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NEDO and IRENA Sign Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in the Renewable Energy Field

The New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO) of Japan and the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)¹ signed a Memorandum of Understanding to pursue common objectives in the field of renewable energy. NEDO Chairman Kazuo Furukawa and Mr. Adnan Amin, Director-General of IRENA, signed the MOU in the presence of Mr. Mitsuyoshi Yanagisawa, Vice Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, on the afternoon of January 16, 2012 (local time) at the site of the World Future Energy Summit 2012 (WFES2012) held in Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates.

The agreement allows both parties to collaborate in a broad range of renewable energy technology fields such as human resource development and information sharing.

NEDO has conducted a number of renewable energy technology demonstrative projects in developing countries in Asia and other regions as well as capacity building projects for renewable energy.

Know-how and best practices relevant to renewable energy development and deployment accumulated by NEDO are expected to be disseminated globally through collaborative activities with IRENA to improve the international competitiveness of Japan.

¹IRENA, established on January 26, 2009, is an international institution whose mission includes the promotion of the widespread and increased adoption and sustainable use of all forms of renewable energy. Japan became a member state of IRENA on June 29, 2009, and 148 countries and the EU are now member states.

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