

## **Terms of Reference of the “Asia Zero Emission Center”**

### **\*Attached document to the 2<sup>nd</sup> AZEC Ministerial Meeting Joint Statement in 2024**

This Terms of Reference provides guidance on main functions and operation of the “Asia Zero Emission Center” (hereinafter referred to as the Center) to be set up in the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), pursuant to the invitation by AZEC Leaders on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December, 2023.

1. The Center will serve as a platform to share information, conduct studies on policies and projects and help AZEC partners develop vision, roadmaps or policies towards decarbonization, where applicable, to promote energy transitions. Policy support and projects to be considered, through discussions among AZEC partner countries and with the ERIA, may include those mentioned in the AZEC Leaders Joint Statement.
2. The Center will assist AZEC activities as appropriate, such as administrative and logistical support for AZEC meetings and events, including those through the AZEC Advocacy Group, and public relations.
3. The Center will collaborate with relevant initiatives, international institutions and organizations, private companies, academic institutions and others as required.
4. The Center will be established as a new organization within the existing Energy Unit of the ERIA in Jakarta, Indonesia. Until the formal launch of the Center, the Energy Unit will undertake the functions mentioned in paragraphs 1 to 3 to the best of its capabilities.
5. Initial funding for the Center will be entirely provided by the government of Japan. Contribution from AZEC partners is not mandatory; however, Japan would welcome any future voluntary contribution from AZEC partners to support the Center.
6. This Terms of Reference may be revised as necessary, through discussions among AZEC partner countries and with the ERIA.