

# Energy storage japan





## Overview

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Can storage technology solve the storage problem in Japan?

**THE RENEWABLE ENERGY TRANSITION AND SOLVING THE STORAGE PROBLEM: A LOOK AT JAPAN**  
The rapid growth of renewable energy in Japan raises new challenges regarding intermittency of power generation and grid connection and stability. Storage technologies have the potential to resolve these issues.

Will battery storage increase the power supply in Japan?

The targeted increase in renewable generation is paired with broad encouragement of battery storage. According to Japan's 6th Strategic Energy Plan, battery storage will be increased as a distributed source of electricity closer to end users and within microgrids.

What is Japan's first energy storage project?

In 2015, we started Japan's first demonstration project covering energy storage connected to the power grid in the Koshikishima, Satsumasendai City, Kagoshima. This project is still operating in a stable manner today. One feature of our grid energy storage system is that it utilizes reused batteries from EVs.

Should energy storage be regulated in Japan?

Electric 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".

Why is Japan investing in utility-scale energy storage?

Government investment in utility-scale energy storage. **JAPAN'S RENEWABLE ENERGY TRANSITIONS**  
Since 2012, the Japanese government has actively championed renewable energy as an environmentally friendly power source, resulting in significant investment in renewable energy.



Why does Japan need a multi-layered energy supply structure?

Japan is a country with limited natural resources. There is no one source of energy that is superior in every way. Therefore, it is essential to create a multi-layered energy supply structure in which each energy source is exploited fully for its best performance and compensates for disadvantages of other resources.



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### [100% renewable energy in Japan](#)

It also leads to higher storage energy (TWh) but lower storage power (GW). This is because wind is more volatile than solar in Japan, and larger storage is required to accommodate occasional windless periods. However, a PV-dominated system experiences

### National LABORatory for advanced energy storage technologies (NLAB)

National Laboratory for Advanced Energy Storage Technologies (NLAB) at Japan, Osaka. NLAB Large Chamber As one of the world's largest testing and evaluating facilities for large-scale battery energy storage systems, NLAB Large Chamber enables to conduct propagation testing of large-scale and operation testing of safety devices such as fire extinguishing equipment.



### THE RENEWABLE ENERGY TRANSITION AND SOLVING THE ...

ENERGY STORAGE IN JAPAN. The new-build renewable power plants in Japan include an energy storage component. The two largest solar PV power plants in Hokkaido, commissioned in July ...

### Japan: Expert panel discusses BESS market growth

Speakers: Shunsuke Kawashima, deputy general manager, Itochu Corporation Ross Bennett,



managing director and head of structured finance, NORD/LB Joost van Acht, managing director, ib vogt Dr Mahdi Behrangrad, head of ESS/VPP business development, Pacifico Energy Nick Morely, APAC technical lead, Eku Energy Drivers for energy storage in ...



### Battery Storage

Battery storage is urgently needed for the renewable energy transition, and is expected to play a huge role in Australia's future power system. BNEF predicts that by 2050, up to 87GW of solar capacity and 83GWh of storage capacity will be added in Australia.

### 2021 - Understanding the Current Energy Situation in Japan (Part 2)

In Japan the use of renewable energy will help increase its particularly low energy self-sufficiency ratio. Thanks to the introduction of the FIT scheme, Japan ranks in sixth place in terms of total generation capacity by renewables, and in third place in terms of photovoltaic power generation alone (based on the actual figures in 2020).



### Large-scale energy storage business , Sumitomo ...

In response to this issue, Sumitomo Corporation aims to expand its business of storing energy nationwide in Japan by developing a large-scale energy storage platform that can compensate for this lack of transmission line capacity.



### Energy transition for Japan: Pathways towards a 100% renewable energy

The energy imports avoid utilisation of the most expensive energy sources, decrease the energy storage and grid expansion requirements, and reduce land area demand in Japan. It may be possible to overcome some of these constraints and lower energy costs by importing sustainable energy such as electricity or e-fuels.



### "Energy White Paper 2022"

Here are key takeaways from the Energy White Paper 2022 published on June 7, 2022. In December 2020, Japan unveiled the "Green Growth Strategy toward Carbon Neutrality by 2050", under which efforts are in progress in each sector toward decarbonization.

### Making energy trades with BESS in Japan, with Pacifico Energy

Pacifico Energy's Shiroishi energy storage system (ESS) project in Fukuoka, Kyushu, southern Japan. Image: Pacifico Energy. In June, Japanese renewable energy developer Pacifico Energy put in action the first trades from battery energy storage system (BESS) assets in the country's power markets.

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### Japanese gov't selects aggregators for JPY9 billion BESS scheme

Japan, which targets renewable energy representing 36% to 38% of the electricity mix by 2030 and 50% by 2050, is seeking to promote energy storage technologies as an enabler of that goal. At the same time, electricity demand forecasts for the coming years have risen due to the expected increased adoption of AI and the growth of data centres.



### **Ekus Energy finances battery storage project in Japan with 'first-of ...**

"There are certain major milestones to hit until a utility scale battery energy storage system is ready to support the grid and be a major contributor to the #energytransition. Financial close is certainly one of those," the developer posted. As reported by Energy-Storage.news in April, the company's Hirohara BESS project will be a 30MW/120MWh (4-hour ...



### **Japan to open up power grids to battery storage for ...**

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### **Sumitomo aims to install 500 MW of battery storage in ...**

Sumitomo aims to install 500 megawatts or more of battery storage in Japan by March 2031, from 9 MW now, to help mitigate renewable energy fluctuations and improve the efficiency of the



### **2021 - Understanding the current energy situation in Japan (Part 1)**

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### **INTERVIEW , Ambitious Startup PowerX CEO Masahiro Ito on**

Startup company PowerX is tackling critical global challenges by focusing on energy storage, advanced battery systems, and battery tankers. These innovations are vital for Japan's energy security, especially as the country strives ...



### **JAPAN'S ENERGY**

Source: "Trade statistics of Japan", Ministry of Finance (The degree of dependence on sources outside Japan is derived from "Comprehensive energy statistics of Japan".) Efforts to secure the stable supply of resources: Japan is strengthening its relationships with the Middle East countries that are its main sources of crude oil.

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### Cumulative capacity of stationary Li-ion energy storage systems ...

In the fiscal year 2023, the cumulative capacity of stationary lithium-ion (Li-ion) battery storage systems shipped in Japan amounted to around 6.89 gigawatt-hours (GWh).



### Japan Archives

Ekus Energy has begun its first battery storage project in Japan, while Gore Street Capital has raised funding for the country's first energy storage-dedicated fund. Tokyo utilities put home battery storage in Japan's power supply-demand adjustment mix



### Japan: panel on BESS market growth, opportunities ...

Japan is one of the most talked-about emerging grid-scale energy storage markets in Asia, and as such, it featured prominently at the Energy Storage Summit Asia, held in Singapore earlier this month. Andy ...

### Japan's energy policies aim for increased zero-carbon ...

According to Japan's 6th Strategic Energy Plan, battery storage will be increased as a distributed source of electricity closer to end users and within microgrids. This new policy calls for an increase in installed solar ...





### "Energy White Paper 2021" updates the energy policy of Japan

As Japan depends mostly on imports for its primary energy requirements, the latest White Paper describes Japan's current energy policy and its goals. It highlights measures for a stable supply of energy, expanded use of renewable energy, and supply chain resilience against devastating natural disasters.

### Developer Gurin plans 2GWh battery storage project in Japan, to ...

Energy-Storage.news has sent the developer a few questions about the drivers behind the project and its Japan market entry, and hopes to update this story in due course upon receiving replies. Japan is targeting renewables to make up 36% to 38% of its electricity generation mix by 2030, reduce emissions by 46% by that time and achieve carbon neutrality ...



### Hirohara Battery Energy Storage System project

The Hirohara Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) is located in Oaza Hirohara, Miyazaki City, Miyazaki Prefecture. The 30MW/120MWh battery is Eku's first in Japan, and the company has agreed a 20-year offtake agreement for the project with Tokyo Gas.



### Tokyo utilities put home battery storage in Japan's power supply

Several megawatt-hours of residential battery storage systems, typically paired with solar PV, are being installed in Japan on a monthly basis. This is largely due to concerns about losing power at home, given the seismic activity the country is frequently subject to, as well as extreme weather events like typhoons.





[Japan's low-carbon capacity auctions 'will](#)

Energy storage projects will be eligible to take part in low-carbon capacity auctions set to be launched this month in Japan. Containerised battery storage units at a project in Hokkaido, northern Japan, where grid operator's rules require renewable generators to add

**Here's more about the 6th Strategic Energy Plan**

On October 22, 2021, the Government of Japan published the 6th Strategic Energy Plan to show the direction of Japan's energy policy. It explains our climate-related ...

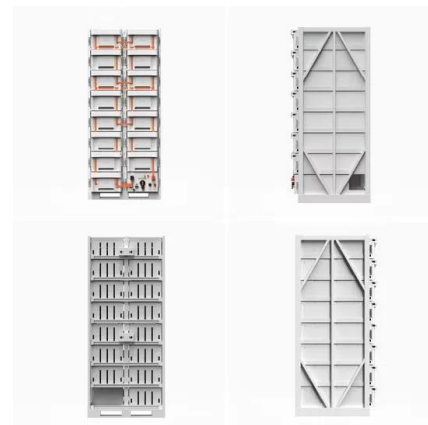


**"Battery Storage Subsidies in Japan" , Atsumi & Sakai**

Details Battery Storage Subsidies in Japan Introduction In the Sixth Strategic Energy Plan, published by the Japanese Government in October 2021, targets are set to (a) achieve carbon neutrality by 2050; (b) increase the share of renewables as part of Japan's

**Japan 2021 - Analysis**

Japan 2021 - Analysis and key findings. A report by the International Energy Agency. Japan presented its new "Green Growth Strategy in line with Carbon Neutrality in 2050" in December 2020. The strategy is specifically designated as an industrial policy and





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