

Green Strategic Partnership Joint Communiqué
between the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan
and
the Minister of Trade and Industry of the Kingdom of Norway

Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan, Yasutoshi Nishimura, and Minister of Trade and Industry of the Kingdom of Norway, Jan Christian Vestre met in Tokyo on 8 December 2023 on the occasion of Minister Vestre's visit to Japan.

Recognizing the current global energy crisis and economic disruptions, the two Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to accelerating the clean energy transition to achieve climate-neutrality at the latest by 2050 and recognize the importance of promoting an efficient diversification of supply sources to enhance energy security and energy affordability. The two Ministers welcomed existing green industrial cooperation between both countries and concurred in establishing a strategic partnership on green industry between the two Ministries.

The overarching goal for this strategic partnership is to ensure well-functioning and resilient industrial value chains, thereby facilitating increase of trade and investments, energy security, and business cooperation including innovation and R&D.

The strategic partnership will complement and promote existing business partnerships between Japan and Norway related to green transition and seek new ones.

The strategic partnership will encompass:

- Hydrogen and ammonia
- Offshore wind
- Batteries
- CCS/CCUS/Carbon recycling
- Green transportation
- Raw & processed materials
- Manufacturing

Through the Green Strategic Partnership, the two Ministries will exchange information and sharing best practices concerning standards, regulations and certification to expand demand and supply of low and zero emission solutions and cooperate towards developing resilient value chains in the areas covered by this Partnership. The Partnership is expected to stimulate and support bilateral investments for the acceleration of industrial capacities, green transportation, and end use of green solutions.

The Partnership will be further developed in continuous exchange with businesses, social partners and other relevant stakeholders in both countries.

This statement neither creates any legally binding obligations, nor confers any rights.

SIGNATURES

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