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Comprehensive Cooperation Agreement Concluded with United Nations Industrial Development Organization -Supporting the Promotion of Energy and Environmental Technologies-

The New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) have agreed to cooperate in addressing energy and environmental issues in developing countries and transition economies. NEDO Chairman Kazuo Furukawa and Dr. Kandeh Yumkella, Director-General of UNIDO, who was visiting Japan to participate in the fifth Tokyo International Conference on African Development, signed a memorandum of understanding in Tokyo on June 4, 2013.

NEDO’s aim is to contribute to the sustainable growth of developing countries in Africa and other parts of the world by promoting the dissemination of energy and environmental technologies, including renewable energy technologies.

Dr. Yumkella, Director-General of UNIDO (left) and NEDO Chairman Furukawa (right)
1. **Overview**

NEDO has carried out a number of projects to demonstrate technologies related to renewable energy, smart community systems and energy conservation, and it is promoting the dissemination of project results throughout the world.

In order to bolster the economic strength as well as sustainable growth of developing countries and transition economies, UNIDO provides support in industrialization efforts with a particular focus on technology transfer, investment promotion and human resources development in the energy and environmental fields from the perspective of promoting small and medium enterprises.

Under these circumstances, a memorandum of understanding was concluded with the aim of establishing close cooperative ties between NEDO and UNIDO through an information exchange. NEDO hopes to promote the dissemination of technologies that have been demonstrated in its projects through international conferences and frameworks on which UNIDO has significant influence. UNIDO anticipates that its efforts to facilitate industrialization will be expedited by leveraging NEDO’s know-how on advanced technologies and promoting NEDO project results.

In connection with the Joint Crediting Mechanism and Bilateral Offset Credit Mechanism being promoted by the Japanese government, NEDO is currently carrying out preliminary surveys in developing countries for implementing projects to introduce and promote systems using energy and environmental technologies in the future. With support from the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, UNIDO will launch demonstration projects to increase the awareness of developing countries with regard to the above-mentioned mechanisms. Specific collaborative activities are therefore expected to be carried out in such projects.

Leveraging the strengths of the two organizations, NEDO and UNIDO will strive to expand and expedite the dissemination of Japanese technologies throughout developing countries where relevant markets are expected to rapidly grow. As UNIDO places considerable importance on Africa, NEDO hopes to take this opportunity to explore new possibilities in the region.

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