

Speaker's Profile

[Opening Remarks]



Mr. Masakazu Toyoda

Chairman and CEO, Institute of Energy Economics, Japan

Joined the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), currently, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), in 1973.Received Master's degree from the Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University in 1979. He has held respected positions such as Director-General, Trade Policy Bureau and Vice - Minister for International Affairs. He greatly contributed on establishment of APEC, Japan - U.S. automobile trade negotiation, the Agreement of Kyoto Protocol, and Doha Development Round.

[Session 1]



Dr. Ken Koyama *(Moderator)

Managing Director, Chief Economist, IEEJ

Joined IEEJ in 1986. He holds PhD in 2001 from University of Dundee, Scotland. He has held many senior positions in IEEJ, including Head of the World Oil & Energy Group, Senior Research Fellow, Energy Strategy Unit. He has served as a committee member of energy policy related councils and advisory committees of Japanese government in many occasion. His specialized field of research is: energy security issues and geopolitics of energy; and analysis for global energy market and policy development with emphasis on the Asia-Pacific region. He has authored numerous publications in the area of energy economics.



Ms. Amy Jaffe

Director, Program on Energy Security and Climate Change, Council on Foreign Relations, US

A leading expert on global energy policy, geopolitical risk and energy and sustainability. She previously served as executive director for energy and sustainability at the University of California, Davis. Prior, she served as founding director of the Energy Forum at Rice University's James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy. She is a frequent keynote speaker at major energy industry and investment conferences and at board meetings of industry and environmental NGOs. She is a widely quoted commentator on oil and energy policy in the international media, appearing regularly on a variety of television and print media.



Prof. Paul Stevens

Distinguished Fellow, Energy, Environment and Resources, Chatham House, UK / Distinguished Fellow, IEEJ

Educated as an economist and as a specialist on the Middle East at Cambridge and SOAS; 1973-1979 teaching at the American University of Beirut in Lebanon; 1979-93 at the University of Surrey. Between 1993 and 2008, he was Professor of Petroleum Policy and Economics at the University of Dundee, Scotland, a chair created by BP. He is an expert in the international petroleum industry, economic development in the Gulf and energy economics.



Prof. Koichiro Tanaka

Professor, Graduate School for Media & Governance, Keio University / Board Member, President of JIME Center, IEEJ

Joined JIME Center, IEEJ in 2005 as Senior Analyst & Group Manager for Iran Group. He was Managing Director, IEEJ 2012 – 2017. Since 2017, he concurrently holds current positions. Prior, he has held positions such as Senior Analyst & Head of Iran Program, Japanese Institute of Middle Eastern Economies, Political Affairs Officer, United Nations Special Mission to Afghanistan, Deputy Director, Second Middle East Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Special Assistant for Political Affairs, Embassy of Japan in Iran.





[Special Speech]



Mr. Satoshi Kusakabe

Commissioner, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)

Joined Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI; presently METI) in 1982. Studied abroad at Rochester University's Ph.D. course in 1989. He has held positions such as Director of the Corporate System division, Director of Information Economy, Deputy Vice-Minister at METI.

[Session 2]



Ms. Mayumi Negishi *(Moderator)

Reporter, The Wall Street Journal

Ms. Negishi covers energy and technology for The Wall Street Journal's Tokyo bureau. Prior to The Journal, she was a corporate news reporter at Reuters, where her stories featured Apple's supply chain, accounting scandals, and the Fukushima meltdowns.



Prof. Roger Pielke Jr.

Professor, Center for Science and Technology Policy Research, University of Colorado, US, Distinguished Fellow, IEEJ

He served as Director of the Center for Science and Technology Policy Research at the University of Colorado Boulder from 2001 to 2007 and from 2013 to 2016. He was a visiting scholar at Oxford University's Saïd Business School in the 2007-2008 academic year. His interests include understanding the politicization of science; decision making under uncertainty; policy education for scientists in areas such as climate change, disaster mitigation, and world trade; and professional sports.



Mr. Wim Thomas

Chief Energy Advisor, Shell International, Netherlands / Distinguished Fellow, IEEJ He is heading the Energy Analysis Team in Shell's Global Scenario Group, which is part of the Corporate Strategy Department. He leads a team responsible for worldwide energy analyses and long-term global energy scenarios, and advises Shell companies on a wide range of energy issues. He has been with the Shell group of companies for some 30 years, with prior positions in drilling operations, subsurface reservoir management, and commercial and regulatory affairs in gas.



Prof. Dadi Zhou

Director General Emeritus, Energy Research Institute of the National Development and Reform Commission, China

He served ERI as director general for eight years. He had served ERI as research professor and vice director, focusing on energy economics and energy system analysis. He has been a prominent intellectual leader in China's energy import and export reform policies, energy price reform, energy efficiency policy, and climate change. He has served as a consultant to the World Bank, Global Environmental Facility, and many other organizations around the world.



[Session 3]



Mr. Robin Harding *(Moderator)

Tokyo Bureau Chief, Financial Times

Mr. Harding is Tokyo Bureau Chief for the Financial Times, covering the Japanese economy, politics and foreign relations. He was previously based in Washington DC, where he covered all aspects of the US and international economy, from the Federal Reserve to the IMF.

He was born in Durham, in the north of England, and has degrees in economics from the University of Cambridge and Hitotsubashi University. Before becoming a journalist he worked in banking, asset management and public policy research.



Pfof. Peter Hartley

Professor of Economics, Rice University, US / Professor of Economics, University of Western Australia, AU

He has worked on energy economics issues for 35 years, focusing originally on electricity, but also including work on natural gas, oil, coal, nuclear and renewable energy. He worked for the Priorities Review Staff and the Economic Division of the Prime Minister's Department in the Australian Government. He obtained a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Chicago in 1980. From 1980 to 1986 he was an Assistant Professor of Economics at Princeton University. He has been at Rice University since 1986. He is past President of the International Association for Energy Economics (IAEE) and past President of the US Association for Energy Economics (USAEE).



Dr. Peter Lyons

Former Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy, Department of Energy, US / Distinguished Fellow, IEEJ

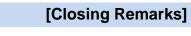
He led the Office of Nuclear Energy in the U.S. Department of Energy while serving as the primary policy advisor to the Secretary of Energy on issues involving U.S. and international civilian nuclear energy research, development and demonstration activities. He was a Commissioner of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and served as Science Advisor on the staff of U.S. Senator Pete Domenici and the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, where he focused on military and civilian uses of nuclear technology. He now acts as a consultant to several corporate and laboratory boards, as well as assisting several international groups.



Mr. Laszlo Varro

Chief Economist, International Energy Agency

As Chief Economist, Mr. Varro leads the Economics and Investment Office. Prior to assuming his new role, Mr. Varro served as IEA Head of Gas, Coal and Power Markets. In this post he was responsible for gas market and supply security analysis, LNG markets, gas market reforms and infrastructure policy. Before joining the IEA, Mr. Varro was the Director for Strategy Development at MOL Group. From 2000 to 2005, he worked as the Head of Price Regulation at the Hungarian Energy Office.





Mr. Takato Ojimi

President, Asia Pacific Energy Research Centre

Since he joined the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI; presently METI) in 1973, he served various posts involved in energy policy formulation at the Agency of Natural Resources and Energy. He has had a lot of international working experiences in such organizations as OECD, Trade Directorate and as a diplomat at the Japanese Delegation to the OECD in Paris. He graduated from Cambridge University, U.K. (M.A.)