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Abstract:

Renewable Energy has not been fully deployed in Japan, due to a couple of policy reasons. However, energy crisis after March 11, 2011, is changing the priority and opportunities of renewables.

For instance, feed-in-tariff program was introduced one year ago, and more than 1GW capacity has been already installed. At the same time, priority access to transmission grid is not necessarily guaranteed in some areas due to grid stability reasons.

In this talk, obstacles to renewables in Japan will be summarized, and future trend of them will be examined mainly from policy viewpoints.

There are many business opportunities as well as policy uncertainties.