

AZEC Energy Transition Workshop 2023 Begins

On Friday, October 13, 2023, the Institute of Energy Economics, Japan (IEEJ) launched the AZEC Energy Transition Workshop 2023, inviting participants from the member countries of the Asian Zero Emission Community (AZEC). The Workshop is organized by the IEEJ under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), Japan.

The first day of the workshop was also attended by officials from METI and Embassies in Tokyo. Participants reported and exchanged views on energy transition policies and the challenges faced in their respective countries. It was highlighted that while renewable energy technologies have matured and costs have dropped, countries faced differences in renewable energy potential, challenges in grid stabilization, and financial issues.

In addition, lectures were delivered by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, Kawasaki City, and Japanese companies on local government-led initiatives and regional closed-loop initiatives based on clean energy sources, such as solar, biomass, and hydrogen. This was followed by an active Q&A session and discussion on the impact of local policy and local engagement and social acceptance.

The workshop will be held through Thursday, October 19. Through presentations, discussions, and site visits of Japan's cutting-edge technologies and pilot projects, participants will deepen mutual understanding of “one goal, different pathways,” or the different pathways based on different national circumstances toward the common goal of carbon neutrality.

