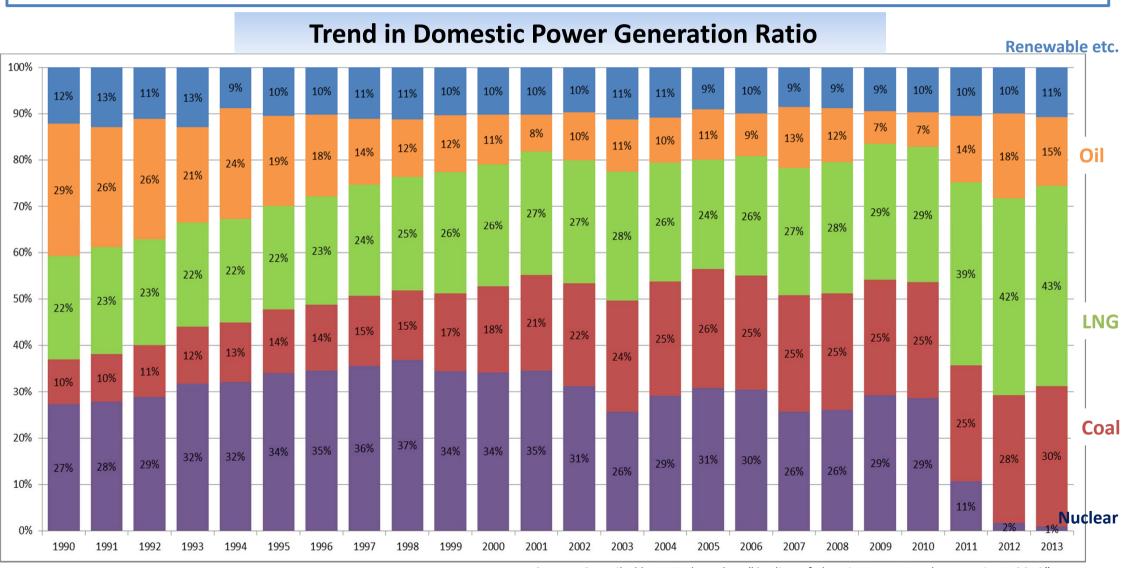
## High Dependency On Fossil Fuels For Power Generation



- ➤ The nuclear power ratio in domestic power generation has decreased after the Great East Japan Earthquake due to the long-term shutdown of nuclear power plants.
- ➤ On the other hand, the thermal power ratio has increased to 90%. Currently, LNG thermal power alone accounts for nearly 50% of domestic power generation.

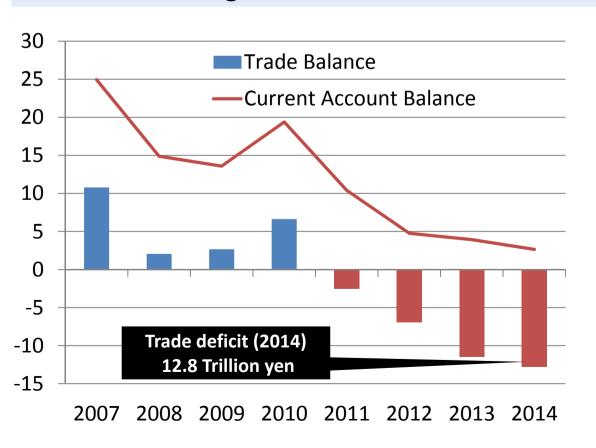


## Japan Suffers Huge Trade Deficit



- The overall cost of LNG imports to Japan has increased from 3.5 trillion yen (2010) to around 8 trillion yen (2014).
- ➤ Japan recorded a trade deficit for the first time in 31 years in 2011. Trade deficit for 2014 was 12.8 trillion yen, which is not a sustainable level for Japan.

#### Changes in trade balance and current account balance (trillion yen)



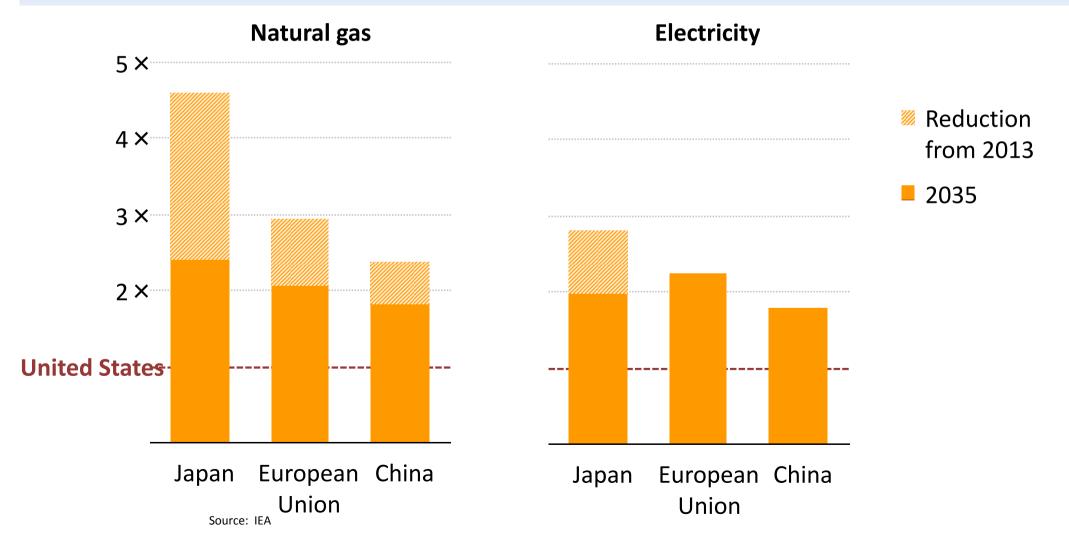
	2010	2014	Difference	
Trade Balance	6.6	- 12.8	- 19.5	
Net Import Costs				
LNG	3.5	7.9	+4.4	
Crude Oil	9.4	13.9	+4.5	
Petroleum Products	2.5	3.1	+0.7	
Coal	2.1	2.1	-0.0	

## Reducing fuel procurement cost is an urgent issue



➤ High energy costs in Japan have negative impact on the competitiveness of energy intensive industries.

### Ratio of industrial energy prices relative to the United States



# Diversification is the key in the Strategic Energy Plans Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

#### **Principles of Energy Policy and Viewpoints for Reformation**

### 1) Confirmation of basic viewpoint of energy policies (3E + S)

- Stable Supply (Energy Security)
- Cost Reduction (**E**conomic Efficiency)
- **■**Environment
- **■**Safety

#### **Global Viewpoint**

- -Developing energy policies with international movement appropriately
- -Internationalizing energy industries by facilitating business overseas.

#### **Economic Growth**

- -Contribution to reinforce Japan's locational competitiveness.
- -Activating Japan's energy market through energy system reform.

### 2) Building multilayered and diversified flexible energy demand-supply structure

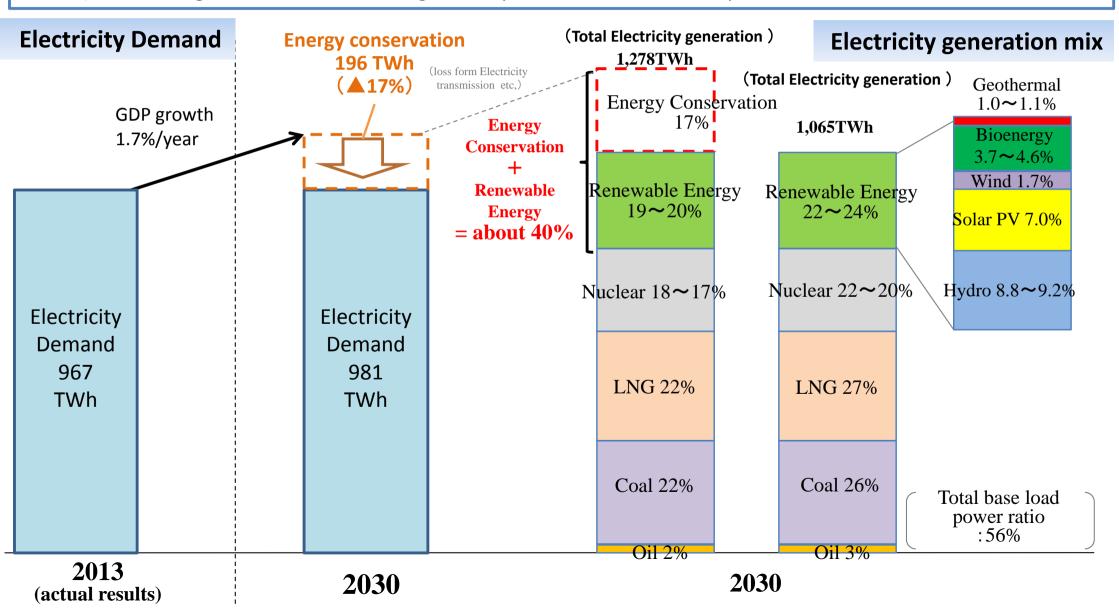
- Establishing resilient, realistic and multi-layered energy supply structure, where each energy source can exert its advantage and complement others' drawbacks.
- > Creating a flexible and efficient supply/demand structure where various players can participate and various alternatives are prepared by system reforms.
- > Improving self-sufficiency ratio by developing and introducing domestic resources to minimize influence from overseas' situation.

## **New Energy Mix**



#### Basic Direction

- 1) To improve the self-sufficiency ratio to around 25% surpassing the level before the Earthquake.
- 2) To reduce the electricity costs lower than today.
- 3) To set a high-level GHG reduction goal compared with other developed countries to lead the world.



## Comparison of INDCs by major countries



	Comparison with 1990	Comparison with 2005	Comparison with 2013
Japan	<b>▲</b> 18.0% (2030)	<b>▲</b> 25.4% (2030)	<b>▲</b> 26.0% (2030)
USA	<b>▲</b> 14~16% (2025)	<b>▲26~28%</b> (2025)	<b>▲18~21%</b> (2025)
EU ****	<b>▲</b> 40% (2030)	<b>▲</b> 35% (2030)	<b>▲24%</b> (2030)

\*INDCs: Intended Nationally Determined Contributions

## **Energy Market Reform**



> The first comprehensive electricity and gas market reform in 60 years.

#### **3 Objectives**

- 1) Securing a stable supply of electricity and gas
- 2) Suppressing electricity and gas rates to the maximum extent possible
- 3) Expanding choices for consumers and business opportunities

### Full liberalization of the retail energy market



Law enacted in June 2014, to be implemented from 2016

Law enacted in June 2015, to be implemented from 2017



Legal unbundling of transmission/distribution sector, and abolishing retail price regulations



**Electricity** 

Gas

Law enacted in June 2015, to be implemented from 2020

Law enacted in June 2015, to be implemented from 2022