

Japan Eyes Stronger Cooperation with the UAE on Alternative Energy

JETRO sets up Japan Pavilion at World Future Energy Summit 2008 in Abu Dhabi

Dubai, January 16th 2007: The Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) will lead a team of major Japanese companies at the forthcoming World Future Energy Summit in Abu Dhabi. The summit, calling for finding solutions to energy security, climate change and sustainable human development, will be held at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre, between 21st and 23rd January 2008, under the patronage of H.H. General Sheikh Mohammad bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces.

Hundreds of companies from all over the world, who are specialized in Solar Power, CO2 Capture and Storage, Sustainable Desalination, Waste to Energy, Bio-fuels, Hydrogen and Fuel Cells, Wind, Wave, Energy Efficiency in Buildings and industries, Clean Combustion etc. are slated to be present at the summit to show-case their technologies and innovations.

Yoshio Minagi, Managing Director of JETRO Dubai said that the Japanese government's programs for the promotion of alternative energy development had gone a long way in the last decade and positioned Japan as the world's leader in production and installation of solar cells. "Japan has been leading the world in its drive to find solutions to the energy problems through innovative use of domestic resources such as solar power, wind power, tidal energy, biomass and small sized hydro-electric projects. The concept of 'Cool City Project' has been developed in Japan, so that conservation in the use of precious energy can be attained" Minagi said. "Japan is the number one producer of solar power in the world and the country had generated 1,130 MW of solar electric power, equal to 43.6% of the world's total solar power production in the year 2004" he added.

Major players from Japan

Many major companies and organizations from Japan, in the field of developing technologies for alternative or renewable energy will display state of the art energy-saving and environment-friendly green technologies related to architecture, engineering, industrial systems, power generation, household electronics and agriculture.

Companies within the Japanese Pavilion

1. Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation (JOGMEC)
2. INPEX Holdings Inc. /INPEX Group JODCO
3. Japan Cooperation Center for the Middle East (JCCME)
4. Nikken /Kume Sekkei Co., Ltd.
5. Panasonic Marketing Middle East FZE
6. Sharp Middle East FZE
7. JGC Corporation
8. Daikin Europe N.V. Middle East Office
9. Mebiol Inc.

In addition to the companies in the Japanese Pavilion, there will be few other major Japanese companies participating in the exhibition, such as, Mitsubishi Corporation, Mitsui & Co., Ltd., Cosmo Oil Co., Ltd. etc.

ELIICA – the Electric Car on display at the Theme Corner

Besides the above-listed companies, the Japanese Pavilion will have a Theme Corner and an Information Centre. A major attraction in the Theme Corner will be ELIICA, the next generation electric vehicle, which the Keio University of Japan has developed. The car powered by lithium-ion batteries can attain a maximum speed of 370km/h, and the acceleration time is 4.1 seconds from 0 km/h to 100 km/h.

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