

The Sixth Japan–Russia Energy and Environment Dialogue in Niigata

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Not only does Niigata have a long history of exchange with the countries of Northeast Asia, but it also receives energy, such as oil, natural gas, and coal, and uses it in industry and the civilian sector, and plays an important role as a hub for its transportation on to other regions of Japan. In addition in Niigata there are many enterprises specializing in the development of energy technologies. Thus we can say that the holding of the “Dialogue” in Niigata has great significance.

The organizers of the “Dialogue”, Niigata Prefecture, the City of Niigata, and ERINA, having taken into account the results of the current “Dialogue”, are convinced that the evolution of energy and environmental cooperation between Japan and Russia will assist the strengthening of energy security not only of Northeast Asia but also of the whole world, and in order to maintain and further expand the initiatives of the “Dialogue” which have brought together central and regional industry, academia and government, they make the following proposals:

- The expansion of the human networks in Japan and Russia for the continuation and development of the “Dialogue”, as well as disseminating information on the attraction of the “Dialogue” domestically and internationally and raising the interest of the parties concerned;
- The finding and determination via the “Dialogue” of promising projects that may lead to concrete business results, and the application of effort to increase the number of successful examples;
- The further strengthening of the dominant position and functions of Niigata, as a receiving center and transport hub for energy resources, a role which Niigata fulfils for the Japanese energy industry;
- The publicizing of the significance of the “Dialogue” and the appeal for joint initiatives by Japan and Russia to the interested organizations domestically and internationally with the proposal of the necessity of the formation of mechanisms for cooperation in the area of energy security in the Northeast Asian region.

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