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Three viewpoints for promoting Japan-Russia collaboration in energy sector

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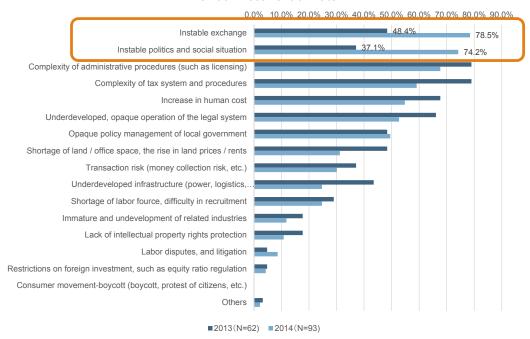


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Stability (Predictability from private sector)

The biggest issues of the investment to Russia for Japanese companies are "instable exchange rate" and "instable politics and social situation"

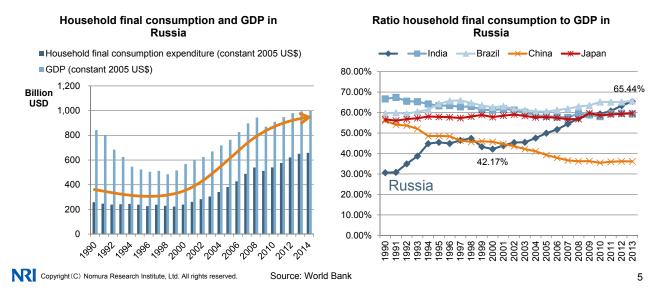
Risk at investment climate



Stability (Predictability from private sector)

Russian ratio of household final consumption to GDP is higher that that of Japan. It suggests the robust economic from size perspective.

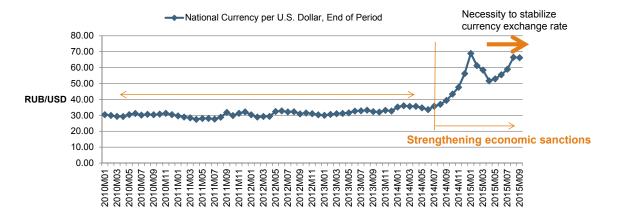
- Since 2000, Russian economy has been supported by domestic household consumption (from 42.17% in 2000 to 65.44% in 2013)
- The higher consumption ratio in the domestic economy aspect means that there is the downward rigidity of GDP against economic fluctuation
 - Relatively fewer saving and it suggests less potential capability of investment in the future, but real potential investment capability results
 from primary commodity price in the resource country because the major national income source is mainly from resource selling.
 - From the viewpoint of the stability of the economic size, than Russian economy is stronger than that in China against economic collapse.



Stability (Predictability from private sector)

The stable exchange rate and political relation between Russia and Japan are expected.

- After Lehman Shock, the exchange rate has been almost stable until Ukraine issues.
- During weaker rubles, there are good investment opportunities. Howerver, volatility of exchange increases in poor outlook of investments to Russia
 - Stability of exchange, not weaker exchange, is important for the investment from abroad because the prospect of business risk become
 much clearer even though economic sanction continues.
 - It is necessary not to increase new political concerns for stable exchange.



Stability (Predictability from private sector)

Russia is one of the countries with government commitment to promote more business transaction. International exchange by government and private together makes the stability of business environment.

- Government of Japan actively diplomacy to countries with resource rich countries with high country risk.
- Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Iran and so on which is high country risk and are difficult for private companies to expand the business by themselves are recent objective countries.

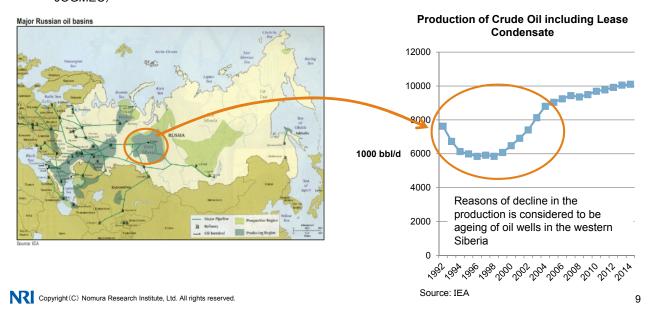
Necessity of commitment by the government									
Country	Import of crude oil (Mt/y)	Produ ction (Mt/y)	OECD Country risk (2015.7)	Friendship level (M of Foreign Affairs HP)	Country	Import of natural gas (Mt/y)	Production (Mt/y)	OECD Country risk	Friendship level (M of Foreign Affairs
Iran	8	178	7	Diplomatic relations	Iran	0	141 469 150		Diplomatic relations
Iraq	2	162	7	Diplomatic relations					Construction of
Venezuela	0	134	7	Diplomatic relations	Russian				appropriate Japan-
Russian	13	534	4	Construction of appropriate	Federation	8,449,489	474,371,339	4	Russia relations as
Federation	13	334		Japan-Russia relations as	Cucration				partners in the Asia
				partners in the Asia Pacific					Pacific Ocean region
				Ocean region	Qatar	16,136,36	145,269,530	3	Relations between the two countries is
Saudi	57	567	2	Traditionally, good	Qalai	6	143,209,330	3	steadily developing
Arabia				relations between					Friendly and cooperative
				the two countries	Indonesia	5,747,334	60,157,514	3	relations is, in recent years,
Qatar	18	98	3	Relations between the two countries is steadily developing	Turkmenist an	0	56,779,323	6	Diplomatic relations
United Arab Emirates	40	183	2	Joint Statement on Strengthening of the	Pakistan	0	34,438,927	7	Friendly relations since the establishment of diplomatic relations
		_		comprehensive partnership					Traditionally, good
Angola	1	84	5	Diplomatic relations	Argentina	0	29,048,152	7	relations between
Kuwait	13	154	2	To build a					the two countries
				comprehensive	Algeria	743,776	68,278,689	3	Diplomatic relations
				partnership relationship	Nigeria	4,765,316	31,621,425	5	Basically good
Nigeria	0	116	5	Basically good					Relations between the
					Uzbekistan	0	46 959 515	6	two countries is good progress

Russia as a matured country

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Regeneration of ageing oil wells and development of deeper parts of existing gas wells are also big challenges for the sustainable regional development

- Big challenges of regeneration of ageing oil wells in the western Siberia oil field with long history.
 - Oil production is gradually expanding, but still old wells' issues are remained in the western Siberia oil field
 - Shifting from "Farther (Eastern Siberia, Northern poll sea)", "Smarter (Shale oil in West Siberian Bajenofu layer)" to "Deeper (Condensate layer development, further development gas fields deep oil layer)" (source: JOGMEC)



Russia as a matured country

How about to explore the possibility of joint research of aging oil well reproduced as a Japan-Russia energy cooperation

- JOGMEC accumulated the oil recovery technologies, but due to the lack of experimental fields, some of technologies still needs more researches.
- Russia has the field for the experiments, so that Japan and Russia may collaborate in this topic

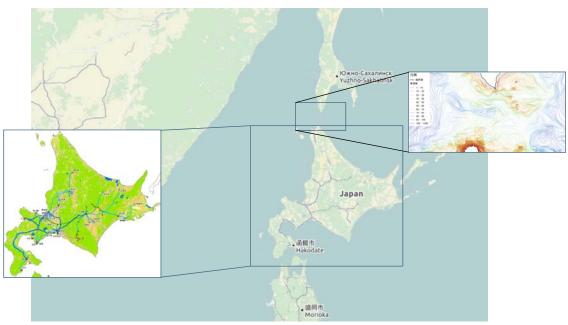
Technology	Outline of technologies	Developer	References
Carbon dioxiside floods	 Injecting the CO2 emissions from coal-fired power plants to the aging oil wells 	 Mitsubishi Heavy Industry 	http://www.jogmec.go.jp/ oilgas/technology_004.h tml
Low Salinity Water Flooding: LSWF	 The press-fitting the low salinity water than oil layer water in oil layer. Cheaper operating costs as compared to the chemical attack method and also impact on the environment is low. Demonstration in the field (field) has not yet been carried out. 	• JOGMEC	http://www.jogmec.go.jp/ oilgas/oilgas_10_00000 2.html
Microbial methane conversion with CO_2 sequestration in depleted oil fields	 CO2 emitted by the combustion of fossil fuel is pressfitted into the reservoir of oil field and then CO2 is stocked in underground. At the same time, the reservoir layer is seen as a high-pressure reactor and exercising hydrogen-producing bacteria and CO2 reduction methanogenic archaea within the same layer to promote the regeneration of natural gas deposits by converting the CO2 to methane 	INPEX CORPORATIONChugai Technos	http://www.jseb.jp/jeb/08 -01/08-01-017.pdf
Microbial flooding	 Form the impermeable layer to permeation layer and the oil layer by microorganisms the CJF-002 to maintain and recovery of oil recovered amount of oil field group which reaching the end of the water flooding There are some variations 	JOGMEC-TRCChugai TechonosProf. Sugai and University of Kyusyu	http://oilgas- info.jogmec.go.jp/pdf/0/4 66/200207_038a.pdf

Strengthening information-exchange in the private level for mutual understanding beyond the language barrier

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Strengthening information-exchange in the private level for mutual understanding beyond the language barrier Necessity of the proposal based on the actual Japanese situation to promote Japan-Russia cooperation

■ In order to study the economic feasibility of Japan-Russia international electricity transmission line development, the international cooperation based on sharing information of both countries is necessary.



Strengthening information-exchange in the private level for mutual understanding beyond the language barrier

It is necessary to develop the solutions/countermeasures together on the known issues and concerns of Japan-Russia energy cooperation project

Known issues/concerns	Contents				
Supply disruption risk	Risk on the disruption of the stable electricity supply by international transmission line				
	 To avoid the disruption of stable electricity supply, alternative power supply capacity should be stood by and it will reduce the merit of the development of international transmission line. 				
Preparation of international dispute resolution method	 Dispute resolution method on the dispute of international electricity transmission line is decided in EU and NAFTA. On the other hand, there are Shanghai Cooperation Organization, Greater Tumen Initiative, and APEC as the frameworks of multilateral energy cooperation, but no concrete and dedicated dispute resolution mechanism. 				
	Strong bilateral dispute resolution or third party arbitration framework is necessary.				
Revision of the	It is necessary to introduce the framework of the protection of submarine cable.				
Electricity Business Act	The definition of power importer is also necessary in the electricity business act.				
Enhancement of domestic transmission system	 In case that landing point of international transmission line is at Hokkaido, it is necessary to strengthen the domestic transmission line from Hokkaido to Honsyu as a big consumption area. 				
	• Currently, the development cost of transmission line is owed by the beneficiary. In case that the specific wholesaler would buy the power through the international transmission line, the wholesaler should also have to pay the development cost of increasing the capacity of domestic transmission line. In case that anybody would buy the imported electricity at the trade market, the new cost-allocation system should be developed.				

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