

AZEC Plus online Summit on Energy Resilience

- Chair's Statement -

On 15 April, 2026, Prime Minister of Japan, TAKAICHI Sanae, hosted an online meeting with Leaders and representatives from Asian countries including Asia Zero Emission Community (AZEC) partners and other Asian countries, as well as key international organizations, to discuss the current concern about energy and resource supply shortage and measures for the energy resilience of the countries. The meeting was chaired by Prime Minister Takaichi and attended by Leaders and representatives from Australia, People's Republic of Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Kingdom of Cambodia, Republic of India, Republic of Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Republic of the Philippines, Republic of Singapore, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Kingdom of Thailand, The Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, and Socialist Republic of Vietnam, along with representatives from the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), and the International Energy Agency (IEA)

At the meeting, participants acknowledged that Asia is the most affected region by disruption in the supply of energy resources via the Strait of Hormuz, and concurred on the importance of ensuring safe passage through the Strait.

Given that Asian economies are deeply interconnected via supply chains, they concurred on the importance of joint efforts by Asian countries.

Participating countries welcomed “Partnership On Wide Energy and Resources Resilience (POWER Asia)”, a partnership announced by Japan at the meeting to further strengthen regional supply resilience in energy and resources. AZEC partners confirmed the importance of evolving the existing AZEC by incorporating the perspective of economic and energy resilience.

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