

Joint Statement of
the first Ministerial Economic and Energy Dialogue of
the “Central Asia plus Japan” Dialogue

On September 26, 2023, the first Ministerial Economic and Energy Dialogue of the “Central Asia plus Japan” Dialogue was held on the margins of the “Tokyo GX Week” in Tokyo, Japan. Minister of Energy of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Almassadam SATKALIEV, Minister of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision of the Kyrgyz Republic, Melis TURGUNBAEV, Minister of Energy and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan, Daler JUMA, State Minister of Turkmenistan, Chairman of State Concern “Turkmengas” Maksat BABAYEV, Minister of Energy of the Republic of Uzbekistan Jurabek MIRZAMAHMUDOV and Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan, NISHIMURA Yasutoshi (hereinafter referred to as “the **Participants**”) participated in the Dialogue and expressed the following.

The **Participants** welcomed the establishment of a Ministerial Economic and Energy Dialogue of the “Central Asia plus Japan” Dialogue.

The **Participants** firmly maintained their commitment to the temperature goal of the Paris Agreement through scaled up action in this critical decade in order to keep a limit of 1.5 °C within reach.

The **Participants** recognized the necessity to jointly cooperate in tackling the current climate crisis through collective action with the goal of dramatically reducing emissions, while maintaining robust sustainable development.

The **Participants** recognized the critical role that private finance plays in driving emissions reduction efforts and facilitating the necessary climate transition in Emerging Market and Developing Economies (EMDEs).

The **Participants** stressed the importance of the operationalization of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement for facilitating further ambition to keep 1.5 °C temperature rise within reach, while noting its role in enabling/ mobilizing public and private sector finance.

The **Participants** confirmed cooperation and collaboration on the following:

1. Accelerating consideration of net zero goal by 2050 or later taking advantage of energy transition technologies to achieve the goal, while recognizing various pathways according to each country's situation.
2. Accelerating preparation, development or utilization of a road map toward net zero goal by 2050 or later, by specifying energy transition technologies to be utilized for the goal with clear timeline.
3. Promoting implementation of the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM), including the formation of specific JCM projects.
4. Encouraging the public-private finance for realizing energy transition projects.

The **Participants** confirmed that the second meeting will be held at a time that is as timely as possible, taking advantage of the opportunity to bring participating countries together such as “Tokyo GX Week”