

What is Japan's Energy Policy?

Japan's energy policy is guided by the principles of energy security, economic efficiency, environmental sustainability and safety (the "three E plus S"). The 5th Strategic Energy Plan, adopted in 2018, aims to achieve a more diversified energy mix by 2030, with larger shares for renewable energy and restart of nuclear power.

What are Japan's new battery energy storage regulations?

The government is also reforming its battery energy storage system (BESS) regulations, with batteries set to play an important role in maximizing renewable energy supply and avoiding grid constraints. We look at the changes being implemented and what they mean for renewable energy projects in Japan.

How much does solar power cost in Japan?

It is found that Japan has sufficient solar PV, wind, and pumped hydro potential to support 100% renewable electricity and even 100% renewable energy. Importantly, a wide range of scenarios yield costs in the range US\$86-110/MWh which are competitive with current spot prices.

Should energy storage be regulated in Japan?

Japan's power system in Japan. Energy storage can provide solutions to these issues. Current Japanese laws and regulations do not adequately deal with energy storage, in particular the key question of whether energy storage systems should be regulated as a "generator" or "load".

How important is battery energy storage in Japan?

Battery energy storage systems ("BESS") are playing an increasingly important role in the transition towards net zero. However, the regulations for BESS in Japan were generally perceived as requiring further clarification and development to promote this industry.

How much solar PV & wind should a Japanese electricity system use?

Tsuchiya modelled a Japanese electricity system dominated by solar PV and wind targeting projected electricity demand in 2050, and found that the optimal system configuration would require 75% solar PV and 25% wind to minimize the required battery storage and the mismatch between generation and demand.

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