatory reform, standards and financial markets
  - Cost reduction through increase of private investment
    - Government fund (2 trillion yen. Support long term R&D and demonstrations)
    - Tax benefits for capital investments, R&D and loss carry forward
    - Regulatory reform (Hydrogen filling stations, grid rules, gasoline cars, procurement)
    - Standards (EV quick charge, bio jet fuel, safety standards for floating wind turbines)
    - Inducing private financing (Rules for financial market, e.g. disclosure, evaluation)

## Annex1. Points of the 5 Policy tools

Grant funding	<ul> <li>✓ Green Innovation Fund: 2 trillion yen over 10 years</li> <li>✓ Stimulate 15 trillion yen worth of private R&amp;D and investment.</li> </ul>
Tax incentive	✓ Tax incentives to stimulate <u>1.7 trillion yen</u> worth of private investment over 10 years.
<i>Guidance polic on Finance</i>	<ul> <li>Formulate guidelines for transition finance and establish a scheme for long-term funds with an interest subsidy (1trillion yen in 3 years in business scale basis) to attract global ESG investment.</li> </ul>
Regulatory Reform	<ul> <li>✓ Consider regulatory reform in areas such as <u>hydrogen</u>, <u>offshore wind power</u>, and mobility/batteries.</li> <li>✓ Discuss issues concerning carbon border adjustment and related policies with a view to ensuring global level playing field</li> </ul>
<i>International Collaboration</i>	<ul> <li>✓ Cooperation with various players, including both developed and emerging countries, on innovation policy, joint projects including third countries, standardization and rule-making, and providing wide variety of solutions toward decarbonization</li> <li>✓ World wide promotion efforts through "Tokyo Beyond-Zero Week"</li> </ul>

## **Annex2**. 14 Growth Sectors

Energy	Transport/Manufacturing	Home/ Office
Offshore wind power Wind turbines, parts, floating wind turbines <u>Fuel ammonia</u> Combustion burner (as fuel in transition period to hydrogen-powered society)	Mobility and battery EV (electric vehicle), FCV (fuel cell vehicle), next generation batteries	Housing and building, Next generation PV (perovskite solar cell)
	<u>Semiconductor and ICT</u> Data centers, energy-saving semiconductors (demand-side efficiency)	Resource circulation
	<u>Maritime</u> Fuel-cell ships, electric propulsion ships, gas-fueled ships	Biomaterials, recycled materials, waste power generation
<ul> <li><u>Hydrogen</u> Turbines for power generation, hydrogen reduction steel- making, carrier ships, water electrolyzers</li> <li><u>Nuclear power</u> SMR (Small Modular Reactor), nuclear power for hydrogen production</li> </ul>	Logistics, people flow and infrastructure Smart transportation, drones for logistics fuel-cell construction machinery	Lifestyle-related industry Local decarbonization business
	Foods, agriculture, forestry and fisheries Smart-agriculture, wooden skyscrapers, blue carbon	
	<u>Aviation</u> Hybrid electric, Hydrogen-powered Aircraft	
	Carbon Recycling Concrete, biofuel, plastic materials	10