

# **Progress Report on EGCFE**

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## EGCFE (Expert Group on Clean Fossil Energy )

- ◆ Joint Meeting of EGCFE2024 & EGEEC 62 (Nanjing, China, May, 2024)
- ◆ APERC Clean Hydrogen Workshop associated with EGNRET 60 (Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei, April, 2024)
- ◆ Workshop on Stocktaking Challenges and Opportunities for Energy Transition towards Decarbonization both in Energy Demand and Supply Sides (Nanjing, China, May, 2024)
- ◆ APERC Fossil Fuel Reports 2023: Oil(Feb.), Coal(Feb.), Gas(May), Hydrogen(May)

## ◆ APEC Oil and Gas Security Initiative (OGSI)

① The 7th Oil and Gas Security Network (OGSN) Forum  
(Osaka, Japan, Mar. 2024)

② The 7th Oil and Gas Security Exercise (OGSE)  
(Bangkok, Thailand in Sep. 2024)

③ Final Report of the Oil and Gas Security Study Series 20 (OGSS)  
(Nov. 2024)

## ◆ new project proposed by Japan

APEC Workshop on Cleaner and More Efficient Operation of the  
Fossil Energy Industry (Endorsed in October 2024)

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- ◆ APERC Fossil Fuel Reports 2024: Oil, Coal, Gas, and Hydrogen
- ◆ [Items Under Consideration]  
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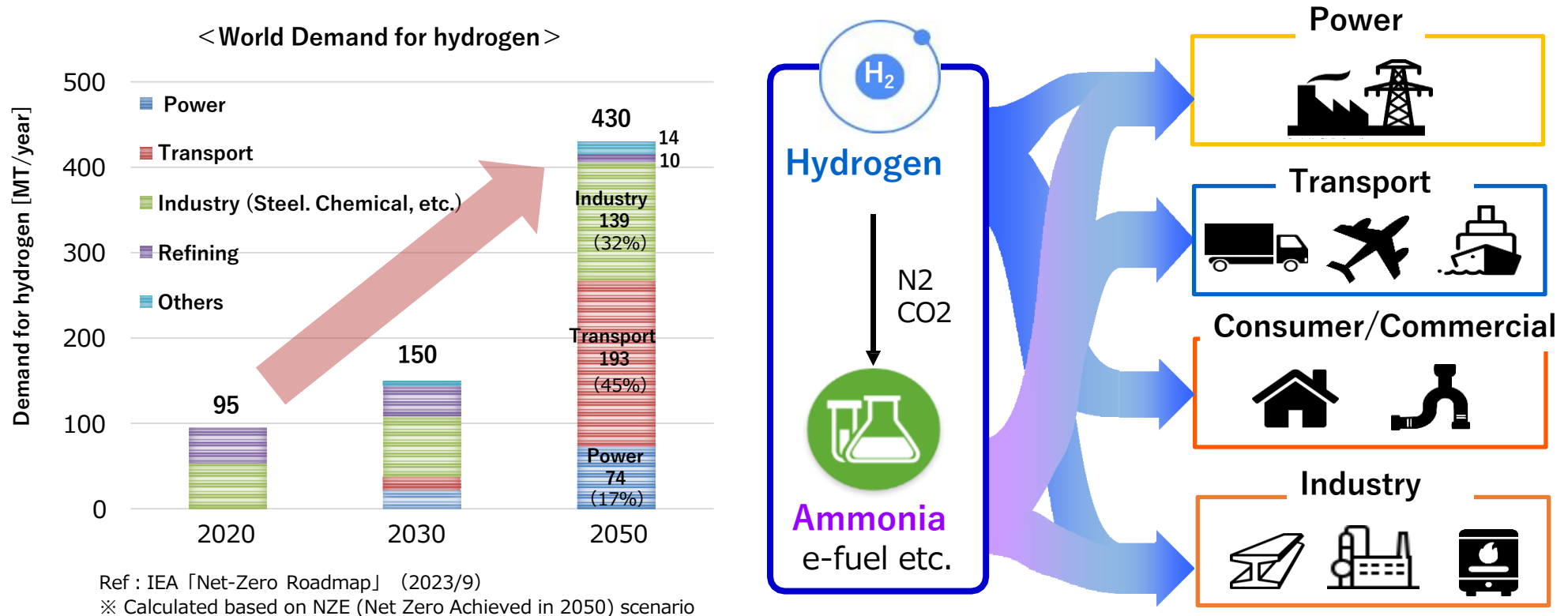
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  - ※Together with EGNRET and APERC, we aim to promote this framework. First, we would like to start by having each economy introduce their efforts and best practices regarding hydrogen and its derivatives.

Japan's Efforts  
Regarding Hydrogen  
and Its Derivatives

# Hydrogen essential for carbon neutrality

- Global demand for hydrogen and its derivatives (i.e., ammonia, e-methane, and e-fuels) is expected to grow towards carbon neutrality by 2050.
- They are expected to be utilized in various sectors, including "hard-to-abate" sectors such as steel and chemicals, where conversion is difficult due to few alternative technologies, as well as in the mobility sector and power generation.



# Japan's Hydrogen Policies

- First country to formulate a national hydrogen strategy, in 2017, which was then revised in 2023.
- Declared “2050 carbon neutrality” goal in 2020.
- Hydrogen/ammonia positioned as one of the priority areas in the Green Growth Strategy in 2020.
- Established the Green Innovation Fund of approximately ¥2 trillion\* in 2021.  
\* ¥2 trillion = \$13billion (USD/JPY=150)
- Hydrogen (and its derivatives) as key part of the strategy under the Green Transformation Promotion Act in 2023.
- Enacted a new Hydrogen Society Promotion Act in 2024 (enforced on October 23<sup>rd</sup>).

## Milestones

**2017**  
Basic  
Hydrogen  
Strategy

**2020**  
• PM's 2050  
CN  
Declaration  
• Green  
Growth  
Strategy

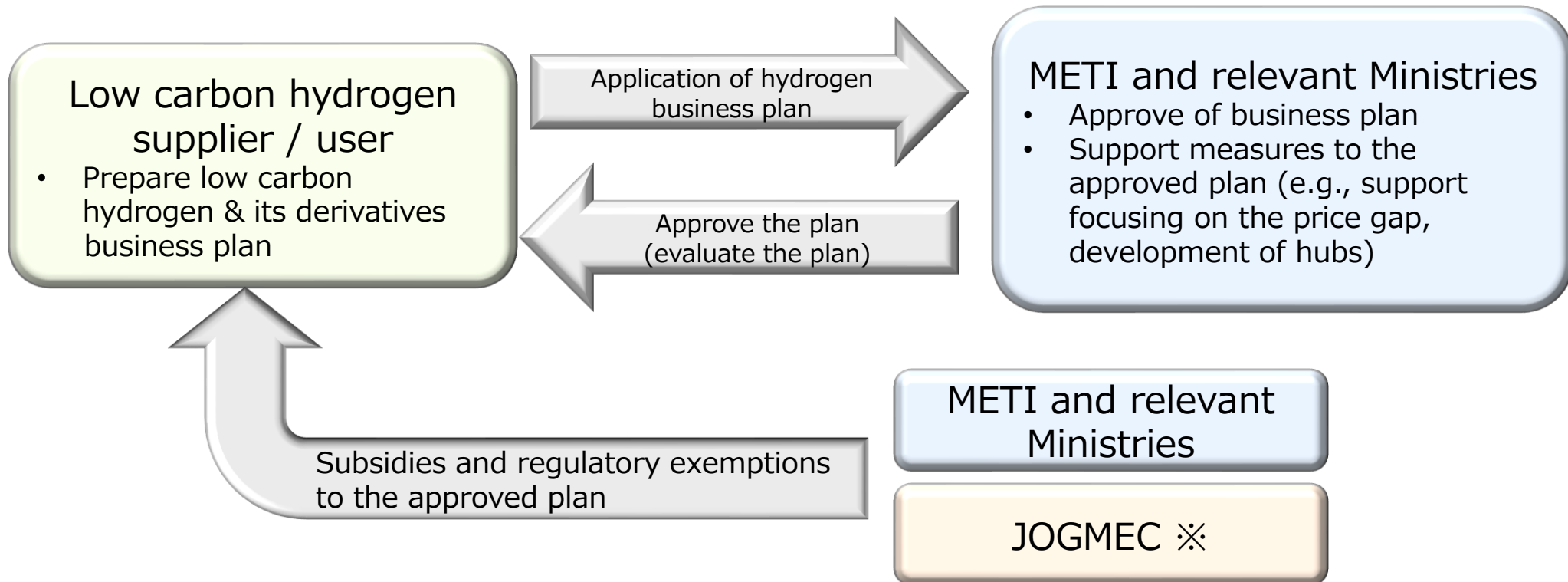
**2021**  
• Green Innovation  
Fund  
• Revised  
Strategic  
Energy Plan

**2023**  
• GX Promotion  
Act  
• Basic Hydrogen  
Strategy  
updated

**2024**  
**Hydrogen Society  
Promotion Act**

## Hydrogen Society Promotion Act (Passed on May 17<sup>th</sup>,2024)

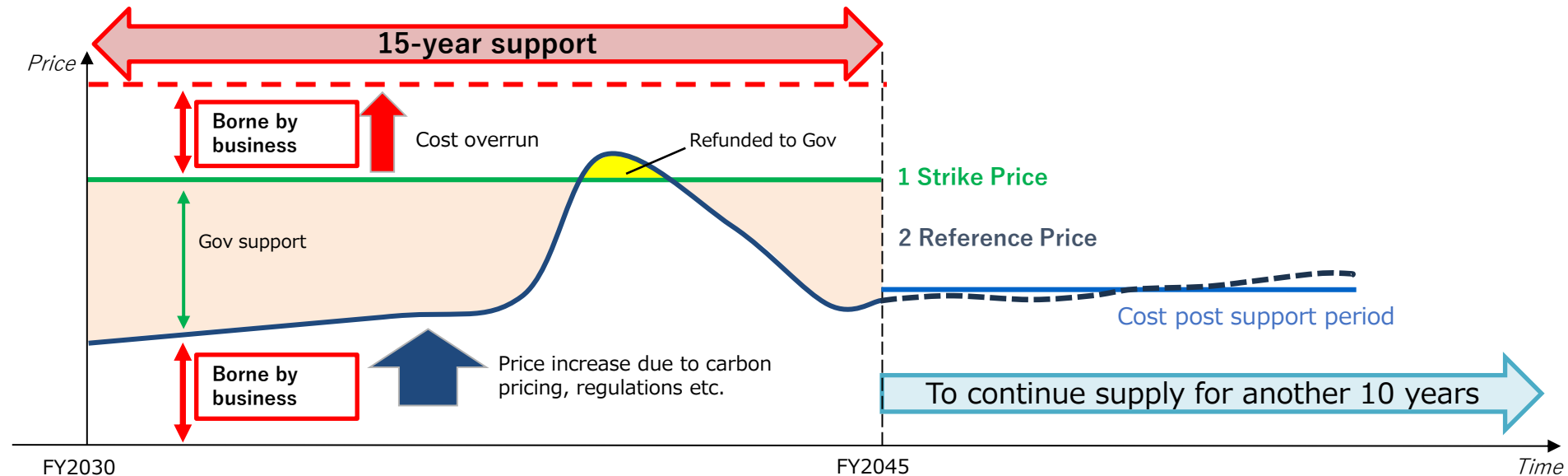
- There are challenges in realizing CN2050 in promotion of GX in hard-to-abate sectors and realization of stable energy supply, decarbonization, economic growth.
- Hydrogen and its derivatives are key enablers for achieving carbon neutrality in industrial sectors, including iron and steel, chemicals, mobility and power generation.
- The Government will provide supporting measures to the approved hydrogen business plans to promote the supply and utilization of low carbon hydrogen and its derivatives.





## Support Focusing on the Price Gap

- The government plans to provide a 15-year support to suppliers who aim to develop a commercial-scale supply chain of low-carbon hydrogen and its derivatives which meets Japan's primary energy policy. (i.e., S+3E: Safety + Energy Security, Economic Efficiency, Environment)



### Key requirements

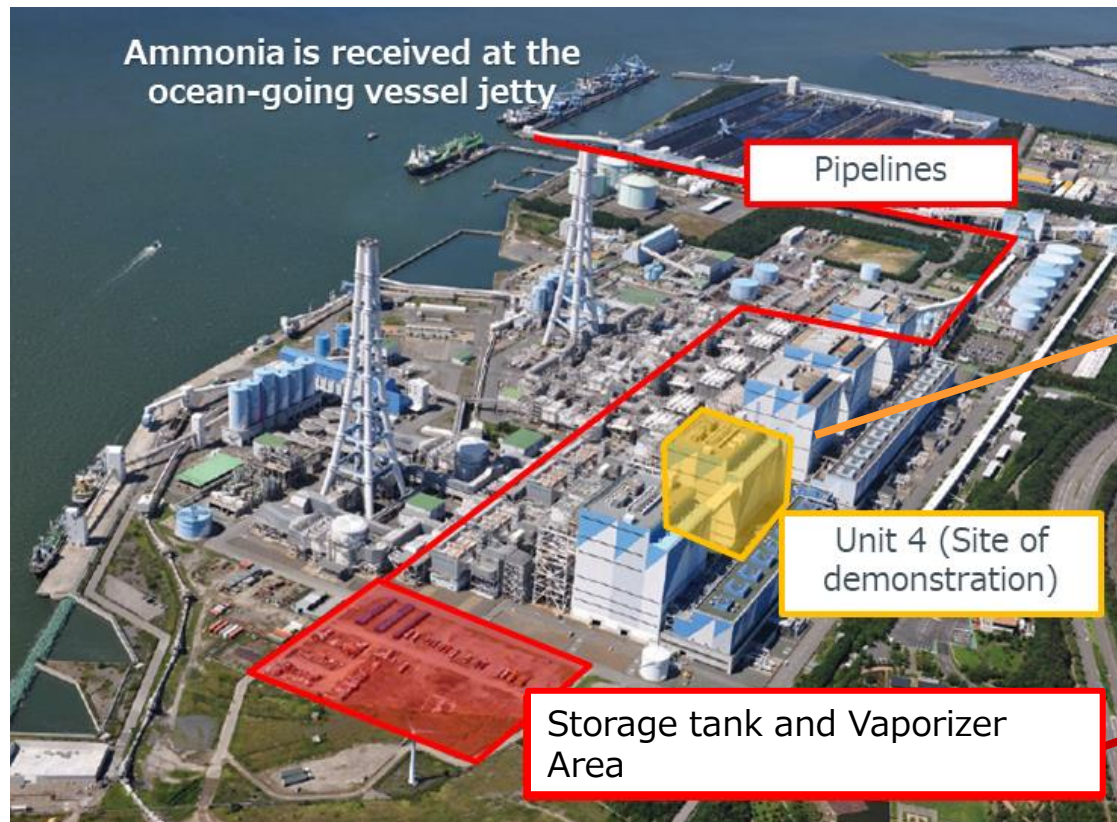
- Supply to hard-to-abate sectors**, such as steel, chemical and transportation industries
- Start supply by FY2030 and must continue for another 10 years** following the support period

\* In the approval process, business plans are to be reviewed holistically from Japan's energy and GX policy perspectives

# Ammonia power generation

- As Japan's original technology, stable combustion and reduced NOx emissions with 20% ammonia co-firing have been already achieved. The demonstration using actual large-scale equipment (a 1 GW power plant) was completed in 2024.

## JERA Hekinan Thermal Power Station



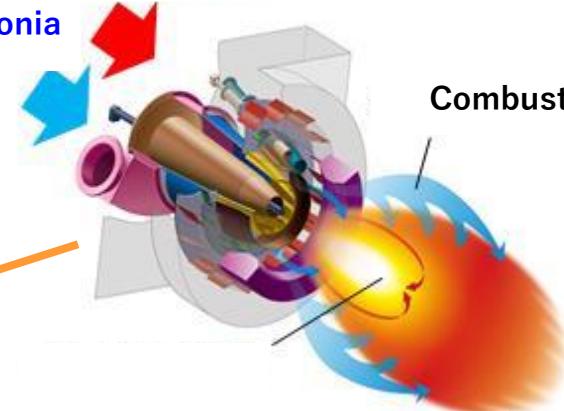
Source: JERA press release, revision by ANRE

## Co-firing burner (image)

Pulverized charcoal

Ammonia

Combustion Air

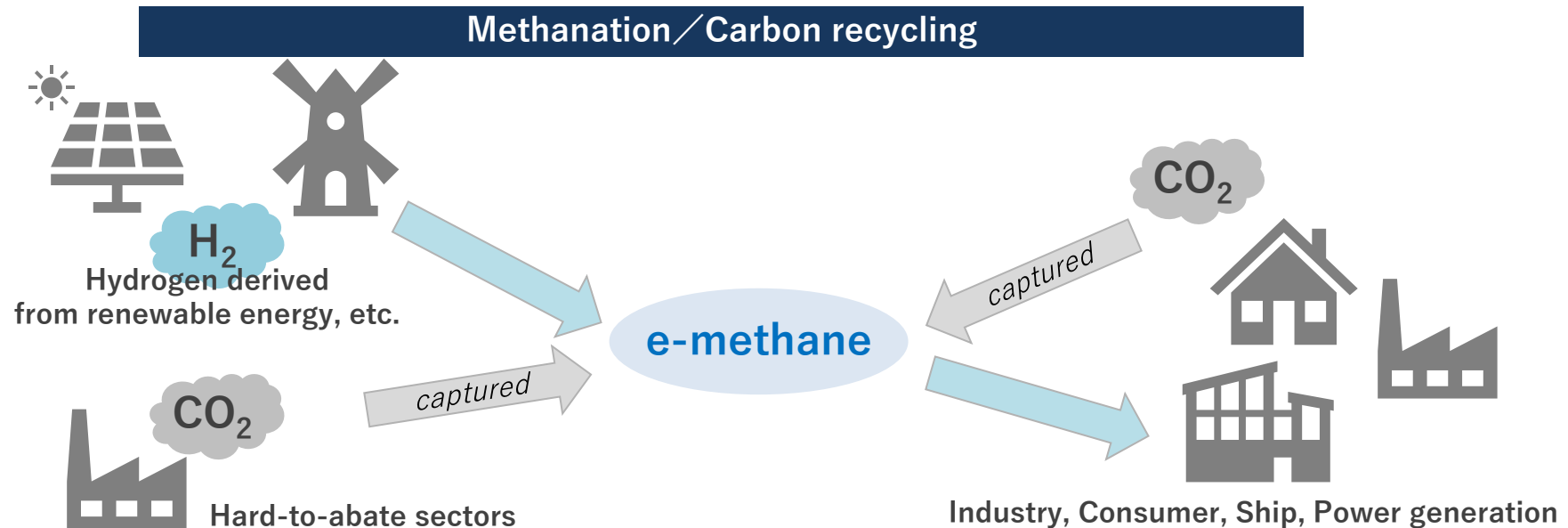


## Ammonia Storage Tank



# e-methane

- **Effective for carbon neutrality in heat demand**  
→ *e-methane can achieve decarbonization in the high temperature zone.*
- **Contributing to low carbon and carbon neutrality**  
→ *No new CO<sub>2</sub> is additionally emitted.*
- **Existing LNG and natural gas infrastructure can be used for e-methane.**  
→ *Decarbonization can be achieved while keeping equipment costs down.*



▶ **Future direction in Strategic Energy Plan (2021)**

→ **Inject 1% e-methane into existing infrastructure by 2030**



# Global e-methane projects

- e-methane projects are being promoted by companies around the world.



Nordic Ren-Gas  
Construction to begin in  
2025-27



- **Shell**, Tokyo Gas, Osaka Gas – supply chains study
- **ENGIE**, Osaka Gas – MOU for Asian market
- **Total Energies**, Toho Gas, Toyota Tsusho Corp – FS



INPEX, Masdar,  
Tokyo Gas, Osaka Gas  
– FS in UAE



IHI, Pertamina  
– FS near existing LNG plants



Osaka Gas, IHI, Petronas  
FS (biogenic e-methane)



Santos, Tokyo Gas, Osaka Gas, Toho  
Gas– Pre-FEED (Cooper Basin)

TES, Tokyo Gas, Osaka Gas, Toho  
Gas, Mitsubishi Corp., engie, Sempra,  
Total Energies



Green Plains

TALLGRASS  
ENERGY

Daigas  
Group

Osaka Gas, Tallgrass  
Green Plains – FS in  
U.S. Midwest



Mitsubishi Corporation, Tokyo Gas,  
Toho Gas, Sempra Infrastructures  
Partners  
– FS Cameron LNG terminal

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Thank you for your kind attention.

We would like to see more Project  
Proposals coming through EGCFE.